

# CHRIST THE KING

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

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2020  
10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

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## **Prelude**

*[S]cripture's freedom has never been an isolated, individualistic, lonely and ultimately death-dealing notion like the ones that capture our imagination today. True freedom is being captivated by Christ's promise for forgiveness of sins. It is like getting a tune stuck in your head that you can't get rid of, only this time instead of a legal refrain, "Have you done enough?" it repeats a promise: "God is pleased with you, on account of Christ."*

— Steven Paulson, *Luther for Armchair Theologians*

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: 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. — *Psalms 63:1-5*

## **Invocation**

# Here Is Love

Words: William Rees, William Williams,  
translated by William Edwards;  
Music: Robert Lowry

(Capo III) F(D) B<sup>b</sup>(G) F(D)

1. Here is love, vast as the o - cean, lov - ing kind - ness as the  
2. On the mount of cru - ci - fix - ion, four tains o - pened deep and  
3. Let me all thy love ac - cept ing, love thee, ev - er all my  
4. In thy truth thou dost di - rect me by thy Spir - it through thy

C(A) F(D) B<sup>b</sup>(G)

flood, when the Prince of Life, our ran - som, shed for  
wide; through the flood gates of God's mer - cy flowed a  
days; let me thy king - dom on - ly and my  
Word; and thy grace my need is meet - ing, as I

F(D) C(A) F(D) F(D)

us his pre - cious blood. Who his love will not re -  
vast and gra - cious tide. Grace and love, like might - y  
life be to thy praise; thou a - lone shalt be my  
trust in thee, my Lord. Of thy full - ness thou art

C(A) Gm(Em) C(A) F(D)

mem - ber? Who can cease to sing his praise? He can  
ri - vers, poured in - ces - sant from a - bove, and heav'n's  
glo - ry, no - thing in the world I see. Thou hast  
pour - ing thy great love and pow'r on me, with - out

Dm(Bm) B<sup>b</sup>(G) F(D) C(A) F(D)

ne - ver be for - got - ten, through out heav'n's e - ter - nal days.  
peace and per - fect jus - tice kissed a guilt - y world in love.  
cleansed and sanc - ti - fied me, thou thy - self hast set me free.  
mea - sure, full and bound less, draw - ing out my heart to thee.

## Call to Confession

Leader: “Yet even now,” declares the Lord,  
“return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;  
and rend your hearts and not your garments.”  
Return to the Lord your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;  
and he relents over disaster. — *Joel 2:12-13*

## Prayer of Confession

All: Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

## Declaration of Absolution

Leader: We know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. For through the law we died to the law, so that we might live to 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.**

# Thy Mercy, My God

Words: John Stoker;  
Music: Sandra McCracken

G C

1. Thy mer-cy, my God, is the theme of my song, the  
out thy sweet mer-cy I could not live here; the  
mer-cy is more than a match for my heart which  
Fa-ther of mer-cies thy good-ness I own and the

4 Em C D

joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue, thy  
sin would re-duce me to ut-ter des-pair but  
won-ders to feel its own hard-ness de-part; dis-  
cov-e-nant love of thy cruc-i-fied Son; all

6 Am7 G/B C A9/C#

free grace a-lone from the first to the last hath  
through thy free good-ness my spir-its re-vive, and  
solved by thy good-ness I fall to the ground and  
praise to the Spir-it whose whis-per di-vine seals

8 Am7 C D G

won my af-fec-tions and bound my soul fast.  
he that first made me still keeps me a-live.  
weep for the praise of the mer-cy I've found.  
mer-cy and par-don and right-eous-ness

12 4. G Am7 G/B C

mine. All praise to the Spirit whose whis per di vine

2. With  
3. Thy  
4. Great

17 A9/C# Am7 C D G

seals mer cy and par - don and right - teous - ness mine!

# 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 above, ye heav'nly  
host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-  
lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

## 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



# Lord's Supper

## Invitation

Minister: What do you believe?

All: Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: [Christ] was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory. - 1 Timothy 3:16

## Words of Institution

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

# And Can It Be

Words: Charles Wesley;  
Music: Thomas Campbell

1. And can it be that I should gain an in-terest  
2. He left his Fa-ther's throne a-bove, so free, so  
3. Long my im-pris-oned spir-it lay fast bound in  
4. No con-dem-na-tion now I dread; Je-sus, and

in the Sa-vior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his  
in-fi-nite his grace, emp-tied him-self of all but  
sin and na-ture's night; thine eye dif-fused a quick-ning  
all in him, is mine! A-live in him, my liv-ing

12  
pain? For me, who him to death pur-sued? A-maz-ing  
love and bled for A-dam's help-less race. 'Tis mer-cy  
ray; I woke, the dun-geon flamed with light; my chains fell  
Head, and clothed in righ-teous-ness di-vine, bold I ap-



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love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst  
all, im - mense and free; for, O my God, it  
off, my heart was free; I rose, my God, it  
proach th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, and through

23

die for me? A - maz - ing love! How can it  
found out me. thee. A - maz-ing love. How  
Christ, my own. A - maz-ing love. How

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be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
can it be that thou my God shouldst die for me?

## 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 NIV 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.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

Join us next week, **August 2**, for a very important announcement directly after the service. There will be a Q&A at 1pm to follow on Zoom. There will be no “virtual coffee hour” that Sunday.

## 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.

This summer, the women of the church are invited to a summer reading group. We will be reading Austin Channing Brown’s book *I’m Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness* (2018). In this memoir, Brown describes and reflects on her experiences as growing up as a Black Christian female in America. We will meet three times on Zoom to discuss the book: **July 28, August 11, and August 25** (all Tuesdays at 7:30pm). Please contact Rachel Thrasher ([racheldenae@gmail.com](mailto:racheldenae@gmail.com)) with any questions, and contact Morgan Crago ([mcrago@bu.edu](mailto:mcrago@bu.edu)) if you would like a copy of the book. We hope to see you there!

The Theology Reading Group will be meeting on **July 31st** to start a new book: *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James Cone. They will be meeting, when possible, outdoors at a park, practicing all necessary safety precautions. For more information, email [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, 6:30a :: **Morning Prayer**

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

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