

CHRIST THE KING

For the kingdom of God is... righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. —Romans 14:17

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020 10:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

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.

Give Thanks to the Lord

Words and Music: Brad Smith

1. Give thanks to the Lord for the works of his hand, for a
 2. Give thanks to the Fa - ther for send - ing his Son, give
 king - dom that can - not be sha - ken. Give thanks to the Lord for we
 thanks to the Son for his Spi - rit. Now lift up your voic - es to
 all now can stand and fear not of be - ing for - sa ken. Give
 God, three in one, and shout so the whole world can hear it.
 thanks to the Lord for his right-eousness. Give thanks to the Lord for his
 love. Let us wor - ship his name and his ho - li ness. Give thanks to the
 Lord, Oh, give thanks to the Lord Give thanks.

Call to Worship

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Congregation: **This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice
and be glad in it.**

Leader: Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success!

Congregation: **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We
bless you from the house of the Lord.**

Leader: The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

All: **Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love
endures forever! — *Psalm 118:20-29***

Invocation

Call to Worship


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

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Words: Elizabeth Clephane;

Music: Christopher Miner

(Capo III) B \flat (G) F(D) E \flat (C) F(D)



1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I faint would take my
2. O safe and hap - py shel - ter, O ref - uge tried and
3. Up - on the cross of Je - sus, mine eye at times can
4. I take, O cross, thy shad - ow for my a - bid - ing

5 B \flat (G) F(D) Gm(Em) Dm(Bm)




stand. The shad - ow of a might - y rock with -
sweet, O trust - ing place where hea - ven's love and
see the ver - y dy - ing form of one who
place; I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the

8 E \flat (C) B \flat (G) F(D) Gm(Em)




in a wear - y land, a home with - in the
hea - ven's just - ice meet! As to the ho - ly
suf - fered there for me; and from my strick - en
sun - shine of his face; con - tent to let the

11 Dm(Bm) E \flat (C) B \flat (G) F(D)



wil - derness, a rest up - on the way, from the
pa - tri - arch that won - drous dream was giv'n, so
heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess, the
world go by to know no gain nor loss, my

14 B \flat (G) F(D) E \flat (C) F(D) B \flat (G)



burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and the bur - den of the day.
seems my Sa - vior's cross to me, a lad - der up to heav'n.
won - ders of re - deem - ing love and my un - worth - i - ness.
sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry, all the cross.

Call to Confession

Leader: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another. — based on *Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16*

Prayer of Confession

All: Almighty God, who freely pardons all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

— from the *Book of Common Prayer*

Declaration of Absolution

Leader: 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. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. Whoever believes in him is not condemned. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 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: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

Congregation: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

Congregation: for his steadfast love endures forever.

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.

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.

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.

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Words: Nikolaus von Zinzendorf;

Translated by John Wesley;

Music: William Gardiner

1. Je - sus, thy blood and righ - teous - ness my beau - ty
2. Bold shall I stand in thy great day; for who aught
3. Lord, I be lieve thy pre - cious blood, which, at the
4. Je - sus, be end - less praise to thee, whose bound - less

6
are, my glo - rious dress; 'midst flam - ing worlds, in
to my charge shall lay? Ful - ly ab - solved through
mer - cy seat of God, for - ev - er doth for
mer - cy hath for me - for me a full a -

11
these ar - rayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.
these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
sin - ners plead, for me, e'en for my soul, was shed.
tone - ment made, an ev - er - last - ing ran - som paid.

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.

Offertory

Doxology

Words: Thomas Ken;
Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be
low, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Praise him a bove, ye heav'nly
host, praise Fa ther, Son, and Ho ly Ghost, al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

Receiving of New Members

Drew Bard Varges, Sarah Ford, Gabe and Elizabeth Pajares, Jesse and Amelia Porch, Rebekah Tsang, Frederick Wagner, Emily York

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.

