

CHRIST THE KING

So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. — 1 John 4:16a

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019 10:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

Leif Jentoft

*If the Cross radically puts an end to all worldly aesthetics, then precisely this end marks the decisive emergence of the divine aesthetic, but in saying this we must not forget that even worldly aesthetics cannot exclude the element of the ugly, of the tragically fragmented, of the demonic, but must come to terms with these. ... It is not only the limitation and precariousness of all beautiful form which intimately belongs to the phenomenon of beauty, but also fragmentation itself, because it is only through being fragmented that the beautiful really reveals the meaning of the eschatological promise it contains. — Hans Urs von Balthasar, *The Glory of the Lord: A Theological Aesthetics**

Writers who see by the light of their Christian faith will have, in these times, the sharpest eye for the grotesque, for the perverse, and for the unacceptable.... To the hard of hearing you shout, and for the almost-blind you draw large and startling figures.

— Flannery O'Connor, *The Fiction Writer and His Country*

Prayer (Collect) of Preparation:

*Deliver us when we draw near to You,
from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind:
Grant that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections,
we may worship You in Spirit and in Truth. Amen*

Preparation

We focus our hearts and minds in preparation to enter into the life-giving presence of God.

God's people sing not only as an expression of our love for God but also to remind ourselves of our place in God's redemptive work.

The church is marked by its singing, from Israel's deliverance through the Psalms to our worship today.

Come, Thou Almighty King

Words: Anonymous ca. 1757;
Music: Felice de Giardini

1. Come, thou al - might - y - King, help us thy
2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy
3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred
4. To the great one in Three e - ter - nal

5
name to sing, help us to praise. Fa - ther, all
might - y sword, our prayer at - tend. Come, and thy
wit - ness bear in this glad hour. Thou who al -
prais - es be, hence ev - er - more. His sov - reign

10
glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
peo - ple bless, and give thy Word suc - cess;
might - y art, now rule in ev - 'ry heart,
maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

13
come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Call to Worship

God calls his people to assemble for worship; accordingly the church calls itself together.

Call to Worship

Leonard Layne

Leader: O God, you are our God, earnestly we seek you;

Congregation: Our souls thirst for you, our flesh faints for you,

All: In a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Leader: We have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and your glory.

Congregation: Because your steadfast love is better than life, our lips will praise you.

Leader: We will bless you as long as we live, and in your name we will lift up our hands.

All: Our souls will be satisfied as with fat and rich food; and our mouths will praise you with joyful lips. — *Psalm 63:1-5*

Invocation

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

Words and Music: Graham Kendrick
and Keith and Kristyn Getty

Musical notation for the first system of the song. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. Above the staff are the chords: D, A/D, D, G/D. The lyrics are:

1. My worth is not in what I own; not
2. My worth is not in skill or name; in
3. As sum - mer flow'rs we fade and die; fame,
4. I will not boast in wealth or might, or
5. Two won - ders here that I con - fess: my

Musical notation for the second system of the song. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. Above the staff are the chords: D, G, D, G/D, D, A, /A#. The lyrics are:

in the strength of flesh and bone. But in the cost - ly wounds of
win or lose, in pride or shame. But in the blood of Christ that
youth and beau - ty hur - ry by. But life e - ter - nal calls to
hu - man wis - dom's fleet - ing light. But I will boast in know - ing
worth and my un - worth - i - ness. My va - lue fixed - my ran - som

Musical notation for the third system of the song. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. Above the staff are the chords: Bm, G, D (1,3), D (2,4). The lyrics are:

love at the cross. 2. My
flowed at the cross.
us at the cross. 4. I
Christ at the cross.
paid at the cross.

Musical notation for the fourth system of the song. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. Above the staff are the chords: G, A, Bm, G, D/F#, A. The lyrics are:

I re - joice in my Re - deem - er - Great est trea - sure, Well spring of my soul.

