

CHRIST THE KING

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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. — 2 Corinthians 8

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

— Philipians 2

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

Tim Dietz

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates!

Congregation: And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Leader: Who is this King of glory?

Congregation: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates!

Congregation: And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Leader: Who is this King of glory?

All: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory! — Psalm 24:1-10

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.

Invocation

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.

All Creatures of Our God and King

Words: St. Francis of Assisi;
Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*

D B m A sus A D

1. All crea - tures of our God and King, lift
 2. Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong Ye
 3. Thou flow - ing wa - ter pure and clear Make
 4. All ye who are of ten - der heart For -
 5. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and

B m A sus A D G D B m

up your voice and with us sing Alle - lu - ia, Al - le -
 clouds that sail in Heav'n a - long, O praise him! Al - le -
 mu - sic for thy Lord to hear Alle - lu - ia! Al - le -
 giv - ing oth - ers take your part O sing ye! Al - le -
 wor - ship him in hum - ble - ness. O praise him! Al - le -

E A D D B m A sus A D

lu - ia! Thou burn - ing sun with gold - en beam, thou
 lu - ia! Thou ris - ing morn in praise re - joice, Ye
 lu - ia! Thou fire so mas - ter - ful and bright That
 lu - ia! Ye who long pain and sor - row bear, Praise
 lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son and

D G A D G

sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam,
lights of ev'n - ing find a voice,
giv - est man both warmth and light, O praise him, O
God and on him cast your care One
praise the Spi - rit, Three in

A Bm E A Bm Bm A Em G A D

praise him, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Call to Confession

Leader: "Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord:
"though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool." — *Isaiah 1:18*

Prayer of Confession

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen. — from *the Book of Common Prayer*

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.

Declaration of Absolution

Leader: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit. God does not despise a broken and a contrite heart. Jesus said: "Whoever comes to me I will never drive away." The Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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.

His Mercy Is More

Words and Music: Matt Papa
and Matt Boswell

(CAPO 4) E(C) A(F) E(C)

1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -
pa - ti - ence would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What
rich - es of kind - ness he lav - ished on us. His

3 B(G) C#m(Am) A(F) Bsus(Gsus)

nis - cient, all - know - ing, he counts not their sum. Thrown
Fa - ther so ten - der is cal - ling us home? He
blood was the pay - ment, his life was the cost. We

5 E(C) F#m7(Dm7) E(C) A(F) E(C)

in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore. Our
wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor. Our
stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford. Our

8 A(F) E(C) Bsus(Gsus) 1. E(C) A(F) E(C) B(G) C#m(Am)

sins, they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.
sins, they are man - y, his mer - cy is
sins, they are man - y, his mer - cy is

13 A(F) B(G) E(C) Esus(Csus) E(C) C#m(Am) Bsus(Gsus) A(F) E(C)
 2, 3.
 2. What more. Praise the Lord, his mer cy is more.
 more.

18 Bsus(Fsus)B(F) A(F) E(C) B(G) C#m(Am)
 Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn. Our

21 A(F) E(C) B(G) E(C) A(F)E(C) B(G) C#m(Am) A(B)G
 sins, they are many, his mer cy is more. 3. What

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.

Life Together

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.

Prayers of the People

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

Prayers of the People

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

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

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you!

The Church's One Foundation

Words: Samuel Stone;

Music: Brian Moss

1. The chur-ch's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion yet one o'er all the
3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der, men see her sore op -

5 Lord; she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the
earth; her char - ter of salv - a - tion, one Lord, one faith, one
pressed by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis -

9 Word. From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly
birth; one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly
tressed. Yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up "How

13 bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he
food, and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en -
long?" And soon the night of weep - ing shall be themom of

17 died. song. 4. Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and
dued.

