

CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016 10:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

The Father would be abusing the Son and committing divine wrongdoing - rather than taking away human wrongdoing - if Christ were a third party, beyond God who was wronged and humanity who wronged God. But he isn't. ... That's the mystery of human redemption made possible by the mystery of God's Trinity: The One who was offended bears the burden of the offense.
- Miroslav Volf

The love of the Father and the Son, with the Holy Spirit, to lost sinners is shared, unanimous love. The tritheistic fantasy of a loving Son placating an unloving Father and commandeering an apathetic Holy Spirit in order to save us is a distressing nonsense. - J.I. Packer

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

Nathan Carter

Leader: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Congregation: Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow of change.

Leader: Praise him, all creatures here below.

Congregation: The Son is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

Leader: Praise him above, ye heavenly host.

Congregation: We have received the mystery of the good news by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, into which angels long to look.

All: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

– adapted from *James 1:17; Hebrews 1:3; 1 Peter 1:12*

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.

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 re - joice, 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!

Psalm 130

Words: Scottish Psalter;
Music: Christopher Tye

Gm(Em) D(B)

1.Lord, from the depths to thee I cried. My
2.Lord, who shall stand if thou, my Lord, shouldst
3.I wait, my soul a - waits the Lord; my
4.O Is - ra - el, hope in the Lord; the

Bb(G) F(D) Bb(G) Gm(Em)

Lord, give ear to me. O hear my voice and
mark in - i - qui - ty? But yet with thee for -
hope is in his word. More than the watch - men -
Lord saves gra - cious - ly. And he shall Is - ra -

Eb(C) D(B) F(D) Cm(Am) D(B) Gm(Em)

hear - ken to my sup - pli - ca - ting plea.
give - ness is, that men may rev - 'rence thee.
wait for morn my soul waits for my Lord.
el re - deem from all in - i - qui - ty.

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: 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: 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.

Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat

Words: John Newton;

Music: Kevin Twit

Dadd9 Cadd9 G/B Dadd9 D/C D

Ap - proach, my soul, the mercy seat, where

5 Cadd9 G/B Dadd11/F D D/C D Dadd9 Cadd9

Je - sus an - swers prayer; there hum - bly fall be -

9 G/B Dadd9 D/C D Cadd9 G/B Dadd11/F

fore his feet, for none can per - ish

13 Dadd9 D/C D G/B D

there. 1.Thy prom - ise is my on - ly plea, with
2.Bowed down be - neath a load of sin, by
3.Be thou my shield and hid - ing place, that,
4.O won - drous love to bleed and die, to

17 G/B D G/B D

this I ven - ture nigh; thou call - est bur - dened souls to thee, and
Sa - tan sore - ly pressed; by wars with - out and fears with - in, I
shel - tered near thy side, I may my fierce ac - cus - er face, and
bear the cross and shame, that guil - ty sin - ners, such as I, might

21 Cadd9 G/B Dadd11/F D

such, O Lord am I!
come to thee for rest.
tell him thou hast died.
plead thy gra - - - cious name!

Offertory

Psalm 126

I. Wardell

Kathryn Denman, Cara and Jonathan Pardo

Offertory

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

Doxology

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

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all

7
crea- tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly

13
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

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Words: George Matheson;
Music: Christopher Miner

(Capo IV) B(G) F#(D) E(C) B(G)

1.O Love that will not let me go, I
2.O Light that foll - ow'st all my way, I
3.O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I
4.O Cross that lift - est up my head, I

4 G#m(Em) B(G) E(C) F#(D) B(G) F#(D)

rest my wear - y soul in thee; I give thee back the
yield my flick 'ring torch to thee; my heart re - stores its
can - not close my heart to thee; I trace the rain - bow
dare not ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's

7 E(C) B(G) G#m(Em) B(G)

life I owe, that in thine o - cean
bor - rowed ray, that in thy sun - shine's
through the rain, and feel the prom - ise
glo - ry dead, and from the ground there

9 E(C) F#(D) C#m(Am) G#m(Em) F#(D)

depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.
blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.
is not vain, that morn shall tear - less be.
bloss - oms red life that shall end - less be.

Scripture Reading

John 16:16-24, page 902-903 in pew Bible

Reader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Grace West

Scripture Reading

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

Romans 10.17

Sermon

Rev. Chad Balanza

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: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

All: He was with God in the beginning.

Minister: Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

All: In him was life, and that life was the light of men.

Minister: The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

All: This was the true light that gives light to every man who comes into the world.

Minister: He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

All: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible.

Minister: For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

All: He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

– from *John 1:1-5,9-10; Colossians 1:16-17*

Words of Institution and 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: Loving God, you graciously feed us with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation. May we who have received this sacrament be strengthened in your service; we who have sung your praises tell of your glory and truth; we who have seen the greatness of your love see you face to face in your kingdom. For you have made us your own people by the death and resurrection of your Son, our Lord, and by the life-giving power of your Spirit. Amen.

*Allison De Jesus, Catharine Downs, Chris Martin, Ellen Parmar,
Emily Stuntz, Katie Miller, Laura Martin, Matt Warren*

O God of Our Salvation

Words and Music: Michael Bleecker
and Matt Boswell

(CAPO III) B \flat (G) E \flat (C) B \flat (G)

1. O God of our sal - va - tion who reigns u - pon the
2. Be - hold the Son our Sav - ior who for our sin was
3. O God, the Ho - ly Spir - it, re - veal - ing De - i -

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

throne the sov' - reign Fa - ther, great is he from
slain the Christ who pur - chased with his blood the
ty the fount of life and love di - vine through -

7 B \flat (G) F(D) B \flat (G) F(D) B \flat (G) E \flat (C)

whom all bless - ings flow. O God of our sal - va - tion, from
wretch - ed souls of men.
out e - ter - ni - ty.

11 F(D) B \flat (G) E \flat (C) F(D) B \flat (G) E \flat (C)

whom re - demp - tion comes O Fa - ther, Son and Spir - it, the

15 E \flat (C) F(D) B \flat (G)

bless - ed three in one.

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 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.

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.

Hot Topics in the Church: This summer Christ the King will be taking a close look at complex social, political, and ethical issues, seeking to apply the wisdom of Scripture to the uncertainties of our lives. The class will be taught by our pastoral staff and members of the church. All are invited; if you have any questions, please email nathan@ctkcambridge.org.

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 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/ 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.

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. 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

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).

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.

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.

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.

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), Harvard (jeremy.mullen@ruf.org), and MIT (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 members Ryan and Abigail Zhang 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!

A **Men's Breakfast** will be held in the social hall on Saturday, June 4 from 8-10am. Come expecting to be challenged, ready to pray and fellowship with other men in our church. Please contact nathan@ctkcambridge.org if you would like to help out with the meal.

Children's Sunday School teachers are needed for all ages during the summer months (from 8:45-9:45am) as we offer a break to those teaching throughout the school year. Please consider helping out even if you will be traveling over the summer, as co-teaching teams or subs can be arranged. Please contact Dana@ctkcambridge.org for more information.

Interested in making meals for individuals and families in the CTK community when there is a need (due to a new baby, a foster placement or adoption, recovering from an illness or surgery, or a death in the family)? Involvement is flexible – you receive periodic announcements and sign up if you're able. If you'd like to be a part of the **CTK Meals Ministry** or would like more information, please contact [Adrienne at meals@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:Adrienne@meals@ctkcambridge.org).

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.

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 until June 1**. To read more about the program, check out the latest CTK Stories contribution from Boston Fellows participant, Mike Lee (<http://www.ctkboston.org/stories>). See www.Boston-Fellows.com to apply or for more information, 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.

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