Musical notation for the fifth system of the song. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. Above the staff are the chords: G, A, Bm, D/F#, G, A, D. The lyrics are:

I will trust in him, no oth - er; my soul is sa - tis - fied in him a - lone.

Call to Confession

In God's presence, the evil that mars our lives – corporate and individual – comes to light. Through Jesus Christ, we are safe to be honest about ourselves because we fear no condemnation.

Call to Confession

Leader: But when he came to himself, he said... I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants." And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." And they began to celebrate. — *Luke 15:17-24*

Prayer of Confession

All: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen. — from the *Book of Common Worship*

Declaration of Absolution

God declares through his Church that all who repent and believe in Jesus Christ are completely forgiven from all their sins and their guilty consciences cleansed.

Declaration of Absolution

Leader: The Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. Just as a father has pity on his children, so the Lord has pity on those who fear him. Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who repent and look to Jesus Christ for their salvation, the absolution of sins is effected in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Congregation: the Maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

Congregation: and our mouths will declare your praise.

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Words: William Kirkpatrick,
based on Psalm 146;
Music: Darwin Jordan

D D/C# Bm7 D/A G D/F#

1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je -
 2. Hap - py is the man that choos - es, Is - rael's God to
 3. Food he dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn - ing
 4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je -

4 Em A D D/C# Bm7 D/A

ho - vah praise; I will sing the glor - ious prais - es
 be his aid; He is blest whose hope of bless - ing
 pris - 'ner free, rais - es those bowed down with an - guish,
 ho - vah praise; I will sing the glor - ious prais - es,

7 G D/F# Em A Bm

Of my God through all my days. Put no con - fi -
 on the Lord his God is stayed. Heav'n and earth the
 makes the sight - less eyes to see. Well Je - ho - vah
 of my God through all my days. O - ver all God

10 Bm/A G D E A

dence in princ - es, nor for help on man de - pend;
 Lord cre - a - ted, seas and all that they con - tain;
 loves the right - eous, and the stran - ger he be - friends,
 reigns for - ev - er, through all a - ges he is King;

13 D D/C# Bm7 D/A G D/F#

He shall die, to dust re - turn - ing, and his pur - pos -
 He de - liv - ers from op - press - ion, right - eous - ness he
 helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow, judg - ment on the
 un - to him, thy God, O Zi - on, joy - ful hal - le -

16 A D

es shall end.
 will main - - - tain.
 wick - - - - ed sends.
 lu - - - - - jahs sing.

Offertory

Apostles' Creed
Children's Worship Students

Amy Pardo

Offertory

We give back to God our wealth and talents in recognition that they all come from him. These gifts help support the mission and ministries of the church. Some of us choose to put an offering in the plate, while others give online or by mail.

Doxology

Words: Thomas Ken;
Music: Louis Borgeouis's *Genevan Psalter*

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Pastoral Prayer

We cry out together for grace and mercy in a time of need.

Pastoral Prayer

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

We remind each other of the peace given us in the gospel – peace first between us and God, leading to reconciled relationships with each other.

Dismissal of Children and Passing of the Peace

Come, O Spirit

Words and Music: Isaac Wardell

1. Come, O Spir - it, com - fort true; help us by your
 2. All our know - ledge, all our sight, lies in dark - ness
 3. Come, our con - science, to re - lieve from each sin re -
 4. All our rich - es, all our crowns, cast we now be -

4 plead - ing. Come and ev' - ry heart re - new,
 shroud - ed. All our lab - ors wrought in strife
 mem - bered. Come, our Sav - ior's blood to plead;
 fore thee. Scales re - mov - eth, chains un - bound,

7 breath of God pro - ceed - ing. You a - lone to
 hath our judg - ment cloud - ed. Oh, con - sume our
 na - ked we sur - ren - der. Sin hath left a
 bold - ly we im - plore thee: as you knit us

10 God can win us, Spir - it now work good with - in us.
 wrong de - si - res, Ho - ly Ghost, our souls in - spi - re.
 wound re - veal - ing; Spir - it, help us with your heal - ing.
 once to - geth - er, fast - en us to you for - ev - er.