Pastoral Prayer

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

Holy Spirit

Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend



1. Holy Spirit, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new life in - to my will - ing
2. Holy Spirit, come a - bide with - in, may your joy be seen in all I
3. Holy Spirit, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing life to all that God has



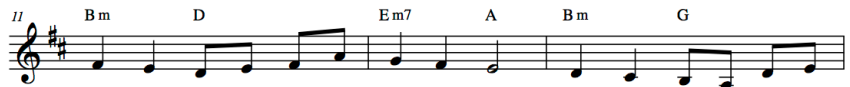
soul. Let the pres - ence of the ris - en Lord come re -
do. Love e - nough to cov - er ev - 'ry sin, in each
made, show your pow - er once a - gain on earth, cause your



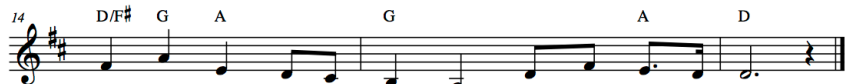
new my heart and make me whole.
thought and deed and at - ti - tude.
church to hun - ger for your ways.



Cause your word to come a - live in me;
Kind - ness to the great - est and the least,
Let the fra - grance of our pray'rs a - rise;



give me faith for what I can - not see, give me pas - sion for your
gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace. Turn my striv - ing in - to
lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice, that in u - ni - ty the



pu - ri - ty; Ho - ly Spir - it breathe new life in me.
works of grace; Breath of God show Christ in all I do.
face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

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

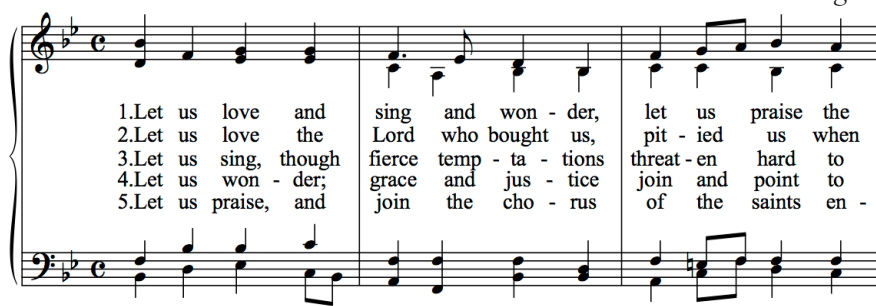
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Galatians 3:1-9

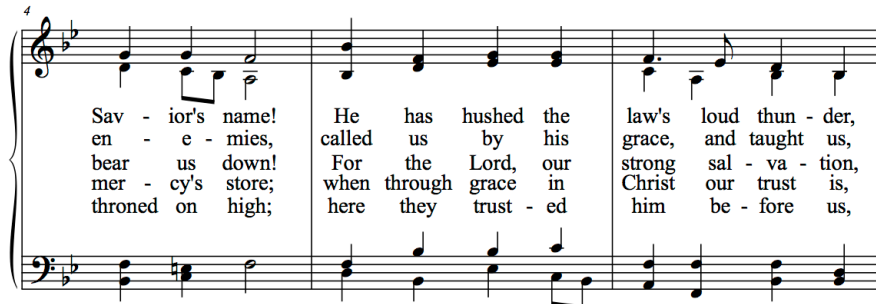
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Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

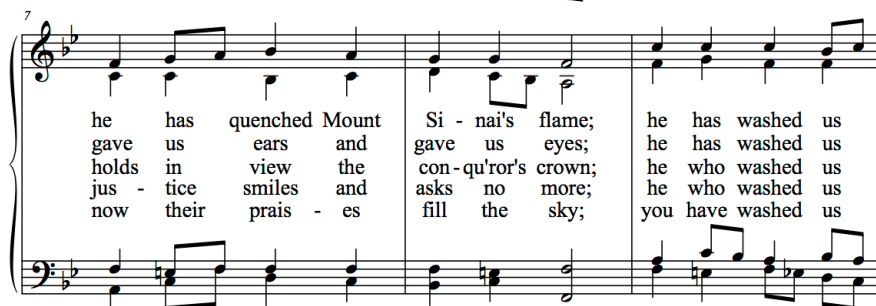
Words: John Newton;
Music: *Darmstadt Gesangbuch*



