

CHRIST THE KING

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

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 15, 2021 10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

Many centuries ago... Saint Ambrose said that 'it did not suit God to save his people by argument'... The Bible has no arguments for the existence of God. There are moments of conflict with God, anger with God, doubt about God's purposes, anguish and lostness when people have no real sense of God's presence... Don't imagine the Bible is full of comfortable and reassuring things about the life of belief and trust; it isn't. It is often about the appalling cost of letting God come near you and of trying to trust him when all the evidence seems to have gone. — Rowan Williams, Tokens of Trust: An Introduction to Christian Belief

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.

Call to Worship

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

Call to Worship

Tim Dietz

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.

— *Psalms 84:1-4, 10-12*

Invocation

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Words: Robert Robinson;
Music: Asahel Nettleton

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.

D A G A

1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless ing, tune my heart to sing thy
2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to

5 D D A

grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for
come; and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly
be; let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my

8 G A D D A G

songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious
to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
wan - d'ring heart to thee. Prone to wan - der - Lord, I

11 G D D A G D

son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove; praise the
strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God; he, to
feel it - prone to leave the God I love; here's my

14 D A G A D

mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. — *Hebrews 4:14-16*

Prayer of Confession

All: Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: we acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. — from John Calvin, *Geneva Liturgy of 1543*

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: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 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.

Jesus Lives

Words and Music: Kathryn Baldanza



1. Je-sus lives, Je-sus lives, the power of death is shat-tered, the
2. Je-sus lives, Je-sus lives, no more can sin o'er-take us. The
3. Je-sus lives, Je-sus lives, and he has claimed the vic-t'ry. Ho-
4. Je-sus lives, Je-sus lives, Al-pha and O-me-ga. He



night is done, the light is come in the morn-ing. Al-
bound set free, the blind now see in the morn-ing.
san-na, sing to the ri-sen King in the morn-ing.
lives and reigns as God who saves in the morn-ing.



le, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.

Offertory

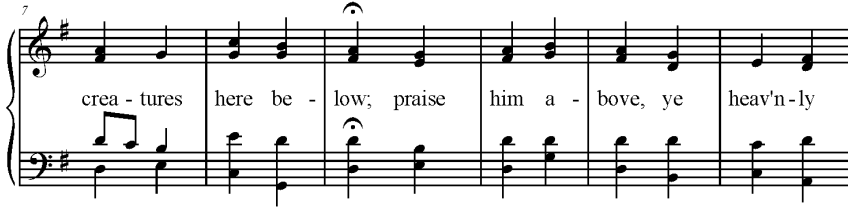
Doxology

Words: Thomas Ken;

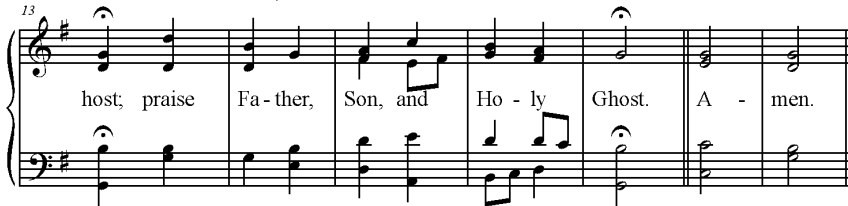
Music: Louis Borgeouis's *Genevan Psalter*



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.

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.

Life Together

We share important announcements and prayer requests for our church community.

Pastoral Prayer

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

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.

Life Together

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.

Word for the Kids

Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you!

Just As I Am

Words: Charlotte Elliott;
Music: William Bradbury

1. Just as I am, with - out one plea but
2. Just as I am, and wait - ing not to
3. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with
4. Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight,
5. Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt

that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou biddst me
rid my soul of one dark blot, to thee, whose blood can
man - y a con - flict man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with
rich - es, heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in
wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise

come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
in, with-out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Scripture Reading

John 20:24-31

Reader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Nathan Dicks

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

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.