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:12-17 page 944 in pew Bible

Reader: So faith comes from hearing,

Congregation: and hearing through the word of Christ.

Ambrose Huang

Sermon

Rev. Nathan Barczi

Lord's Supper

Invitation

Minister: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

All: He was with God in the beginning.

Minister: Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

All: In him was life, and that life was the light of men.

Scripture Reading

The public reading of God's Word is integral whenever God's people gather to worship. The first step to faith is listening to his Word.

Sermon

God has ordained the preaching of his Word to illuminate and apply the good news of Jesus Christ to our hearts that would remain dull and hard apart from the operation of his Holy Spirit.

We encourage kids remaining in the service to use the Sermon Worksheet available in the foyer.

Lord's Supper

God meets us not only in hearing the Word, but also in visible, tangible form - uniting us with himself spiritually by faith in Christ.

Minister: The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

All: This was the true light that gives light to every man who comes into the world.

Minister: He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

All: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible.

Minister: For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

All: He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

– from *John 1:1-5,9-10; Colossians 1:16-17*

Words of Institution

Distributing of Elements

*Servers come forward.
Grape juice is available
in the center of each wine
tray and gluten-free bread
on the right for those who
desire such. Please hold
the elements until all can
partake together.*

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be unafraid of the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is clear, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer for Those Desiring to Trust in Jesus Christ for the First Time

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed. And I know that through you I am more loved & accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and providing forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord and desire to live a life of loving and serving you. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: Loving God, you graciously feed us with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation. May we who have received this sacrament be strengthened in your service; we who have sung your praises tell of your glory and truth; we who have seen the greatness of your love see your face to face in your kingdom. For you have made us your own people by the death and resurrection of your Son, our Lord, and by the life-giving power of your Spirit. Amen.

A Debtor to Mercy Alone

Words: Augustus Toplady;
Music: Kevin Twit

1. A deb - tor to mer - cy a - lone, of
2. The work which his good - ness be - gan the
3. My name from the palms of his hands e -

4 cov - e - nant mer - cy I sing. Nor fear, with thy
arm of his strength will com plete. His pro - mise is
ter - ni - ty will not e - rase. Im - pressed on his

7 right - eous - ness on, my per - son and off - 'ring to bring.
yea and a - men and ne - ver was for - feit - ed yet.
heart it re - mains in marks of in - del - i - ble grace.

9 The ter - rors of law and of God, with
Things fu - ture, nor things that are now, not
Yes I to the end shall en - dure, as

12 me can have no - thing to do. My
all things be - low nor a - bove can
sure as the ear - nest is giv'n. More

14 Sa - vior's o - bed - ience and blood hide
make him his pur - pose fore - go, or
hap - py but not more se - cure the

16 all my trans - gress - - ions from view.
se - ver my soul from his love.
glor - i - fied spir - - its in heav'n.

Benediction

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We depart with this 'good word' of God's calling upon our lives in the world.

Please join us in the social hall for refreshments immediately following the service.

WELCOME

Welcome visitors! We're glad you're here. Please fill out a digital visitor card at ctkcambridge.org/visit so we can get to know you better. Also, find out more about us by talking with one of the pastors or our lead greeter, who will be standing in the back of the sanctuary, or by contacting office@ctkcambridge.org.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

ADULT EDUCATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Every Sunday morning at 8:45am, Christ the King offers classes for adults, youth, and children. The topics of these classes reflect the desire of the church to equip its members with a better understanding of God's Word. Adult Education classes are taught in the social hall. Childcare and classes for children through Grade 5 are held downstairs, and Middle/High School meets in the office in the balcony.

When You Pray: "Words fail to explain how necessary prayer is," wrote John Calvin, and the Heidelberg Catechism calls prayer "the chief part of thankfulness." And yet, nearly all Christians struggle to pray. Join us for six weeks in April and May during Adult Education to explore the nature, the necessity, and the riches of prayer. Each week we will set aside some time to pray together, using the Lord's prayer as our model.

