

# CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017 10:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP

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## Prelude

*Don't start chasing applause and acclaim. That way lies madness.*  
- Ron Swanson, *Parks and Recreation*

*While all men seek after happiness, scarcely one in a hundred looks for it from God.*  
- John Calvin

*O Lord, calm the waves of this heart; calm it's tempests! Calm thyself, O my soul, so that the divine can act in thee.* - Soren Kierkegaard

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. Sean Sawyers

Leader: O God, you are our God, earnestly we seek you;

**Congregation: Our souls thirst for you, our flesh faints for you,**

**All: In a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

Leader: We have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and your glory.

**Congregation: Because your steadfast love is better than life, our lips will praise you.**

Leader: We will bless you as long as we live, and in your name we will lift up our hands.

**All: Our souls will be satisfied as with fat and rich food; and our mouths will praise you with joyful lips. — Psalm 63:1-5**

## 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, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched

Words: Joseph Hart;  
Music: Matthew Smith



1. Come ye sin - ners, poor and wretch - ed,  
2. Come ye nee - dy, come and wel - come;  
3. Come ye wea - ry, hea - vy la - den,  
4. Let not con - science make you lin - ger,  
5. Lo! Th'in - car - nate God, as - cend - ed;



weak and woun - ded, sick and sore.  
God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy:  
bruised and bro - ken by the fall.  
nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream.  
pleads the mer - it of his blood.



Je - sus, rea - dy stands to save you,  
true be - lief and true re - pen - tance,  
If you tar - ry till you're bet - ter,  
All the fit - ness he re - quir - eth  
Ven - ture on him; ven - ture whol - ly,



full of pi - ty joined with power. He is a -  
eve - ry grace that brings you nigh. With - out mon -  
you will ne - ver come at all. Not the right -  
is to feel your need of him. This he gives  
let no oth - er trust in - trude. None but Je -



- ble, he is a - ble;  
- ey, with - out mon - ey;  
- eous, not the right - eous;  
you, this he gives you,  
- sus, none but Je - sus



he is will - ing; doubt no more.  
come to Je - sus Christ and buy.  
sin - ners Je - sus came to call.  
'tis the Spi - rit's ri - sing beam.  
can do help - less sin - ners good.

# Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Words: Nikolaus von Zinzendorf,

Translated by John Wesley;

Music: William Gardiner

1. Je - sus, thy blood and righ - teous - ness my beau - ty  
2. Bold shall I stand in thy great day; for who aught  
3. Lord, I be - lieve thy pre - cious blood, which, at the  
4. Je - sus, be end - less praise to thee, whose bound - less

6  
are, my glo - rious dress; 'midst flam - ing worlds, in  
to my charge shall lay? Ful - ly ab - solved through  
mer - cy - seat of God, for - ev - er doth for  
mer - cy hath for me - for me a full a -

11  
these ar - rayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.  
these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.  
sin - ners plead, for me, e'en for my soul, was shed.  
tone - ment made, an ev - er - last - ing ran - som paid.

### **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: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

– *Hebrews 4:14-16*

### **Prayer of Confession**

**All: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against your divine Majesty, provoking most justly your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: 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.**

# Arise, My Soul, Arise

Words: Charles Wesley;

Music: Kevin Twit

G C Am D

1. A - rise my soul, a-rise, shake off your guilt - y fears;  
 2. He ev - er lives a-bove for me to in - tercede,  
 3. Five bleed - ing wounds he bears, re - ceived on Cal - vary.  
 4. My God is re - conciled, his pard 'ning voice I hear;

5 G C Am D

the bleed - ing sac - ri - fice on my be-half ap pears.  
 his all re - deem - ing love, his precious blood to plead.  
 They pour ef - fec - tual prayers; they strongly plead for me.  
 He owns me for his child; I can no long - er fear;

9 C G D/F# Em

Be - fore the throne my sure - ty stands, be - fore the throne  
 His blood a - toned for ev - 'ry race, his blood a - toned  
 For - give him, O for - give, they cry, For - give him, O  
 With con - fi - dence I now draw nigh, With con - fi - dence

12 D C D G

my sure - ty stands. My name is writ - ten on his hands.  
 for ev - 'ry race, and sprin - kles now the throne of grace.  
 for give, they cry, Nor let that ran - somed sin - ner die!  
 I now draw nigh, and "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther!" cry.

