

CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017 10:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

Leif Jentoft

It is by doubting that we come to investigate, and by investigating that we recognize the truth.

- Peter Abelard

This is how humans are: We question all our beliefs, except for the ones that we really believe in, and those we never think to question. — Ender, Speaker for the Dead

It is completely incomprehensible to us how God can reveal himself and to some extent make himself known in created beings: eternity in time, immensity in space, infinity in finite, immutability in change, being in becoming, the all, as it were, in that which is nothing. This mystery cannot be comprehended; it can only be gratefully acknowledged. - Herman Bavinck

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

Rev. Nathan Dicks

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. — Psalm 63:1-5

Invocation

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.

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.

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

Words: Isaac Watts;
Music: W.H. Monk

1.I sing the almighty pow'r of God that made the mountains
 2.I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with
 3. There's not a plant or flow'r below but makes your glories

rise, that spread the flowing seas a-broad and
 food; he formed the creatures with his word, and
 known; And clouds arise and tempests blow by

built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom
 then pronounced them good. Lord, how your wonders
 or - der from your throne; While all that borrows

that or - dained the sun to rule the day; the
 are dis - played wher - e'er I turn my eye, If
 life from you is ev - er in your care, and

moon shines full at his command and all the stars obey,
 I sur - vey the ground I tread or gaze up - on the sky!
 ev - 'ry - where that man can be, you, God, are present there.

All I Have Is Christ

Words and Music: Jordan Kauffman

1. I once was lost in dark - est night yet thought I knew the
 ran my hell - bound race, in - diff - rent to the
 would be yours a - lone and live so all might

5 way; the sin that pro - mised joy and life had led me
 cost, you looked up - on my help - less state and led me
 see the strength to fol - low your com - mands could ne - ver

8 to the grave. I had no hope that you would
 to the cross; and I be - held God's love dis -
 come from me. O Fa - ther use my ran - somed

11 own played, a re - bel to your will, and if you
 life, you suf - fered in my place, you bore the
 in a - ny way you choose, and let my

14 had not loved me first, I would re - fuse you still.
 wrath re - served for me, now all I know is
 song for - ev - er be my on - ly boast is

19 2. But as I grace! Hal le - lu - jah! All I
 you.

25 have is Christ! Halle - lu - jah! Jesus is my life! 3. Now Lord I

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, 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 our 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

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: Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, but as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. 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.

I Glory In Christ

Words: Horatio Bonar;
Music: Sandra McCracken



1. God for bid that I should glo - ry, Save in the Re - deem - er's cross;
2. God for bid that I should glo - ry, Save in Christ my Lord a - lone;
3. God for bid that I should glo - ry, Save in Christ the Son of God;



Counting shame for him but hon - or, Counting earth - ly gain for loss.
Him I lean on, Him I fol - low, Him be - fore the world I own.
Him who sought me, Him who bought me, Him who washed me in his blood.



All the love of God is here, Oh_ love that cast-eth out all fear.

Offertory

God Our Rescuer
Josh Parker

Andrews/Miller/Bleecker

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. Some of us choose to put an offering in the plate, while others give online or by mail.

Doxology

Words: Thomas Ken;
Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesange*

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, al-le-lu-ia!

Pastoral Prayer

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

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.

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm;
Music: William M. Runyan

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

5 there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang est
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove, join with all
10 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to -

not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for -
na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness,
15 day and bright hope for to - mor row, bless ings all mine, with ten

ev - er will be.
mer - cy, and love. Great is thy faith ful ness! Great is thy faith ful ness!
21 thou sand be - side!

Morn ing by morn ing new mercies I see; all I have need - ed thy

27 hand hath pro - vid - ed - Great is thy faith - ful ness, Lord, un - to me!

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 5:19, 22:1-4, pages 150 and 164 in pew Bible

Reader: The grass withers and the flower fades.

Congregation: But the word of our God will stand forever.

Sermon

Rev. Nathan Barczi

Marty West

Scripture Reading

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Romans 10.17

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.

We encourage kids remaining in the service to use the Sermon Worksheet available in the foyer.

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.