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

Lord's Supper

Invitation

Minister: Christ is spiritually present at this meal – at work through our confession. What do you believe?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen. – *Apostles' Creed*

Words of Institution

Distributing of Elements

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

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Words: M. Bridges and G. Thring;
Music: George J. Elvey

The musical score is for the hymn 'Crown Him With Many Crowns'. It is written in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The score consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part features a simple harmonic accompaniment with chords in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb up - on his
2. Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the
3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose pow'r a scep - ter
4. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and

Lauren Easton, Martha Olson, Rick Olson, Tim Dietz

Asus-A D Bm E A

throne. Hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all
grave, and rose vic - tor - ious in the strife for
sways from pole to pole that wars may cease, and
side, those wounds, yet vi - si - ble a - bove, in

A E A D G

mu - sic but its own. A - wake, my soul, and sing of
those he came to save. His glo - ries now we sing, who
all be prayer and praise. His reign shall know no end, and
beau - ty glo - ri - fied. All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For

E A D G

him who died for thee, and hail him as thy
died, and rose on high, who died, e - ter - nal
round his pierc - ed feet fair flow'rs of par - a -
thou hast died for me; thy praise and glo - ry

Em A D G Asus A D

match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
life to bring, and lives that death may die.
dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
shall not fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Benediction

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

Please join us outside for refreshments immediately following the service, as weather permits.

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. For more information on CTK's response to the coronavirus, visit ctkcambridge.org/coronavirus.

SUNDAYS

ADULT EDUCATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Typically, Christ the King offers classes for adults, youth, and children every Sunday morning. During the summer, we will be offering Adult Education, but our children's Sunday school gatherings are on hiatus until the Fall.

In our Adult Education class, we are studying the word *Hesed* (mercy) using Michael Card's book, *Inexpressible: Hesed and the Mystery of God's Lovingkindness*. Twice, Jesus quotes Hosea 6:6 in Matthew 9:13 and 12:7. Please note Jesus desires *hesed*. He wants us to receive mercy, love mercy, and give mercy. This study will take us deep into the heart of the Trinity. Jesus, our good shepherd, is pursuing us today with His goodness and *hesed*.

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).

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Christ the King is a multi-congregational church worshipping in Cambridge, Dorchester, 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, groups are meeting virtually. Please visit ctkcambridge.org/community-groups for a full listing with contact information.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS AND MINISTRIES

Men's Fellowship Groups: Church Office (office@ctkcambridge.org)

Women's Ministry: Martha Olson (women@ctkcambridge.org)

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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 ctkcambridge.org/giving.

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, visit ctkcambridge.org/reader.

LIFE TOGETHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The **CTK Cambridge congregation is called to an informational meeting on Sunday, August 22 from 7-8:30pm** via Zoom. There will be an optional time of prayer starting at 6:30p for those who are able to make it. The agenda for the meeting will be as follows:

- 7-7:30 PM :: Presenting the 2021-2022 budget with Q&A
- 7:30-8 PM :: Plans to close the CTK network with Q&A
- 8-8:30 PM :: The decision to end our relationship with McGowan and Associates** with Q&A
***more information about this decision can be found at ctkcambridge.org/transition*

Save the Date! **CTK's 25th Anniversary party will be Saturday, September 18th from 5-8p.** More details coming, but please mark your calendars!

It's time for a **church directory update**, and this time around, we're using a new online format. If you need any help logging in to update your directory profile, or if you need an invitation to join the directory, please email laura@ctkcambridge.org. A few notes on privacy:

- When signing up for the directory, **you can choose what information to share** (your photo, your phone, your email, and/or your address, or any combination thereof).
- **Only you can share your information** and/or your household's information in the directory. Church staff can invite you to join, but we cannot publicly post your information.
- There will be a link to the directory on the website, but **anyone who is not invited to the directory by staff will not have access to the directory** and will not be able to see it.

Discovering CTK is a class for those interested in learning more about our church and denomination (PCA) and what it means to become a member. The next class will be offered the first weekend in October. Registration will open soon, but in the meantime, please email laura@ctkcambridge.org with any questions.

THIS WEEK AT CTK:

For more details, see ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events, or email office@ctkcambridge.org

Sun, 9a :: **Adult Education** :: Online
ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation

Tue, 7a :: **Morning Prayer** :: Online
ctkcambridge.org/prayer

Thu, 8:15p :: **Evening Prayer** :: Online
ctkcambridge.org/prayer

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