

# CHRIST THE KING

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2020  
10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

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## Prelude

*To demand of strength that it should not express itself as strength, that it should not be a desire to overcome, a desire to throw down, a desire to become master, a thirst for enemies and resistance and triumphs, is just as absurd as to demand of weakness that it should express itself as strength. — Friedrich Nietzsche, On the Genealogy of Morals*

*...[W]ith their unseeing eyes, the Romans had rightly perceived a radical and dangerous subversion... an aspiration for the world more revolutionary, a disturbance of the status quo more seismic, an allegiance more disloyal, a menace more intimidating, than any program which simply meets force with force and matches loveless injustice with loveless vengeance. Here is a whole new ordering of human life, as intolerable to insurrectionists as to oppressors. It promises that forgiveness, freedom, love, and self-negation, in all their feeble ineffectiveness, will prove more powerful and creative than every system and every countersystem which subdivides the human race into rich and poor, comrades and enemies, insiders and outsiders, allies and adversaries.*

— Alan Lewis, *Between Cross and Resurrection*

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: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

**Congregation: Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!**

Leader: Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to the LORD, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

**Congregation: Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.**

– from *Psalms 34:8; Isaiah 55:1-2,6-7*

## **Invocation**

# O Worship the King

Words: Robert Grant;  
Music: Michael Haydn

G C D

1.O wor-ship the King, all glo-rious a-bove, O  
2.O tell of his might, oh sing of his grace whose  
3.Thy boun-ti-ful care, what tongue can re-cite? It  
4.Frail chil-dren of dust, and fee-ble as frail, in

G C D G

grate-ful-ly sing his pow-er and his love. Our  
robe is the light, whose can-o-py space, whose  
breathes in the air, it shines in the light; it  
thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail; thy

D D7 D D7

Shield and De-fend-er, the An-cient of Days, pa-  
char-iots of wrath the deep thun-der-clouds form, and  
streams from the hills, it des-cends to the plain, and  
mer-cies how ten-der, how firm to the end, our

G C D G

vil-ioned in splen-dor, and gird-ed with praise.  
dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
sweet-ly dis-tills in the dew and the rain.  
Mak-er, De-fend-er, Re-deem-er, and Friend.

## 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:** Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of our youth or our transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember us, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord! Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. For your name’s sake, O Lord, pardon our guilt, for it is great. Turn to us and be gracious to us, for we are lonely and afflicted. The troubles of our hearts are enlarged; bring us out of our distresses. Consider our affliction and our trouble, and forgive all our sins. Amen. — *Psalms 25:6-8, 11, 16-18*

## 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.

# I Will Call Upon the Lord

Words and Music: Michael O'Shields

C F/C C F/C C F/C

I will call upon the Lord,

4 C F/C C F/C C F/C

4  
I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be  
who is worthy to be praised. So shall I be  
praised. So shall I be saved from my en - e-mies.

7 C F/C G C Dm C/E C F C

7  
saved from my enemies. The Lord liv eth, and  
blessed be the Rock, and may the God

10 F C Gsus G C Dm7 C/E C

10  
of my sal - va - tion be ex - alt - ed. The Lord liv - eth, and

13 F C F C/E F Gsus G C

13  
blessed be the Rock, and may the God  
of my sal - va - tion be ex - alt - ed.

# 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!

## 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

# In Christ Alone

Words and Music: Keith Getty  
and Stuart Townend

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, he is my  
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of  
 3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, Light of the  
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

4  
 light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id  
 God in help - less babe. This gift of love and right eous -  
 world by dark - ness slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious  
 pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal

7  
 ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of  
 ness, scorned by the ones he came to save. Till on that  
 day, up from the grave he rose a - gain! And as he  
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

10  
 love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings  
 cross, as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -  
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on  
 hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from his

13  
 cease, my Com - fort - er, my all in all, here in the  
 fied; for ev - 'ry sin on him was laid. Here in the  
 me; for I am his and he is mine, bought with the  
 hand; till he re - turns or calls me home, here in the

16  
 love of Christ I stand.  
 death of Christ I live.  
 pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

## Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 26:6-25

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

Rev. Nathan Barczi

## Lord's Supper

### *Invitation*

Minister: What do you believe?

