

CHRIST THE KING

So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. – 1 John 4:16a

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018 10:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
CTK A Cappella Choir

Arr. J. Washburn

Until the day when God shall deign to reveal the future to man, all human wisdom is summed up in these two words, 'Wait and hope'. - Alexandre Dumas, The Count of Monte Cristo

A prison cell, in which one waits, hopes... and is completely dependent on the fact that the door of freedom has to be opened from the outside, is not a bad picture of Advent.

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Letters from Prison*

*Come Thou long-expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee. - Charles Wesley*

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*

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.

Call to Worship

Rev. Nathan Dicks

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

Congregation: Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

Leader: In Christ was life, and the life was the light of men.

Congregation: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

Leader: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

Congregation: And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor...

Leader: Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

Congregation: Christ has become to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

Leader: Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord!

Congregation: Give glory to the only wise God forevermore through Jesus Christ! – from *Isaiah 9:2,6; John 1:4,9; 1 Cor. 1:20,30-31; Romans 16:27*

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.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Words: Latin hymn,
trans. by John Mason Neale;

Music: 13th Century Plainsong, arr. by Thomas Helmore

The musical score is for the hymn 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel'. It is written in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The score consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line has five staves of lyrics. The piano accompaniment is written in a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The lyrics are:

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive
2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on
3. O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Sa-tan's
4. O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer our spir-its by thine
5. O come, thou Key of David, come and o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - - - ile
 Si - nai's height, in an - cient times didst give - - - the
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - - - ple
 ad - vent here; dis perse the gloom - y clouds
 heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on

10
 here, un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 save, and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re -
 night, and death's dark shad - ows - put to flight.
 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.

15
 joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Come, Oh Redeemer, Come

Words and Music: Fernando Ortega

Em D C
 Fa - ther en - throned on high, ho - ly, ho - ly,
 Lord save us from the dark of our stri - ving,
 Look now up - on our need; Lord, be with us.

5
 Em D 1. Em
 an - cient, e - ter - nal light, hear our prayer.
 faith - less and trou - bled hearts, weighed
 Heal us and make us free from our

10
 2, 3. Em Am Em
 down. Come, oh Re - deem - er, come, grant us mer - cy.
 sin.

15
 Am D Em
 Come, oh Re - deem - er, come, grant us peace.

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: "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: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen. – from the *Book of Common Worship*

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: 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.

What Child Is This

Words and Music: Traditional English Carol,
adapted by William C. Dix

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is
2. Why lies he in such mean es-tate, where ox and ass are
3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to

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sleeping? Whom an - gels greet with anthems sweet, while shep-herds watch are
feed-ing? Good Christian, fear, for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is
own him; the King of kings sal - va-tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en-

9
keep - ing? This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and
plead - ing. Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for
throne him. Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her

13
an - gels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y.
me, for you; hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y.
lul - la - by; joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y.

Offertory

O Little Town of Bethlehem
CTK A Cappella Choir

Arr. D. Warland

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 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 above, ye heav'nly
host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; 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.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

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

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Words: Liturgy of St. James,
adapted by Gerald Moultrie;

Music: French Melody, arr. by Ralph V. Williams

(CAPO III) Dm(Bm) B \flat (G) F(D) Dm(Bm) Cm(Am)

1.Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
2.King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on
3.Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van - guard
4.At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim, with

5 B \flat (G) A(F#) B \flat (G) F(D) Gm(Em) Dm(Bm)

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
earth he stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture,
on the way, as the Light of light de - scend - eth
sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the pres - ence,

10 Dm(Bm) Cm(Am) B \flat (G) F(D) D(B) Gm(Em)

for with bless - ing in his hand, Christ our God to earth de -
in the bod - y and the blood, he will give to all the
from the realms of end - less day, that the pow'rs of hell may
as with cease less voice they cry, "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

15 Dm(Bm) C(A) Dm(Bm) Gm(Em) Am(F#m) Dm(Bm)

scend - - - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.
faith - - - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
van - - - ish as the dark ness clears a - way.
lu - - - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Scripture Reading

Ruth 1 page 222 in pew Bible

Reader: The grass withers and the flower fades.

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

Gi Yoon-Huang

Scripture Reading

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

Romans 10.17

Sermon

Rev. Nathan Barczi

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: We believe in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, 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. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. – from *Philippians 2:5-11*

Words of Institution

Minister: Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Supper that we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope. We come in remembrance that our Lord Jesus Christ was sent of the Father into the world to assume our flesh and blood and to fulfill for us all obedience to the divine law, even to the bitter and shameful death of the cross.

