

# CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2016 10:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP

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**Prelude** “Cast thy Burden Upon the Lord” from *Elijah* F. Mendelssohn  
CTK Chamber Singers

*The title of Homer’s poem is Nostoi, “the returns.” The outstanding characteristic of Ulysses is nostalgia, and finally after his long journeying, he returns to the place from which he set out. Time destroys itself. But Abraham leaves Ur of the Chaldees forever and sets out on a journey to the land that God is to give him. - Jean Daniélou*

*God is the voice beyond my own who calls me to a life beyond my own through a promise and a command beyond any knowledge or will of my own. - Merold Westphal*

*As the hound follows the hare, never ceasing in its running, ever drawing nearer in the chase, with unhurrying and steady pace, so does God follow the fleeing soul by his divine grace. And though in sin or in human love, away from God it seeks to hide itself, divine grace follows after, unwearyingly follows ever after, till the soul feels its pressure forcing it to turn to him alone in that never ending pursuit. - J.R.R. Tolkien*

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**

Trey Nation

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

**Congregation: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

Leader: Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

**Congregation: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.**

Leader: He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in.

**All: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of men! For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things. — Psalm 107.1-9**

**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.

## God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory

Words: David Clowney;  
Music: Ludwig van Beethoven

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

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 deserve. Yet thy grace and  
 now and through e - ter - ni - ty. Saved to mag - ni -

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;

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

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.

## Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Words: Joseph Hart;  
Music: *The Southern Harmony*

1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y,  
2. Come, ye thirst - y, come and wel - come,  
3. Come, ye wea - ry, hea - vy lad - en,  
4. I will a - rise and go to Je - sus;

weak and wound - ed, sick and sore; Je - sus read - y  
God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy; true be - lief and  
lost and ru - ined by the fall; if you tar - ry  
he will em-brace me in his arms; in the arms of

stands to save you, full of pi - ty, love, and pow'r.  
true re - pen - tance, ev' - ry grace that brings you nigh.  
till you're bet - ter, you will nev - er come at all.  
my dear Sa - vior, O there are ten thou - sand charms.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Call to Confession**

Leader: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another. – based on *Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16*

### **Prayer of Confession**

**All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.** – From the *Book of Common Prayer*

### **Declaration of Absolution**

Leader: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 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: Horatius 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

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We give back to God our  
wealth and talents in  
recognition that they all  
come from him.

## 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!

## Baptism

*Henrik Edwin Grams*

### Pastoral Prayer

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

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**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

# Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Words: Elizabeth Clephane;  
Music: Christopher Miner

(Capo III) B $\flat$ (G) F(D) E $\flat$ (C) F(D)

1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my  
2. O safe and hap - py shel ter, O ref - uge tried and  
3. Up - on the cross of Je - sus, mine eye at times can  
4. I take, O cross, thy shad ow for my a - bid - ing

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

stand. The shad - ow of a might - y rock with -  
sweet, O tryst - ing place where hea - ven's love and  
see the ver - y dy - ing form of one who  
place; I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the

8 E $\flat$ (C) B $\flat$ (G) F(D) Gm(Em)

in a wear - y land, a home with - in the  
hea - ven's just - ice meet! As to the ho - ly  
suf - fered there for me; and from my strick - en  
sun - shine of his face; con - tent to let the

11 Dm(Bm) E $\flat$ (C) B $\flat$ (G) F(D)

wil - derness, a rest up - on the way, from the  
pa - tri-arch that won - drous dream was giv'n, so  
heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess, the  
world go by to know no gain nor loss, my

14 B $\flat$ (G) F(D) E $\flat$ (C) F(D) B $\flat$ (G)

burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and the bur - den of the day.  
seems my Sa - vior's cross to me, a lad - der up to heav'n.  
won - ders of re - deem - ing love and my un worth - i - ness.  
sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry, all the cross.

## Scripture Reading

*John 12:27-36, page 899 in pew Bible*

Reader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

Nicole Vander Laan

Rev. Chad Baldanza

## 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 do you believe?

**All: In this supper God declares to us that our sins have been completely forgiven through the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ, which he himself finished on the cross once for all.**

Minister: He also declares to us that the Holy Spirit grafts us into Christ, who with his very body is now in heaven at the right hand of the Father, where he wants us to worship him.

– from *Heidelberg Catechism, Q&As 75, 80*

**All: Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.**

– *Colossians 1:15-20*

Minister: With these words our Lord commands all believers to eat this broken bread and to drink this cup in true faith and in the confident hope of his return in glory.

### *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*

*Daniel Chen, Elizabeth Cantrell, Greg Russell, Hannah Nation, Katherine Ong, Meghan Graham, Shiyun Chen, Trey Nation*

# Deacons' Fund Offering

## Lift High the Name of Jesus

Words and Music: Keith and Kristyn  
Getty, Fionan de Barra, Ed Cash

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: 1. Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our King. Make 2. Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our Lord. His 3. Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our Light. No known the pow - er of his grace, the beau - ty of his peace. Re - pow'r in us is great - er than, is great - er than this world. To oth - er name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life. He mem - ber how his mer - cy reached and we cried out to him. He share the rea - son for our hope, to serve with love and grace, that o - pens up our eyes to see the har - vest he has grown. We lift - ed us to so - lid ground to free - dom from our all who see him shine through us might bring the Fa - ther la - bor in his fields of grace as he leads sin - ners sin. Oh sing my soul and tell all he's done 'til the praise. home. earth and heav ens are filled with his glo - - - ry.