**Congregation: There is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all.**

- 1 Timothy 2:5-6a

### *Words of Institution*

### *Prayer of Thanksgiving*



# 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 - eous - ness. 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.

Chords: D, G, A, G, Bm, Asus, A, D, D/F#, G, Asus, A, D, D/F#, G, Asus, A, Bm, G2, Asus, A, C6, Asus, A, D, G

## 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). For more information on CTK's response to the coronavirus, visit [ctkcambridge.org/coronavirus](http://ctkcambridge.org/coronavirus).

## SUNDAYS

### ADULT EDUCATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Typically, Christ the King offers classes for adults, youth, and children every Sunday morning. During this hiatus from public gathering, we will be offering Adult Education and Sunday school gatherings on Sunday mornings 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. Nathan Barczy ([nathan@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:nathan@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),

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

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

**Overseas Partner Liaison:** Morgan Crago ([missions@ctkcambridge.org](mailto: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](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).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Newcomers! Welcome to CTK! We would like to invite you to a newcomers class called **Discovering CTK on Saturdays in October** for those who would like to learn more about the church and our denomination. The class will run over 4 Saturdays on Zoom, from 9-10:30am (10/17, 10/24, 10/31, and 11/7). Please RSVP to [laura@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:laura@ctkcambridge.org).

The members of Christ the King Presbyterian Church are called to a **Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 18, 2020 at 7:00 PM** to be held virtually. Business to be conducted at the meeting:

- \* Consider the resignation of Rev. Rick Downs as Pastor of Christ the King Presbyterian Church
- \* Approve a process for forming a pastoral search committee
- \* Hear more information and ask questions related to placing an interim pastor in Cambridge and the search for a permanent replacement

On **Saturday, October 17 at 4pm** the middle school youth will be meeting up (socially distanced) at the Mystic River Reservation to talk about plans and ideas for youth ministry this year. We invite students in grades 6-8 and a parent to join us to give input and fellowship together. More details to come. Contact Lydia Carter with questions.

On **Sunday, November 1 at noon** the high school youth will be meeting up (socially distanced) at Sennott Park near the church to talk about plans and ideas for youth ministry this year. We invite students in grades 9-12 to join us to give input and fellowship together. Parents are welcome to stay but not required. More details to come. Contact Lydia Carter with questions.

On **Sunday, October 18, the women of the church are invited to a BYOLunch picnic after church in Sennott Park around noon**. For those who were able to attend our meet-up in September, you may remember meeting new friends, reconnecting with familiar faces, and - importantly - ZERO occasions of joining in a conversation only to find yourself on mute. We expect more of that goodness again. NEW this time: We plan to spend a few minutes in conversation and prayer as a group. We hope you can join us! (@ Teens, you too!!)

Even though we are not gathering in our normal capacity, the church building still requires some TLC. If you would be comfortable attending a **masked work day at the church, please save the date: Saturday, October 17th**. Please RSVP to [laura@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:laura@ctkcambridge.org) if you can make it.

## THIS WEEK AT CTK:

*For more details, see [ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events](http://ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events), or email [office@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:office@ctkcambridge.org)*

Sun, 9a :: **Adult Education** :: Online  
[ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation](http://ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation)

Tue, 7a :: **Morning Prayer** :: Online  
[ctkcambridge.org/prayer](http://ctkcambridge.org/prayer)

Wed, 9a :: **Women's Morning Bible Study** :: Online  
[ctkcambridge.org/women](http://ctkcambridge.org/women)

Fri, 5p :: **Theology Reading Group** :: Mystic River State Reservation

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