

# CHRIST THE KING

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

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2020  
10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

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## **Prelude**

*Adoption by the King is such a radical notion, we resist it. We would rather have the occasional brush of God's presence, or a relic of his solidarity with us, so that God can be an appendage of our identity. But God wants more than that; he wants our lives, our adopted identity. By bringing us into the new reality of the Spirit, we can call out to God — Abba, Father — as adopted children united to Christ. Yet there are few things more countercultural than this process of adoption — losing your life for the sake of Jesus Christ, to find it in communion with the Triune God. — J. Todd Billings, *Union with Christ**

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*

## **Call to Worship**

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

**Congregation:** Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

Leader: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

**Congregation:** For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

All: O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you.

— *Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12*

## **Invocation**

# Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Words: Henry Lyte;  
Music: John Goss

1.Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your  
 2.Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers  
 3.Fa - ther like, he tends and spares us; well the fee - ble  
 4.Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish; blows the wind and  
 5.An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you the be - hold him

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trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like  
 in dis - tress; praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to  
 frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues  
 it is gone; but while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en -  
 face to face; sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers

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me, his praises should sing? Praise him, praise him, praise him,  
 chide and swift to bless; praise him, praise him, praise him,  
 us from all our foes; on. Praise him, praise him, praise him,  
 all in chang - ing space, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
 all in time and space, praise him, praise him, praise him,

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praise him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
 praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
 praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.  
 praise him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.  
 praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

## Call to Confession

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!  
For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you may be justified in your words  
and blameless in your judgment. — *Psalm 51:1-4*

## Prayer of Confession

**All:** Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

## Declaration of Absolution

Leader: Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, but as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. 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.

# Father, Long Before Creation

Words: Chinese hymn,  
trans. by Francis Jones;  
Music: Andrew Osenga



1. Fa - ther, long be - fore cre - a - tion, thou hadst cho - sen  
2. Though the world may change its fash - ion, yet our God is  
3. God's com - pas - sion is my sto - ry, is my boast ing  
4. Lov - ing Fa - ther now be - fore thee we will ev - er



us in love, and that love so deep, so mov - ing  
e'er the same; his com - pas - sion and his cov - 'nant  
all the day; mer - cy free and nev - er fail - ing  
praise thy love, and our songs will sound un - ceas - ing



draws us close to Christ a - bove. Still it keeps us,  
through all a - ges will re - main. God's own chil - dren,  
moves my will, di - rects my way. God so loved us,  
'til we reach our home a - bove, giv - ing glo - ry,



still it keeps us firm - ly fixed in Christ a - lone.  
God's own chil - dren must for - ev - er praise his name.  
God so loved us that his on - ly Son he gave.  
giv - ing glo - ry to our God and to the Lamb.

## Offertory

### Doxology

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

Praise God from whom all blessings 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

**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.

### A Word for the Kids

# Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm,  
Laura Bullock, Amanda Holley;  
Music: William M. Runyan

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1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God our Fa - ther;  
2. Though we bear bur - dens, we hope in thy prom - ise.  
3. Thy love is stead - fast, un - ceas - ing, a - bun - dant.

5 G D/F# E Asus A

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est  
Though in dis - tress, fix our eyes yet a - bove. Whe - ther in  
Thou, Lord, art good, and our trust is in thee. Seek - ing thy

10 D/F# G D G E

not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast  
joy or in grief, we bear wit - ness to thy great  
strength, we a - wait thy sal - va - tion, thou our in -

14 D/A A D A D B

been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
faith - ful - ness, mer cy, and love. Great is thy faith ful ness! Great is thy  
her - i - tence e - ter - nal - ly.

20 Em A D/F# A/E E Asus A

faith ful ness! Morn ing by morn ing new mer cies I see; all I have

26 D/F# G D G E D/A A

need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid ed - Great is thy faith ful ness, Lord, un - to

32 D

me!

Sermon

Galatians 4:21-31

Rev. Nathan Dicks

# Lord's Supper

## Invitation

Minister: What do you believe?

All: Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, he was buried, and he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. - from 1 Corinthians 15:3b-4

## Words of Institution

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

## O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Words: George Matheson;  
Music: Christopher Miner

(Capo IV)      B(G)      F#(D)      E(C)      B(G)

1.O Love that will not let me go, I  
2.O Light that foll - ow'st all my way, I  
3.O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I  
4.O Cross that lift - est up my head, I

4      G#m(Em)      B(G)      E(C)      F#(D)      B(G)      F#(D)

rest my wear - y soul in thee; I give thee back the  
yield my flick 'ring torch to thee; my heart re - stores its  
can - not close my heart to thee; I trace the rain - bow  
dare not ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's

7      E(C)      B(G)      G#m(Em)      B(G)

life I owe, that in thine o - cean  
bor - rowed ray, that in thy sun - shine's  
through the rain, and feel the prom - ise  
glo - ry dead, and from the ground there

9      E(C)      F#(D)      C#m(Am)      G#m(Em)      F#(D)

depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.  
blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.  
is not vain, that morn shall tear - less be.  
bloss - oms red life that shall end - less be.

## Benediction



# WELCOME

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

## SUNDAYS

### 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](http://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 NIrV available at [biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com).
- Discuss the service and sermon as a family using the worship guide (at [ctkcambridge.org/worship-kids](http://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](http://ctkcambridge.org/songs). Visit this page to also preview songs to prepare for the upcoming service (songs are updated mid-week).

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# 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](http://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, groups are meeting virtually. Please visit [ctkcambridge.org/community-groups](http://ctkcambridge.org/community-groups) for a full listing with contact information.

## 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](mailto:rickdowns@ctkcambridge.org))

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

**Youth Community Group:** Dana Russell ([dana@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:dana@ctkcambridge.org))

**Vocational Fellowship Groups:** Rev. Nathan Barczy ([nathan@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:nathan@ctkcambridge.org))

**College Students** can join Reformed University Fellowships

BU: [nathan.dicks@ruf.org](mailto:nathan.dicks@ruf.org),

Harvard: [michael.whitham@ruf.org](mailto:michael.whitham@ruf.org),

MIT: [solomon.kim@ruf.org](mailto:solomon.kim@ruf.org).

**Meals Ministry:** Erin Ward ([meals@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:meals@ctkcambridge.org))

## 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](http://ctkcambridge.org/songs).

For **online giving**, visit [ctkcambridge.org/giving](http://ctkcambridge.org/giving).

**Sermon recordings and Adult Ed classes** can be found on the website at [ctkcambridge.org/sermons](http://ctkcambridge.org/sermons) and [ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation](http://ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation), respectively.

For recommended **daily Bible reading plans** selected by pastoral staff, visit [ctkcambridge.org/daily-bible-readings](http://ctkcambridge.org/daily-bible-readings).

To sign up for the **CTK Reader**, our weekly e-newsletter, visit [ctkcambridge.org/reader](http://ctkcambridge.org/reader).

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

## 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](http://ctkcambridge.org/coronavirus).

The Adult Education class meets Sundays at 8pm via Zoom and is entitled **Our Only Comfort: A Study of The Heidelberg Catechism**.

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](http://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](mailto:nathan@ctkcambridge.org).

## WEEKLY EVENTS AT CTK:

*For more details, see [ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events](http://ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events)*

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

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

## DAILY PRAYER ONLINE:

*Visit [ctkboston.org/prayer](http://ctkboston.org/prayer) for more information*

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

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

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*To contact staff or officers, please visit [ctkcambridge.org/staff-officers](http://ctkcambridge.org/staff-officers)*