Lord's Supper

Invitation

All: I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; begotten of his Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into Heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; And he shall come again with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose Kingdom shall have no end; And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets; And I believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church; I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; And I look for the resurrection of the Dead; And the life of the world to come. Amen. — *The Nicene Creed*

Words of Institution

Minister: God meets us in the sacraments, holy acts in which his deeds elicit our response. In the supper our Lord offers the bread and the cup to believers to guarantee our share in his death and resurrection, and to unite us to him and to each other.

All: We take this food gladly, announcing as we eat that Jesus is our life and that he shall come again to call us to the Supper of the Lamb.

Distributing of Elements

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

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.

Brent Boswell, Chris Martin, Grace West, Laura Martin, Marty West, Nathan Dicks, Nydia Boswell, Sarah Dicks

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jesus Is Lord

Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Musical score for the hymn "Jesus Is Lord" in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of five systems of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 1. "Je - sus is Lord," the cry that ech - oes through cre - 2. Je - sus is Lord, whose voice sus - tains the stars and 3. Je - sus is Lord, the tomb is glo - ri - ous - ly 4. "Je - sus is Lord," a shout of joy, a cry of a - tion; re - splen dent pow'r, e - ter - nal Word, our plan - ets, yet, in his wis - dom, laid a - side his emp - ty; not e - ven death could crush this King of an - guish, as he re - turns, and ev - 'ry knee Rock, the Son of God, the King, whose crown. Je - sus, the man who washed our love. The price is paid, the chains are low, then ev - 'ry eye and ev - 'ry glo - ry fills the heav - ens; yet bids us feet, who bore our suf - f'ring, be - came a loosed, and we're for - giv - en; and we can heart will see his glo - ry, the Judge of come to taste this liv - - - ing bread. curse to bring sal - va - - - tion's plan. run in - to the arms of God. all will take his chil - - - dren home.

Benediction

Benediction

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

Please join us in the social hall for refreshments immediately following the service.

WELCOME

Christ the King is a multi-congregational church with an English-speaking congregation that meets in Cambridge on Sunday mornings (ctkcambridge.org) and a mostly Brazilian congregation meeting in Portuguese in Cambridge on Sunday afternoons, as well as congregations that meet in Dorchester, Newton, Pembroke, Roslindale, Jamaica Plain and Somerville (ctkboston.org).

Welcome visitors! Please visit the welcome table in the foyer and fill out a visitor card so we can get to know you better. Also, find out more about us by talking with one of the pastors or our lead greeter, who will be standing in the back of the sanctuary. For more information about Christ the King, contact office@ctkcambridge.org.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

ADULT EDUCATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Every Sunday morning at 8:45am, Christ the King offers classes for adults, youth and children. The topics of these classes reflect the desire of the church to equip its members with a better understanding of God's Word. Adult Education classes are taught in the social hall. Childcare and classes for children through Grade 5 are held downstairs, and Middle/High School meets in the office in the balcony.

Grace Changes Everything: The History, Theology, and Continuing Impact of the Reformation. Join us this fall as we explore the historical background and theological touchstones of the Reformation - and why it still matters 500 years on. We'll enjoy two guest lectures by Gordon-Conwell professors Gordon Isaac (on Luther) and Rick Lints (on justification by faith alone)! The class will run October 22 - December 17.

CHILDREN DURING THE SERVICE

Children are always welcome in our service. Parents may opt to bring children to the programs below or to the social hall as needed where audio of the service plays and an area is partitioned for nursing mothers.

Nursery (0–3 years): Our nursery rooms provide safe care and are open throughout the service. Infants and non-walkers are upstairs and our 1's, 2's and 3's rooms are in the basement (exit through the right-side door for all rooms). Please sign your child in on the clipboard outside the room and take a visual pager number card.

Children's Worship (4 years–Grade 2): Children are dismissed before the sermon to classes designed to engage God in a manner more suitable to young hearts and minds. Kids begin in room 3 / 4 and are picked up from adjoining rooms.

Children/Youth (Grade 3 & up): Our older children attend the entire service, and a worksheet is provided to aid in the instruction during the sermon.

For more information about children's ministry, please see ctkcambridge.org/kids or email dana@ctkcambridge.org.