Chords: D, D/F#, G, A sus, A, Em, D, G, A, Bm

27 G A Bm G A D/F# G
 tu - mult of her war she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of

25 C A D D/F#
 peace for-ev - er - more. Till with the vi - sion glo - rious, her

29 G Asus A D D/F#
 long - ing eyes are blest, and the great church vic - tor - ious shall

33 G A D Bsus B E
 be the church at rest. 5. Yet she on earth hath

37 E/G# A Bsus B E
 un - ion with God the Three in One, and mys - tic sweet com -

41 E/G# A Bsus B F#m
 mu - nion with those whose rest is won. O hap - py ones and

45 E/G# A Bsus B E E/G#
 ho - ly, Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and low-ly, on

50 A B A B A B E
 high may dwell, that they will dwell, that we will dwell with thee.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 4:23-5:12

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Clyde Godwin

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: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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

What Wondrous Love Is This

Words and Music: American Folk Hymn

(CAPO 5) C(G) D(A) F(C) C(G) D(A)

1. What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
 2. When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing
 3. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will
 4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing

5 C(G) F(C) C(G) B^b(F) G(D/F#) D(A) F(C) C(G)

soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What
 down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down. When
 sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to
 on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and

10 B^b(F) D(A) F(C) C(G) D(A)

won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to
 I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous frown, Christ
 God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and

14 B^b(F) C(G) F(C) C(G) D(A) C(G)

bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my soul, to
 laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ
 mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while
 through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

18 F(C) C(G) B^b(F) G(D/F#) D(A)

bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
 laid a - side his crown for my soul
 mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
 through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

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. Currently, we are offering Adult Education on Zoom, but our children's Sunday school gatherings are on hiatus.

In continuation of our study of *hesed*, or God's lovingkindness, and in preparation for our subsequent study on the theme of God's justice, the **Adult Ed class will be going through a 2-week study of US Presbyterian history, focusing on the history of our tradition's response to issues of justice, particularly in the area of race and ethnicity.** The class will look at teachings about race in the 20th century southern Presbyterian church, the role of African Americans in these churches, the cultural forces at play in the formation of the PCA in the 1970s, and more recent 21st-century denominational statements about race and corporate repentance.

FOR FAMILIES

Nursery

- Open during the service for up to 8 registered participants ages 6 months (and sitting) to 3 years, with a waitlist available. The room is behind the sanctuary through the doors on the right.
- Please contact Lara Kastelein (lara@ctkcambridge.org) with questions or to cancel if registered and unable to make it.

Children's Worship

- Children 4–5 years are dismissed from the service prior to the sermon to a class that teaches about worship suited to their age. Parents must escort kids to class in order to check them in and pick them up after the service.
- Class capacity is 10 registered students, with a waitlist available. Parents may sign up children for class when registering for the service.
- Please contact Dana Russell (dana@ctkcambridge.org) with any questions or to cancel if registered and unable to make it.

During the service

- Encourage children to participate in each part of the service. For non-readers, place your arms around your child and point to the words in the bulletin as they are read.
- During the sermon, kids may complete one of the worship activities available at ctkcambridge.org/worship-kids or in the church foyer along with 'Pew Pouches' containing writing and drawing supplies.

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 parts of the service as a family using the worship guide (ctkcambridge.org/worship-kids). 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)

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

Vocational Fellowship Groups: Church Office (office@ctkcambridge.org)

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Overseas Partner Liaison: Morgan Crago (missions@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.

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:

This weekend, **we are celebrating the 25th anniversary of Christ the King Presbyterian Church.** CTK was planted back in 1994 and became a particularized church in 1996. In 1999, Rick Downs accepted the call as our senior pastor, a role in which he served faithfully for 20 years. In this last year, we have been undergoing a search for a new senior pastor, but we can look back on the faithfulness of God over the last 25 years and say with the psalmist, "Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!" Please join us after the service for refreshments as we celebrate God's faithfulness to CTK.

Registration Reminder: With COVID numbers on the rise, we continue to ask that folks please register to attend on Sunday mornings. Whether you choose distanced or open, registering allows staff to know how many seats of each type we need.

Children's Worship is now open for children 4 and 5 years! Our maximum capacity right now is 10 registered students (with a waitlist available). Kids will be dismissed from the service prior to the sermon and parents must escort children to class in order to check them in. Please contact Dana Russell (dana@ctkcambridge.org) with any questions.

We're pleased to announce **Ariana Smartt as the new Youth Intern at CTK.** Ariana is a sophomore undergrad and a leader in Harvard's RUF ministry. She's looking forward to getting to know and serve CTK's youth!

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 is now open at ctkcambridge.org/discovering-ctk.

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, 9:30a :: **Women's Morning Bible Study** :: Social Hall
ctkcambridge.org/women

Thu, 7p :: **Women's Evening Bible Study** :: Social Hall
ctkcambridge.org/women

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

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For questions about the CTK Pastoral Search Committee, please visit ctkcambridge.org/psc or email psc@ctkcambridge.org

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