CHILDREN DURING THE SERVICE

Children are always welcome in our service. Parents may opt to bring children to the programs below or to the social hall as needed where audio of the service plays and an area is partitioned for nursing mothers. For more information, please see ctkcambridge.org/kids or email dana@ctkcambridge.org.

Nursery (0–3 years): Our nursery rooms provide safe care and are open throughout the service. Infants and non-walkers are upstairs and our 1s, 2s and 3s rooms are in the basement (exit through the right-side door for all rooms). Please sign your child in at one of the check-in stations in the infant room or basement and be sure to bring your security tag with you when picking up your child.

Children's Worship (4 years–Grade 2): Children are dismissed before the sermon to classes designed to engage God in a manner more suitable to young hearts and minds. Kids begin in room 3 / 4 and are picked up from adjoining rooms.

Children/Youth (Grade 3 & up): Our older children attend the entire service, and a worksheet is provided to aid in the instruction during the sermon.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Bulletins are available online each Thursday before the service, allowing for download for use during the service on a smartphone or tablet. Visit ctkcambridge.org/sermons.

For **online giving**, visit bit.ly/CTKCambridgeOffering for general offerings and bit.ly/CTKCambridgeDeacons for Deacons' Fund giving. Questions? Email giving@ctkboston.org.

Sermon recordings and Adult Ed classes can be found on the website at ctkcambridge.org/sermons and ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation, respectively.

For recommended **daily Bible reading plans** selected by pastoral staff, visit ctkcambridge.org/daily-bible-readings.

To sign up for the **CTK Reader**, our weekly e-newsletter with notes from our pastors, church announcements, and community classifieds, visit ctkcambridge.org/reader.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Christ the King is a multi-congregational church with an English-speaking congregation that meets in Cambridge on Sunday mornings (ctkcambridge.org) and a mostly Brazilian congregation meeting in Portuguese in Cambridge on Sunday afternoons, as well as congregations that meet in Dorchester, Newton, Pembroke, Roslindale, Jamaica Plain, Somerville, and Wakefield (ctkboston.org).

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community groups are central to our life together at CTK, and we encourage people to join a group near where they live, to gather over a meal and study, pray, and serve one another and our neighborhoods.

MONDAYS

CAMBRIDGE :: NORTH CAMBRIDGE :: 6P
Rick & T Downs (cardadowns@gmail.com)

SOMERVILLE :: UNION SQ. :: 7P
Tyler & Amanda Holley (tylerholley@gmail.com)

TUESDAYS

DAVIS :: POWDERHOUSE :: SOMERVILLE :: 7:00P
Eric & Lara Kastelein (sam.beswick@auckland.ac.nz)

ALLSTON :: BRIGHTON :: BROOKLINE :: 7:30P
James & Sarah Goodman (sarahgoodma@gmail.com)

WEDNESDAYS

SOMERVILLE :: UNION SQ. :: 6P
Nathan & Leann Barczi (nbarczi@gmail.com)

BOSTON :: NORTH END/BEACON HILL :: 7P
Taylor & Audra Wallace (wallacetaylor89@gmail.com)

CAMBRIDGE :: CENTRAL SQ./RIVERSIDE :: 7:30P
Mike & Shannon Poor (pcpoor@hotmail.com)

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS AND MINISTRIES

Men's Fellowship Groups meet throughout the city to provide opportunities for discipling and growing in faith. Contact rickdowns@ctkcambridge.org.

The **Women's Ministry** has Bible Study groups that meet throughout the city, as well as events throughout the year. To learn more, contact Laura Martin (laura.a.martin87@gmail.com).

A **Youth Community Group** meets monthly at the church. Please contact dana@ctkcambridge.org.

Vocational Fellowship Groups are available for people working within similar fields. For more information, contact nathan@ctkcambridge.org.