All: By his death, resurrection, and ascension he established a new and everlasting covenant of grace and reconciliation, that we might be accepted of God and never be forsaken by him.

Minister: We come to have communion with this same Christ, who has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the world.

All: In the breaking of the bread he makes himself known to us as the true heavenly bread that strengthens us unto life eternal. In the cup of blessing he comes to us as the vine, in whom we must abide if we are to bear fruit.

Minister: We come in hope, believing that this bread and this cup are a pledge and foretaste of the feast of love of which we shall partake when his kingdom has fully come, when with unveiled face we shall behold him, made like unto him in his glory.

All: Since by his death, resurrection, and ascension, Christ has obtained for us the life-giving Spirit, who unites us all in one body, so we are to receive this supper in true love, mindful of the communion of saints.

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.

*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.*

*Alecia Augspurg, Audra Wallace, Catherine Cook, Dana Russell,
Justin Augspurg, Nathan Dicks, Ryan Grams, Sarah Dicks*

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

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Words: James Montgomery;
Music: Sandra McCracken

G/D D G/D D G/D D B m A
Hail to the Lord's a-noin - ted, great Da - vid's great er Son!

5 G/D D G/D D A B m
Hail in the time ap-point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!

9 G A D G/D D
His reign on earth be - gun!
1.He comes to break
3.To give them songs
5.To him shall prayer

13 G/D D G/D D Em A G/D D
op-pres-sion, to set the cap-tive free, to take a - way
for sigh-ing, their dark - ness turn to light, whose souls, con-demned
un-ceas-ing and dai - ly vows as - cend; his king - dom still

17 G/D D Em D
trans-gres-sion and rule in e - qui - ty,
and dy - ing, are pre - cious in his sight.
in - creas-ing, a king - dom with-out end.

20 G/D D G/D D G/D D Em A
2.He comes with com - fort speed-y to those who suf - fer wrong,
4.Kings shall fall down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;
6.The tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

24 G/D D G/D D Em D
to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong.
all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing.
his name shall stand for - ev - er; his name to us is Love.

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

Welcome visitors! We're glad you're here. Please fill out a digital visitor card at ctkcambridge.org/visit 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, or by contacting 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.

Join us for the current Adult Ed class: **What is Covenant Theology?** Covenants hold the Bible together and help us interpret it more clearly, and the implications of a covenantal approach reach deep into our theology and life as a church. Taught by Jeremy Mullen, Nathan Barczi, and Kelly Sawyer.

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. For more information, please see ctkcambridge.org/kids or email dana@ctkcambridge.org.

Nursery (0–3 years): Our nursery rooms provide safe care and are open throughout the service. Infants and non-walkers are upstairs and our 1s, 2s and 3s rooms are in the basement (exit through the right-side door for all rooms). Please sign your child in at one of the check-in stations in the infant room or basement and be sure to bring your security tag with you when picking up your child.

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.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Bulletins are available online each Thursday before the service, allowing for download for use during the service on a smartphone or tablet. Visit ctkcambridge.org/sermons.

For **online giving**, visit bit.ly/CTKCambridgeOffering for general offerings and bit.ly/CTKCambridgeDeacons for Deacons' Fund giving. Questions? Email giving@ctkboston.org.

Sermon recordings and Adult Ed classes can be found on the website at ctkcambridge.org/sermons and ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation, respectively.

Follow along with a **daily Bible reading plan** designed to complement the current sermon series. Learn more at ctkcambridge.org/daily-bible-readings.

To sign up for the **CTK Reader**, our weekly e-newsletter with notes from our pastors, church announcements, and community classifieds, visit ctkcambridge.org/reader.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

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).

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community groups are central to our life together at CTK, and 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.

MONDAYS

SOMERVILLE :: PORTER/DAVIS SQ. :: 6:30P
Jeremy & Adrienne Mullen (jmullen79@gmail.com)
SOMERVILLE :: UNION SQ. :: 7P
Tyler & Amanda Holley (tylerbholley@gmail.com)

TUESDAYS

ALLSTON :: BRIGHTON :: BROOKLINE :: 7:30P
James & Sarah Goodman (sarahgoodma@gmail.com)

WEDNESDAYS

WATERTOWN :: 6:30P
Matt & Cat Sherrill (sherrillmatt@hotmail.com)
BOSTON :: NORTH END/BEACON HILL :: 7P
Taylor & Audra Wallace (wallacetaylor89@gmail.com)
SOMERVILLE :: UNION SQ. :: 7P
Nathan & Leann Barczy (nbarczy@gmail.com)
CAMBRIDGE :: CENTRAL/INMAN SQ. :: 7:30P
Alex & Megan MacKay (ajmack@gmail.com)

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS AND MINISTRIES

Men's Fellowship Groups meet throughout the city to provide opportunities for discipling and growing in faith. Contact rickdowns@ctkcambridge.org.