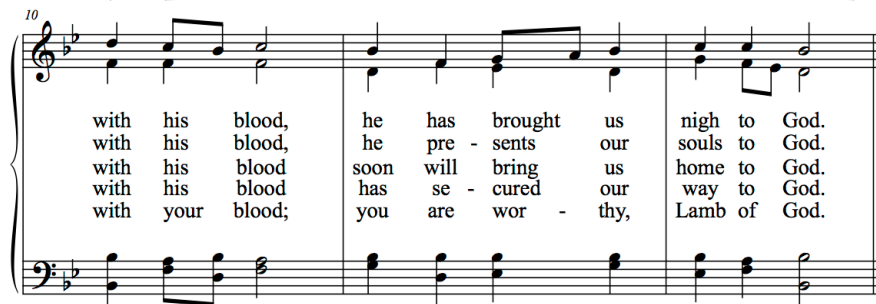
1. Let us love and sing and won - der, let us praise the
2. Let us love the Lord who bought us, pit - ied us when
3. Let us sing, though fierce temp - ta - tions threat - en hard to
4. Let us won - der; grace and jus - tice join and point to
5. Let us praise, and join the cho - rus of the saints en -



4 Sav - ior's name! He has hushed the law's loud thun - der,
en - e - mies, called us by his grace, and taught us,
bear us down! For the Lord, our strong sal - va - tion,
mer - cy's store; when through grace in Christ our trust is,
throned on high; here they trust - ed him be - fore us,



7 he has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame; he has washed us
gave us ears and gave us eyes; he has washed us
holds in view the con - qu'ror's crown; he who washed us
jus - tice smiles and asks no more; he who washed us
now their prais - es fill the sky; you have washed us



10 with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.
with his blood, he pre - sents our souls to God.
with his blood soon will bring us home to God.
with his blood has se - cured our way to God.
with your blood; you are wor - thy, Lamb of God.

Benediction

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

WELCOME

Welcome visitors! We're glad you could join us online. Please fill out a digital visitor card at ctkcambridge.org/visit so we can get to know you better. Find out more about us by contacting office@ctkcambridge.org.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

ADULT EDUCATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Typically, Christ the King offers classes for adults, youth, and children every Sunday morning at 8:45a. During this hiatus from public gathering, we will be offering Adult Education Sundays at 8pm via Zoom:

Our Only Comfort: A Study of The Heidelberg Catechism. Since its publication in 1563, the Heidelberg Catechism has become one of the most widely circulated books in the world, and it's not hard to see why. Alongside its clear presentation of Christian doctrine, it's truly beloved for its pastoral spirit and its emphasis on the tremendous consolation and encouragement to be found in the gospel. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn and be refreshed - come join the discussion on Zoom! We recommend that you purchase Kevin DeYoung's excellent guide to the Catechism, *The Good News We Almost Forgot*.

FOR FAMILIES

Parents, you might try some of these ideas to help your child(ren) understand and better connect with our worship service.

During the service

- Encourage children to participate in each part of the service. During the sermon, children might then complete one of the worship activities provided at ctkcambridge.org/worship-kids.
- For non-readers, place your arms around your child and point to the words in the bulletin as they are read.

After the service / During the week

- Reread the Scripture passage. For younger children, read from a storybook Bible or more accessible translation like International Children's Bible (ICB) or NIV available at biblegateway.com.
- Discuss the service and sermon as a family using the worship guide (at ctkcambridge.org/worship-kids) to help children understand each part. Have everyone recall a part of the service that stood out to them.
- Listen to and discuss the songs from the service at ctkcambridge.org/songs. Visit this page to also preview songs to prepare for the upcoming service (songs are updated mid-week).

ONLINE RESOURCES

Samples of the songs for Sunday's worship service are posted on the website by the Wednesday before the service, along with **the coming Sunday's bulletin and Scripture passage**, at ctkcambridge.org/songs.

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.