BULLETINS

Bulletins are available on the church website (<http://www.ctkcambridge.org/sermons/>) each Thursday before the service, allowing for download for use during the service on a smartphone or tablet.

CTK is a member of Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). Scripture texts are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version™, ©2001 Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers, Wheaton, IL 60187, CCLI #912939.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

CTK READER

Visit ctkcambridge.org/reader/ to sign up for our weekly CTK Reader (electronic newsletter) with notes from our pastors, church announcements and community classifieds.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community groups are central to our life together at CTK, as we seek to live as followers of Jesus in relationship to one another. We encourage people to join a group near where they live, to gather over a meal and study, pray, and serve one another and our neighborhoods together. All are invited to join a group. To find a group near you, visit www.ctkcambridge.org or email office@ctkcambridge.org.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Men's and women's fellowship groups meet throughout the city to provide opportunities for fellowship, discipling, and growing in faith. For a listing of groups, visit www.ctkcambridge.org. If you would like a group started near you, email nathan@ctkcambridge.org (men) or Emily DeBaun Stuntz at emilydebaun@gmail.com (women).

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

To connect with women in the church and learn about women's events throughout the year, contact hannah@ctkcambridge.org.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays, 9:30-11:30am in the church social hall. Childcare provided. The group does not meet the first Thursday of each month. Contact Becky Williams (john.n.becky@gmail.com).

VOCATIONAL GROUPS

Vocational groups offer times of fellowship and discussion for those in the CTK congregations throughout the city who work in similar fields. Contact nathan@ctkcambridge.org.

PRAYER MEETINGS

Morning Prayer: Tuesdays, 6:30am-8:30am for prayer in the social hall. Coffee and snacks are provided. Please contact office@ctkcambridge.org with questions.

Missions & Church Planting Prayer: Periodically there is a time of prayer for the missionaries CTK Cambridge supports and for church planting in Boston. Contact laura.a.martin87@gmail.com.

COLLEGE STUDENTS

CTK supports Reformed University Fellowship on nearby campuses. Contact our campus ministers at BU: nathan.dicks@ruf.org, Harvard: jeremy.mullen@ruf.org, and MIT: solomon.kim@ruf.org.

SERVING ON SUNDAYS

Members and regular attenders have the opportunity to serve in a variety of ways on Sunday mornings. To learn more about ways to serve our congregation, please visit ctkcambridge.org/serve-church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nominations for CTK Officers are now being received. If you are a member of CTK and want to nominate someone for elder, deacon, or deacon assistant, please follow these steps:

1. Read 1 Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:5-9 for biblical qualifications.
2. Approach your nominee and ask that you pray together for wisdom.
3. With the approval of the nominee, please submit the nomination via office@ctkcambridge.org.

The **Davis Square women's fellowship group** meets at Mr. Crepe at 8pm on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. The T is close, the parking is free (after 8pm), and the coffee and community are excellent! Check it out on October 24th, and email Heather Hawkes (hhawkes21@gmail.com) for email updates.

Calling All Singers! We are putting together an a cappella choir to sing several Advent selections during the service on Sunday, December 3. The first rehearsal will take place on Saturday morning, November 11, in the sanctuary. If you are interested in lending your voice, please email amanda@ctkcambridge.org.

All are invited to a **conference on Spiritual Friendship** taking place November 10-11, hosted by two PCA churches in Portland, ME. Author and Biblical Studies professor Wesley Hill will lead a session at 6:30 p.m. on Friday evening and two sessions starting at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning; lunch will follow. For more information and to RSVP, please email office@ctkcambridge.org.

Making Room at Thanksgiving: In an effort to ensure that no one at CTK is without a place to go this Thanksgiving, we are looking for people who have room at their tables. Also, if you are someone who is currently without a place to share the meal, we would be happy to connect you with someone who would love for you to join them. For more information, please email office@ctkcambridge.org.

We use an **online giving platform** called Church Center Online. It's straightforward to use, is secure, and has more features in development which promise to improve the online giving experience. Try Church Center Online by visiting <https://ctkboston.church-centeronline.com/giving>. Questions? Email giving@ctkboston.org.

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