College Students can meet with Reformed University Fellowships on nearby campuses. Email our campus ministers at BU: nathan.dicks@ruf.org, Harvard: jeremy.mullen@ruf.org, and MIT: solomon.kim@ruf.org.

Members and regular attenders have a variety of opportunities to **serve on Sunday mornings**. To learn more about ways to serve our congregation, please visit ctkcambridge.org/serve-church.

THURSDAYS

CAMBRIDGE :: MIT/KENDALL SQ. :: 6P
Nathan & Sarah Brown
(nathan.collin.brown@gmail.com)

WATERTOWN :: 6P
Matt & Cat Sherrill (sherrillmatt@hotmail.com)

SOMERVILLE :: PORTER/DAVIS SQ. :: 6:30P
Jeremy & Adrienne Mullen (jmullen79@gmail.com)

MALDEN :: 7P
Andy & Emily Stuntz (astuntz@gmail.com)

CAMBRIDGE :: CENTRAL/INMAN SQ. :: 7:30P
Alex & Megan MacKay (ajmack@gmail.com)

FRIDAYS

WATERTOWN :: 1st and 3rd Fridays :: 6:30P
Sean & Nicole O'Hern (scohern@gmail.com)

SATURDAYS

BELMONT :: LEXINGTON :: NEWTON :: 5P
Ricky & Lindsay Hardy (linsrbins@gmail.com)
*Meets every other Saturday, rotating location

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

May is **Volunteer Appreciation Month!** The staff of CTK is so grateful for all the ways that volunteers serve our community, and the month of May marks the time we set apart to express that. Today in particular we would like to celebrate our volunteers with special snacks in the social hall after the service. Please join us!

All women are invited to join for an upcoming **Women Together event on Tuesday, May 14th**. Listen to a panel of women in the church reflect on the topic of “making life decisions,” and join us for a time of discussion and prayer, over dessert. The event will be held at 7:30pm at Annelise Blomberg’s home in Somerville. College students welcome. For directions and to RSVP, please reach out to Emily Stuntz (emily.debaun@gmail.com).

The **Boston Fellows** is a nine-month fellowship for young professionals at CTK and other Boston churches to cultivate the worldview, in prayer and in the community of the local church, necessary for meaningful vocation, in a cohort of peers, spiritual leaders, and professional mentors. **Applications are being accepted now through June 15** for the 2019-20 cohort, which will begin in September. See www.BostonFellows.com to apply or for more information, or contact Nathan Barczi (nathan@ctkcambridge.org).

It’s that time again—the bittersweet departures for many CTKers graduating and moving on. **If you are planning to leave the Boston area**, please email Sarah Goodman (sarahgoodman@ctkboston.org) to let us know so we can be sure to say goodbye and continue to stay in touch.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tue, 5/14 :: **Women Together** :: Somerville, MA
ctkcambridge.org/women-together
(Emily Stuntz, emily.debaun@gmail.com)

Fri, 5/24, 5:30p :: **Fourth Fridays** :: John Harvard’s
ctkcambridge.org/fourth-fridays
(Susanne van Veluw, susannevanveluw@gmail.com)

Fri, 5/31, 7:30p :: **Artist Fellowship** :: Somerville
ctkcambridge.org/artist-fellowship
(Ruthie Buescher, ruthie.buescher@gmail.com)

WEEKLY EVENTS AT CTK:

For more details, see ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events

Monday, 6:30p :: **ESL Classes** :: Church Basement
(Anna Boardman, annaboardman11@gmail.com)

Tuesday, 6:30a :: **Morning Prayer** :: Social Hall
(Laura Bullock, laura@ctkcambridge.org)

Thursday, 9:30a :: **Women’s Bible Study** :: Social Hall
(Kelly Sawyer, bostonkelly@gmail.com)

Friday, 12p :: **Men’s Fellowship Group** :: Harvard Sq.
(Jeremy Mullen, jeremy.mullen@ruf.org)

Friday, 4p :: **Theology Reading Group** :: The Field Pub
(Nathan Barczi, nathan@ctkcambridge.org)

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