For additional communication and socializing during this period of social distancing, **join us on our Slack space:** ctk-cambridge.slack.com. Email office@ctkcambridge.org to join.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Christ the King is a multi-congregational church worshipping in Cambridge, Dorchester, Jamaica Plain, Wakefield and Quincy. We also have sister congregations worshipping in East Boston (in Portuguese), Newton, Hanover, West Roxbury and Somerville. See ctkboston.org to find out more.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Now as always, Community groups are central to our life together at CTK as a way to study and pray together and serve each other and our communities. Right now, no groups are meeting in person, but many are meeting virtually. Please reach out to the listed contact person for more information.

MONDAYS

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

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

TUESDAYS

ALLSTON :: BRIGHTON :: BROOKLINE :: 7:30P
James & Sarah Goodman (ssgoodman617@gmail.com)

WEDNESDAYS

SOMERVILLE :: UNION/SPRING HILL :: 6P
Nathan & Leann Barczy (nbarczy@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)

THURSDAYS

CAMBRIDGE :: MIT/KENDALL SQ. :: 6P
Ben Hoover & Jenn Marlow (benhoover34@gmail.com)

THURSDAYS (cont'd)

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

SOMERVILLE :: PORTER/DAVIS SQ. :: 6:30P
Michael & Anna Whitham (michael.whitham@ruf.org)

SOMERVILLE :: DAVIS/POWDERHOUSE SQ. :: 7P
Sam & Steffi Beswick (sam.beswick@auckland.ac.nz)

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

CAMBRIDGE :: CENTRAL/INMAN SQ. :: 7:30P
Susanne van Veluw (susannevanveluw@gmail.com)

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

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

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS AND MINISTRIES

Currently there are no groups meeting in person, but some ministries and groups are still meeting virtually. Please reach out to the listed contact person to learn more.

Men's Fellowship Groups: Rev. Rick Downs (rickdowns@ctkcambridge.org)

Women's Ministry: Laura Martin (laura.a.martin87@gmail.com)

Youth Community Group: Dana Russell (dana@ctkcambridge.org)

Vocational Fellowship Groups: Rev. Nathan Barczy (nathan@ctkcambridge.org)

College Students can join Reformed University Fellowships on nearby campuses.

BU: nathan.dicks@ruf.org, Harvard: michael.whitham@ruf.org, or MIT: solomon.kim@ruf.org.

Meals Ministry: Erin Ward (meals@ctkcambridge.org)

Overseas Partner Liaison: Miriam Kreher (mkreher13@gmail.com)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

For more information on CTK's response to the **coronavirus** – both what we are actively doing now and what we are preparing for in the future – visit ctkcambridge.org/coronavirus.

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Despite all the books available digitally these days, sometimes it's nice to hold one while you read. Perhaps, there is a book you want to purchase for your household, but want to look at it first. **If you are interested in accessing or having books delivered to you from the CTK Lending Library during isolation**, please email Lara Kastelein (lara@ctkcambridge.org).

If children would like to share their completed Sunday morning coloring page with the congregation, email us a photo or scanned copy and we'll include it in the announcements slideshow that airs just prior to the livestream service.

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 for the 2020-21 cohort, which will begin in September. See www.BostonFellows.com to apply or for more information about the nine-month fellowship (or about the shorter, vocation-specific Boston Fellows industry cohorts), or contact Nathan Barczy at nathan@ctkcambridge.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mon, 6/1/20, 8p :: **Women's Evening Bible Study** :: Online
ctkcambridge.org/women
(Laura Martin, laura.a.martin87@gmail.com)

WEEKLY EVENTS AT CTK:

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

Sun, 8p :: **Adult Education** :: Online
ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation
(Nathan Barczy, nathan@ctkcambridge.org)

Tue, 7a :: **Morning Prayer** :: Online
ctkcambridge.org/prayer
(Laura Bullock, laura@ctkcambridge.org)

Wed, 1:30p :: **Women's Morning Bible Study** :: Online
(Kelly Sawyer, bostonkelly@gmail.com)

Fri, 4:30p :: **Theology Reading Group** :: Online
(Nathan Barczy, nathan@ctkcambridge.org)

DAILY PRAYER ONLINE:

Visit ctkboston.org/prayer for more information

Mon, Wed, Fri, 6:30a :: **Morning Prayer**

Tue, Thu, 8a :: **Morning Prayer**

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