## 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](http://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](http://ctkboston.org)).

**Welcome visitors!** Please fill out a visitor card on the welcome table in the foyer so we can get to know you better. For more information about Christ the King, contact [office@ctkcambridge.org](mailto: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, classes for children toddler-5th grade are held downstairs, and Middle/High School meets in the office in the balcony.

**Life in the Kingdom:** Central to Jesus' teaching was His call to "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." But what does life in the kingdom look like? From April 10 through May 22, CTK staff and members will teach a class exploring Jesus' development of this theme in the Sermon on the Mount.

### 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–2nd Grade):** Children are dismissed before the sermon to classes designed to engage God in a manner more suitable to young hearts and minds. All kids begin together in room 3/4 but may be picked up from adjoining rooms.

**Children/Youth (3rd Grade & 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 the ministry leaflet in the church foyer or email [dana@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:dana@ctkcambridge.org).

### BULLETINS

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

# WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

## CTK READER

Visit [ctkcambridge.org/ctk-reader/](http://ctkcambridge.org/ctk-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 Christ the King, 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 and for more information, see the ministry leaflet in the church foyer or email [office@ctkcambridge.org](mailto: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, see the ministry leaflet in the church foyer or visit [www.ctkcambridge.org](http://www.ctkcambridge.org). If you would like a group started near you, email [nathan@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:nathan@ctkcambridge.org) (men) or Emily DeBaun Stuntz at [emilydebaun@gmail.com](mailto:emilydebaun@gmail.com) (women).

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30am in the church social hall. Childcare provided. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Becky Williams ([john.n.becky@gmail.com](mailto:john.n.becky@gmail.com)).

## VOCATIONAL GROUPS

Vocational groups exist to offer times of fellowship and discussion for those in the CTK congregations throughout the city who work in similar fields. For a listing of groups and more information, see the ministry leaflet in the church foyer or contact [nathan@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:nathan@ctkcambridge.org).

## PRAYER MEETINGS

**Morning Prayer:** Tuesdays, 6:30am-8:30am for prayer at the church building in the social hall. Coffee and snacks are provided. If you have any questions, please contact [office@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:office@ctkcambridge.org).

**Missions & Church Planting Prayer:** On the first and third Sundays of the month, there is a time of prayer for the missionaries CTK Cambridge supports and for church planting in Boston. Please join us at the church office (130 Prospect St., Suite 201) around 12:10pm. Contact [laura.a.martin87@gmail.com](mailto:laura.a.martin87@gmail.com).

## SECOND SATURDAYS

A monthly gathering to connect with friends or make new ones. Events take place the second Saturday of each month at Meadhall (4 Cambridge Center, Cambridge) from 5:30-7:30pm.

## COLLEGE STUDENTS

CTK values college students. We support Reformed University Fellowship on nearby campuses, as well as monthly college lunches after the service. For more information about RUF on campus, contact our campus ministers at BU ([nathan.dicks@ruf.org](mailto:nathan.dicks@ruf.org)), Harvard ([jeremy.mullen@ruf.org](mailto:jeremy.mullen@ruf.org)), and MIT ([solomon.kim@ruf.org](mailto:solomon.kim@ruf.org)).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Want to meet people over a meal? Join CTK members for **Fourth Sunday Eat and Meet** TODAY following the service. Please meet CTK member Erin Frey in the social hall at the *Fourth Sunday Eat and Meet* sign, and then the group will head to a local restaurant. All are welcome!

SAVE THE DATE! Friday, May 6th, 7pm. - **Join all the congregations of Christ the King for an evening of worship and fellowship.** We'll meet at the Greek Evangelical Church, 1115 Centre St., Newton. Nursery provided for ages 0-3. There are lots of places to eat nearby, so plan to meet old/new friends before or after.

Starlight Ministries will offer a **homelessness awareness training** on Saturday, April 30, from 9am to 12pm, at the Emmanuel Gospel Center (2 San Juan Street, Boston). All are invited for practical insights into the nature and causes of homelessness, and how the church can build life-changing relationships with those affected. Contact Helio Carneiro (helio@ctkcambridge.org) for more information.

It's that time of year again—bittersweet departures for many CTKers graduating and moving on. **If you are planning to leave the Boston area soon** please email sarahgoodman@ctkboston.org to let us know.

Ladies, you are invited to a **Women Together event** at the Somerville home of Becky Williams on Tuesday, May 10th at 7:30pm. Feel free to invite friends as we casually gather for fellowship and listen to Amy Pardo share how God has worked in her life. Bring your own mug for coffee or tea! For more information and to RSVP please email Becky (john.n.becky@gmail.com).

The **Boston Fellows** is a nine-month fellowship for young professionals at CTK to cultivate the worldview, in prayer and in the community of the local church, necessary for meaningful vocation, in a cohort of peers, spiritual leaders, and professional mentors. The fellowship will begin in September; applications are being accepted now. See [www.BostonFellows.com](http://www.BostonFellows.com) to apply or for more information, or contact nathan@ctkcambridge.org or 617-320-1346.

We have moved to a **new online giving platform** called Church Center Online. It's straightforward to use, is secure, and has more features in development which promise to make improve the online giving experience. Try Church Center Online by visiting <https://ctkboston.churchcenteronline.com/giving>. Questions? Email [giving@ctkboston.org](mailto:giving@ctkboston.org).

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