To learn about **Women's Ministry** events throughout the year and to connect with women in the church, contact Laura Martin (laura.a.martin87@gmail.com).

A **Youth Community Group** meets monthly at the church. Please contact dana@ctkcambridge.org.

Vocational Fellowship Groups are available for people working within similar fields. For more information, contact nathan@ctkcambridge.org.

College Students can meet with Reformed University Fellowships on nearby campuses. Email our campus ministers at BU: nathan.dicks@ruf.org, Harvard: jeremy.mullen@ruf.org, and MIT: solomon.kim@ruf.org.

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

WEDNESDAYS (cont'd)

CAMBRIDGE :: CENTRAL SQ./RIVERSIDE :: 7:30P
Mike & Shannon Poor (pcpoor@hotmail.com)
SOMERVILLE :: PORTER/DAVIS SQ. :: 7:30P
Bob & Kelly Sawyer (sawyer66@gmail.com)

THURSDAYS

CAMBRIDGE :: MIT/KENDALL SQ. :: 6P
Nathan & Sarah Brown
(nathan.collin.brown@gmail.com)
SOMERVILLE :: POWDERHOUSE SQ. :: 7P
Andy & Emily Stuntz (astuntz@gmail.com)
CAMBRIDGE :: HARVARD SQ. :: 7:30P
Trey & Hannah Nation (trey.nation@gmail.com)

FRIDAYS

WATERTOWN :: 1st and 3rd Fridays :: 6:30P
Sean & Nicole O'Hern (scohern@gmail.com)

SATURDAYS

BELMONT :: LEXINGTON :: NEWTON :: 5P
Ricky & Lindsay Hardy (linsrbins@gmail.com)
*Meets every other Saturday, rotating location

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.

CTK's audio/visual ministry is looking for **volunteers to run the projector and/or sound board** during Sunday services. Volunteers serve once every 4-6 weeks, and training is available. If you are interested, please contact amanda@ctkcambridge.org.

All kids ages 5 and up are invited to sing in a **children's choir** for the Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols service. Brief rehearsals will take place after the service on Sundays, 12/9, 12/16, and 12/23. If interested, contact amanda@ctkcambridge.org for more information.

The **CTK Snow Team** is an elite crew of volunteers who receive emails about opportunities to serve our city by shoveling or snowblowing the sidewalks in front of the church. No prior experience required, just a willingness to receive emails and help out as your schedule permits. If this sounds exciting to you, and you think you should be receiving these emails, please contact laura@ctkcambridge.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sat, 12/8, 6:30p :: **Annual Christmas Concert** :: Sanctuary
ctkcambridge.org/calendar/christmas-concert-2018
(Amanda Holley, amanda@ctkcambridge.org)

Sat, 12/15, 10a :: **Women's Christmas Brunch** :: Social Hall
ctkcambridge.org/christmas-brunch-2018
(Meredith Wyse, meredithkwyse@gmail.com)

Sat, 12/15, 5:30p :: **Youth Community Group** :: Social Hall
ctkcambridge.org/youth-community-group
(T.I. Atkins, thomas.ira.atkins@gmail.com)

Mon, 12/24, 6p :: **Lessons and Carols Service** :: Sanctuary
ctkcambridge.org/lessons-and-carols
(Laura Bullock, laura@ctkcambridge.org)

SAVE THE DATE:

2/1-2/3/2019 :: **CTK Getaway** :: Camp Brookwoods
ctkcambridge.org/getaway-2019
(Laura Bullock, laura@ctkcambridge.org)

WEEKLY EVENTS AT CTK:

For more details, see ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events

Monday, 6:30p :: **ESL Classes** :: Church Basement
(Mary Cote, maryruthcote@gmail.com)

Tuesday, 6:30a :: **Morning Prayer** :: Social Hall
(Laura Bullock, laura@ctkcambridge.org)

Thursday, 9:30a :: **Women's Bible Study** :: Social Hall
(Kelly Sawyer, bostonkelly@gmail.com)

Friday, 12p :: **Men's Fellowship Group** :: Harvard Sq.
(John Williams, john.n.becky@gmail.com)

Friday, 4p :: **Theology Reading Group** :: The Field Pub
(Nathan Barczi, nathan@ctkcambridge.org)

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