

CHRIST THE KING

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020
10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

In and through and by Jesus Christ, with whom Christians have been united by the Holy Spirit, we can praise, lament, petition, and discover that the story of our loss is not the only, or most important, story that encloses our lives. We discover that this spacious place – of living in Christ – is wide and deep enough for us to petition, to rejoice, and also join our laments to those of Jesus Christ, who intercedes on our behalf. — J. Todd Billings, Rejoicing in Lament

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: Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day.

Congregation: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

Leader: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,

Congregation: And he is to be held in awe above all gods.

Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

All: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place. — 1 Chronicles 16:23-27

Invocation

God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory

Words: David Clowney;
Music: Ludwig van Beethoven

The musical score is written for piano in G major and common time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has three measures of music with lyrics underneath. The second system starts with a measure rest (marked with a '4') and then has three measures of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 1. God, all na - ture sings thy glo - ry, and thy works pro - 2. Clear - er still we see thy hand in man whom thou hast 3. But our sins have spoiled thine im - age; na - ture, con - science 4. God of glo - ry, pow - er, mer - cy, all cre - a - tion claim thy might; or - dered vast - ness in the heav - ens, made for thee; rul - er of cre - a - tion's glo - ry, on - ly serve as un - ceas - ing, grim re - mind - ers prais - es thee; we, thy crea - tures, would a - dore thee

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or - dered course of day and night; beau - ty in the
 im - age of thy maj - es - ty. Mu - sic, art, the
 of the wrath which we de - serve. Yet thy grace and
 now and through e - ter - ni - ty. Saved to mag - ni -

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chang - ing sea - sons, beau - ty in the storm - ing sea;
 fruit - ful gar - den, all the la - bor of his days,
 sav - ing mer - cy, in thy Word of truth re - vealed
 fy thy good - ness, grant us strength to do thy will;

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all the chang - ing moods of na - ture
 are the call - ing of his Mak - er
 claim the praise of all who know - thee,
 with our acts as with our voic - es

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praise the change - less Trin - i - ty.
 to the har - vest feast of praise.
 in the blood of Je - sus sealed.
 thy com - mand - ments to ful - fill.

Call to Confession

Leader: To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by walking in his laws. — *Daniel 9:9-10*

Prayer of Confession

All: Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are embarrassed to come before you, for we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways, for we have rebelled against your wisdom and we have gotten into trouble, for we have rejected your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether. To you belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face. O Lord, great God, all holy, filled with awe, Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, incline your ear to our troubles. Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy. On the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen. — based on *Daniel 9:4-19*

Declaration of Absolution

Leader: The Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. Just as a father has pity on his children, so the Lord has pity on those who fear him. Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. 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.

O God, Beyond All Praising

Words: Michael Perry;
Music: Gustav Holst

1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to -
2. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we
4 day and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-
bring, that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our
8 pay; for we can on-ly won-der at ev-ery gift you
King; and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or
12 send, at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out
ill, we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you
16 end; we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your
still; to mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your
20 word, we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.
ways, and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

Chord progression: B^b E^b F7 B^b/D E^b F
Gm E^b F7 B^b E^b
B^b B^b/D F Gm F/A B^b/D F B^b
E^b Cm Gm B^b/F E^b B^b/D Cm7 B^b Cm/E^b Gm/B^b
F/A B^b/D E^b F7 B^b/D E^b F
Gm B^b/D E^b F7 B^b/D E^b B^b

Offertory

Doxology

Words: Thomas Ken;
Music: Thomas Tallis

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.

The musical score is written for piano in G major and common time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has four measures, the second has four measures, and the third has four measures. The lyrics are placed below the treble clef staff of each system. The music is a simple, homophonic setting of the doxology.

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: God's Word has much to say to us, and there are many things we are called upon to believe. Yet in this meal that we share together we proclaim what is essential. We proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

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

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 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 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.
- 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.
- 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).

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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 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

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)

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

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Meals Ministry: Erin Ward (meals@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.

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.

The members of Christ the King Presbyterian Church are called to two upcoming Congregational Meetings. For updates about these two meetings, please visit ctkboston.org/news-events. Instructions for how to participate in the virtual meetings will be forthcoming. Other business may be added to either meeting. If so, we will provide advance notice.

The first is on **Sunday, October 18, 2020 at 7:00 PM** and will be held virtually.
Business to be conducted at the October 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

The second is on **Sunday, November 15, 2020 at 7:00 PM** and will be held virtually.
Business to be conducted at the November meeting:

- * Elect a pastoral search committee for the purpose of recommending a pastoral candidate for Cambridge
- * Elect church officers – the slate of candidates to be elected will be shared upon approval by the Session

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!!)

CALLING ALL FAMILIES AND YOUTH! We're putting together some opportunities for small groups of families and youth to get together in person. To keep group sizes manageable and safe, we're planning these as outside gatherings around kids of similar ages. For dates and specific details for each age group visit www.ctkcambridge.org/gatherings. Please note that those attending these gatherings are expected to wear masks throughout the event (not required for children under the age of 2) and maintain physical distancing.

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.

To contact staff or officers, please visit ctkcambridge.org/staff-officers