16 G C D

Men: A rise, Arise, Arise, Arise

Women: A rise, Arise, Arise, Arise

20 C G C D

mysoul, a-rise. Arise, Arise, Arise, Arise, Arise,

24 C Am C D G

mysoul, a rise. Shake off your guilt - y fears and rise.

## 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: *Geistliche Kirchengesange*

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

Rachel Zhang

### 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

# Speak, O Lord

Words and Music: Stuart Townend and Keith Getty



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re-ceive the food of your  
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di-ence, ho-ly rev - er-ence, true hu-  
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of your



ho - ly word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and  
mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the  
plans for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will



fash - ion us in your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be  
ra - di-ance of your pur-i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our  
e - cho down through e - ter-ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on your



seen to-day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
eyes to see your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.  
prom - is-es; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.



Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all your  
Words of pow'r that can nev - - - er fail; let their  
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built and the



pur - - - pos - es, for your glo - ry.  
truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.  
earth is filled with your glo - ry.

## Scripture Reading

*Ephesians 1:3-14, page 976 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: God's Word has much to say to us, and there are many things we are called upon to believe. Yet in this meal that we share together we proclaim what is essential. We proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

**All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

### 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: Most gracious God, we praise you for what you have given and for what you have promised us here. You have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. Now we give ourselves to you; and we ask that our daily living may be part of your kingdom, and that our love may be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## And Can It Be

Words: Charles Wesley;  
Music: Thomas Campbell

1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest  
2. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove, so free, so  
3. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in  
4. No con dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and

*Daniel Chen, Greg Russell, Matthew Hunter, Natalie Hunter,  
Nora Watson, Roger White, Sam Watson, Shiyun Chen*



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in the Sa - vior's blood? Died he for me, who  
 in - fi - nite his grace, emp - tied him self of  
 sin and na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused a  
 all in him, is mine! A - live in him, my

11

caused his pain? For me, who him to death pur -  
 all but love and bled for A - dam's help - less  
 quick - 'ning ray; I woke, the dun - geon flamed with  
 liv - ing Head, and clothed in right - teous - ness di -

16

sued? A - maz - ing love! How can it be that  
 race. 'Tis mer - cy all, im - mense and free; for,  
 light; my chains fell off, my heart was free; I  
 vine, bold I ap - proach th'e - ter - nal throne, and

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die for me? A - maz - ing love! How can it  
 found out me. thee. A - maz - ing love. How  
 fol - lowed my own. A - maz - ing love. How  
 Christ, my own. A - maz - ing love. How

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be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
 can it be that thou my God shouldst die for me?

## 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 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](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.

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](mailto: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/](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 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](http://www.ctkcambridge.org) 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, 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

Thursdays, 9:30-11:30am in the church social hall. Childcare provided. Contact Becky Williams ([john.n.becky@gmail.com](mailto: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](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. Please contact [office@ctkcambridge.org](mailto: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](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.

*The next event is May 13.*

## COLLEGE STUDENTS

CTK supports Reformed University Fellowship on nearby campuses. 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).

## 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](mailto:hannah@ctkcambridge.org).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us in the social hall after the service as **we celebrate our dedicated volunteers** with cake and small tokens of our appreciation.

**Second Saturdays** is a monthly gathering to connect with friends or make new ones. The next event will take place Saturday, May 13, 5:30-7:30pm at Meadhall (4 Cambridge Center, Cambridge). Drop in any time, bring friends, or meet new ones!

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.

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](http://www.BostonFellows.com) to apply or for more information, or contact [nathan@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:nathan@ctkcambridge.org) or 617-320-1346.

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