

CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2017 10:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

*Forever is a long long time
When you've lost your way.* - Phoenix, *Lasso*

Well, I hate to break it to you, but there is no big lie. There is no system. The universe is indifferent. - Don Draper, *Mad Men*

If the Gospel is indeed the Good News, and the only good news that man needed to hear, it is precisely because in order to recover hope man needed to learn that the double obstacle confronting him, the weakness of his nature and the evil ingrained in his condition, was conquered.
- Henri de Lubac

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: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Congregation: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

Leader: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Congregation: For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

All: O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you.

— *Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12*

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.

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Words: Robert Robinson;
Music: Asahel Nettleton

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The score is divided into four systems, each with a measure number (1, 5, 9, 13) at the beginning. Chord symbols (D, A, G) are placed above the staff to indicate the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are written in three parts: 1. Come, thou fount of ev-'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy; 2. Here I raise my Eb-en-e-zer; hith-er by thy help I'm; 3. O to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to. The lyrics continue in the second system: grace; streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceasing, call for songs of loud-est come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safe-ly to ar-rive at be; let that gracenow, like a fet-ter, bind my wan-d'ring heart to. The third system continues: praise. Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-home. Je-sus sought me when a stran-ger, wan-d'ring from the fold of thee. Prone to wan-der Lord, I feel it prone to leave the God I. The final system concludes with: bove; praise the mount! I'm fixed up-on it, mount of God's unchang-ing love. God; he, to res-cue me from danger, in-ter-posed his pre-cious blood. love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a-bove.

All I Have Is Christ

Words and Music: Jordan Kauflin

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
 come from the cross; and I be - held God's love dis -
 me. O Fa - ther use my ran - somed

11 own a re - bel to your will, and if you
 played, you suf - fered in my place, you bore the
 life 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: 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: Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

– From the *Book of Common Prayer*

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.

Doxology

Words: Thomas Ken;
Music: Louis Bourgeois' *Genevan Psalter*

Praise God from whom all blessings 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. A- men.

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

Father, Long Before Creation

Words: Chinese hymn,
trans. by Francis Jones;
Music: Andrew Osenga

1. Fa- ther, long be- fore cre- a- tion, thou hadst cho- sen
2. Though the world may change its fash- ion, yet our God is
3. God's com- pas- sion is my sto- ry, is my boast ing
4. Lov- ing Fa- ther now be- fore thee we will ev- er

4 D G C G D G
 us in love, and that love so deep, so mov-ing
 e'er the same; his com - pas - sion and his cov - 'nant
 all the day; mer - cy free and nev - er fail - ing
 praise thy love, and our songs will sound un - ceas - ing

7 C G D G Em
 draws us close to Christ a - bove. Still it keeps us,
 through all a - ges will re - main. God's own chil - dren,
 moves my will, di - rects my way. God so loved us,
 'til we reach our home a - bove, giv - ing glo - ry,

10 C G Em D G
 still it keeps us firm - ly fixed in Christ a - lone.
 God's own chil - dren must for - ev - er praise his name.
 God so loved us that his on - ly Son he gave.
 giv - ing glo - ry to our God and to the Lamb.

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:3-6, page 976 in pew Bible

Leonard Layne

Reader: The grass withers and the flower fades.

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

Sermon

Rev. Bradley Barnes

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

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.

Words of Institution

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.

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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Words: Charles Wesley;
Music: Rowland H. Prichard

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heav'n to
2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it, in - to ev - 'ry
3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

Adrienne Mullen, Alecia Augspurg, Andy Stuntz, Emily Stuntz,
Jeremy Mullen, Justin Augspurg, Matthew Hunter, Natalie Hunter

earth come down; fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing,
 troub - led breast! Let us all in thee in - her - it;
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er,
 let us be. Let us see thy great sal - va - tion

all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art
 let us find that prom - ised rest. Take a - way our
 nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be
 per - fect - ly re - stored in thee; changed from glo - ry

all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
 bent to sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
 al - ways bless - ing; serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
 in - to glo - ry, till in heav'n we take our place,

vis - it us with thy sal - va - - - tion,
 end of faith, as its be - gin - ning,
 pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing,
 till we cast our crowns be - fore thee,

en - ter ev - - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 set our hearts at li - ber - ty.
 glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 lost in won - der, love, and praise.

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, classes for children toddler-5th grade are held downstairs, and Middle/High School meets in the office in the balcony.

Our current class will be up front about how our sins as humans get in the way of **relationships** and how God can heal that brokenness through his Word and his Spirit. Each class will focus on a different relationship (some in the workplace, some in the home, some between friends), with the spiritual dynamics that underlie them all being an important focus. We will also ask why God has placed us in these relationships, and look for answers that are both temporal (for particular blessing or sanctification now) and eternal (for revealing Himself to us and glorifying Himself through our relationships).

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.

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.

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WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

CTK READER

Visit 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 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 BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays, 9:30-11:30am in the church social hall. Childcare provided. 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 at the church building 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.

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 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.

INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY

CTK's international ministry offers English classes on Monday evenings during the school year and a post-worship time of fellowship and discovery on Sunday afternoons. To connect with the church as an international member of the community or to volunteer, contact hannah@ctkcambridge.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Boston Fellows** is a nine-month fellowship for young professionals at CTK to cultivate the world-view, in prayer and in the community of the local church, necessary for meaningful vocation, in a cohort of peers, spiritual leaders, and professional mentors. Applications are being accepted now through June 1 for the 2017-18 cohort, which will begin in September. See www.BostonFellows.com to apply or for more information, or contact nathan@ctkcambridge.org or 617-320-1346.

Mark your calendars! A **CTK All-Church Picnic** will be held on Saturday, June 10th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., location TBD. We'll have plenty of food, fun and games for all ages. Drop in for a little while or stay the whole time. More details coming soon.

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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