

CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2017 10:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

“Meditation” from *Thais*
Heather Hawkes

J. Massenet

Love the truth. Let others have their truth, and the truth will prevail. - Jan Hus

Everyone sees what you appear to be, few experience what you really are. - Niccolo Machiavelli

The best way to get rid of the Devil if you cannot kill it with the words of Holy Scripture, is to rail at and mock him. Music, too, is very good; music is hateful to him, and drives him far away.
- Martin Luther

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. Jeremy Mullen

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

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.

All Creatures of Our God and King

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

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

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

burn - ing sun with gold - en beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam,
 ris - ing morn in praise voice, Ye lights of ev'n - ing find a voice,
 fire so mas - ter - ful and bright That giv - est man both warmth and light, O
 who long pain and sor - row bear, Praise God and on him cast your care
 praise the Fa - ther praise the Son and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One

praise him, O praise him, Alle - lu - ia, Alle - lu - ia, Alle - lu - ia!

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word

Words: Martin Luther;
Music: *Geistliche Lieder*



1. Lord, keep us steady in your Word;
2. Lord Jesus Christ, your power make known,
3. O Comforter of priceless worth,



Curb those who by deceit or sword
for you are Lord of lords alone;
send peace and unity on earth;



would wrest the kingdom from your Son
defend your holy Church, that we
support us in our final strife



and bring to nought all he has done.
may sing your praise triumphant - ly.
and lead us out of death to life.

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: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. — *Psalms 32:1-5*

Prayer of Confession

All: Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unflinching, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

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: 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. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. Whoever believes in him is not condemned. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of 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.

Now Thank We All Our God

Words: Martin Rinkhart,
trans. Catherine Winkworth;
Music: Johann Cruger

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and
2. O may this boun-teous God through all our life be
3. All praise and thanks to God the Fa-ther now be

5
voic - es, who won-drous things hath done, in whom his world re -
near us, with ev - er - joy - ful hearts, and bless - ed peace to
giv - en, the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est

9
joic - es; who from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our
cheer us; and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per -
heav - en - the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a -

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way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
plexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
dore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

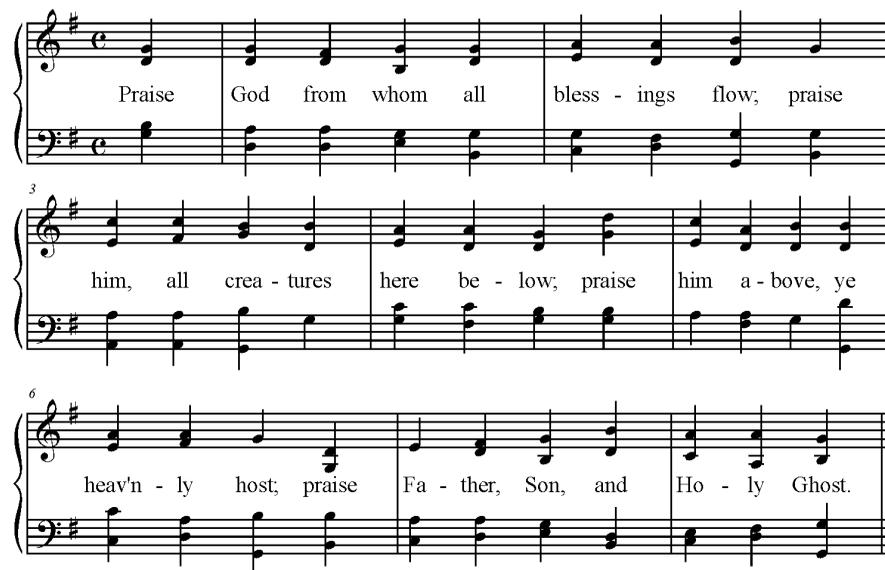
Offertory

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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: 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.

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

My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness

Words and Music: Keith Getty
and Stuart Townend

1. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to
2. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to
3. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to

3 him who bore my pain; who plumbed the depths of
him who walks be - side, who floods my weak - ness -
him who reigns a - bove, whose wis - dom is my

6 my dis - grace and gave me life a - gain; who
es with strength and caus - es fear to fly. Whose
per - fect peace, whose ev' - ry thought is love. For

9 crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me in his
ev' - ry pro - mise is e - nough for ev' - ry step I
ev' - ry day I have on earth is gi - ven by the

12 light and wrote his law of right - eous - ness with
take, sus - tain - ing me with arms of love and
King, so I will give my life, my all, to

15 pow'r u - pon my heart.
crown - - - ing me with grace.
love and fol - - - low him.

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 27:1-13; 30:11-20, pages 168 and 172 in pew Bible

Reader: The grass withers and the flower fades.

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

Sermon

Rev. Rick Downs

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.

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.

Lord's Supper

Invitation

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and death?

All: That I with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ; who, with his precious blood, has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, and therefore, by his Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto him. – Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1

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

All: Heavenly Father, we give you everlasting praise and thanks that you have given us, poor sinners, so great a benefit – that you have drawn us into the communion of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, whom you surrendered to death for us and whom you give to us as food and nourishment for eternal life. Grant us now this benefit, also: that you will never allow us to forget these truths, but rather, imprint them on our hearts, that we may grow and thrive victoriously in faith – a faith committed to all good works. In so doing may we order and direct our whole human life to the exaltation of your glory and the upbuilding of our neighbor, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and reigns with you eternally. Amen.

Deacons' Fund Offering

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

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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.

Celebrate the Advent season with singing at **CTK's Fifth Annual Christmas Concert!** Come join CTK's talented musicians for an evening of festive performances and rousing caroling on Saturday, December 9, at 6:30pm. Please invite neighbors, co-workers, and other friends! Contact amanda@ctkcambridge.org for more information.

SAVE THE DATE: The **annual Women's Christmas Brunch** will take place on Saturday, December 16, at 10am. We are seeking women to help with the event. If you would like to help with set-up, clean-up, crafts, singing, centerpieces, decorating, etc, please contact Meredith Wyse at meredithkwyse@gmail.com.

Mark your calendars! The **Winter Getaway** will be held February 2-4 at Camp Brookwoods. More information to come!

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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