

CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017 10:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

*Well, God saying 'something', but he didn't mean it
Everyone's life ends, but no one ever completes it
Dry or wet ice, they both melt and you're equally cheated.*
- Modest Mouse, *Dark Center of the Universe*

*Sin always acts so: it puts the stamp of God's image on its counterfeit currency and misuses its
God-given powers to imitate God's activity. Itself powerless, without creative ideas of its own, sin
lives solely by plagiarizing the ideas of God.* - Abraham Kuyper, *Uniformity*

*I have given God countless reasons not to love me. None of them has been strong enough to
change Him.* - Paul Washer

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

Leonard Layne

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**Congregation: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us re-
joice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success!

**Congregation: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

Leader: The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

**All: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast
love endures forever! — Psalm 118:20-29**

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.

O God Beyond All Praising

Words: Michael Perry;
Music: Gustav Holst

1. O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to -
2. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we
day and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re -
bring, that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our
pay; for we can on - ly won - der at ev - ery gift you
King; and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or
send, at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out
ill, we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you
end; we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your
still; to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your
word, we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
ways, and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Words: Isaac Watts;

Music: Gregorian Chant, arr. Lowell Mason

F(D) C(A) F(D) Gm(Em) D(B) Gm(Em) F(D) C(A) F(D)

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross
2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast,
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
4. Were the whole realm of his na - ture

5 F(D) Bb(G) F(D) C7(A7) F(D) C7(A7) F(D) C(A)

on which the Prince of glo - ry died,
save in the death of Christ my God;
sor - row and love flow min - gled down;
that were a pres - ent far too small;

9 F(D) C(A) F(D) Gm(Em) D(B) Gm(Em) F(D) C(A) F(D)

my rich - est gain I count but loss,
all the vain things that charm me most,
did e'er such love and sor - row meet,
love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,

13 F(D) C7(A7) Dm(Bm) Gm(Em) C7(A7) F(D)

and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

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: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!
O Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared. — *Psalm 130:1-4*

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: We know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. For through the law we died to the law, so that we might live to 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.

What Wondrous Love Is This

Words and Music: American folk hymn



1. What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
2. When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing
3. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will
4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What
down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down. When
sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to
on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to
I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous frown, Christ
God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while
when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and



bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my soul, to
laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ
mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while
through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
laid a - side his crown for my soul
mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

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: Thomas Tallis

Praise God from whom all bless - ings 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.

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.

Passing of the Peace

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

Words: Kate B. Wilkinson;
Music: A. Cyril Barham-Gould

1. May the mind of Christ my Sav-ior live in me from day to day,
2. May the Word of God dwell rich-ly in my heart from hour to hour,
3. May the peace of God my Fa-ther rule my life in ev - ery thing,
4. May the love of Je - sus fill me as the wa - ters fill the sea;
5. May his beau - ty rest up - on me as I seek the lost to win,

5
by his love and pow'r con - trol - ling all I do and say,
so that all may see I tri - umph on - ly through his pow'r.
that I may be calm to com - fort sick and sor - row - ing.
him ex - alt - ing, self a - bas - ing, this is vic - to - ry.
and may they for - get the chan - nel, see - ing on - ly him.

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:9-13, page 948 in pew Bible

Reader: The grass withers and the flower fades.

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

Leonard Layne

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.

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.

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Words: Charles Wesley;
Music: Kathryn Baldanza

1. Re - joi - ce, the Lord is King; Your Lord and King a -
2. Je - sus the sa - viour reigns, the God of truth and
3. His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and
4. Re - joi - ce in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall

4
dore! Re - joi - ce, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er -
love; when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a -
heav'n; the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus
come, and take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal

8
more. Lift up your heart, lift up your
bove.
giv'n.
home.

12
voice! Re - joi - ce a - gain, I say, re - joi - ce!

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

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 (Youth in grades 6+ are invited to join in this summer until their class resumes September 10). Childcare and classes for children through Grade 5 are held downstairs.

CTK's summer Hot Topics adult ed series:

August 27 and September 3 - Technology and Media
Come join the discussion!

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–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. ***Note, classes do not meet over summer but resume September 10** with the *Story of Worship*, teaching through our Order of Service.

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.

For more information about children's ministry, please see ctkcambridge.org/kids 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.

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). *Women's Bible Study is on hiatus for the summer and will resume September 14.*

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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for **CTK's Summer Picnic Series** at Sennott Park (near the corner of Prospect St and Broadway) following the Sunday service TODAY and August 27. Bring your own lunch, picnic blanket, frisbees/footballs, and we'll bring dessert!

Discovering CTK, a class for those interested in becoming a member or learning more about our church and denomination (PCA), will be offered this fall during the Adult Education hour. The class will begin Sunday, September 10 and lasts six weeks. Please RSVP to office@ctkcambridge.org.

The CTK Reading Group at The Field Pub is marking the 500th anniversary of the Reformation by reading some of Martin Luther's shorter pieces, collected in *Martin Luther: Selections from his Writings*, edited by John Dillenberger. If you are interested in joining the discussion, contact Nathan@ctkcambridge.org or just show up! The group meets at 4:30pm on Thursdays.

Every fall CTK likes to invite all of you to join in a day of apple picking at Apple Crest Farm Orchard in Hampton Falls, New Hampshire (1 hr north of Cambridge). This year we are looking for someone to be a **point person for the event**. If you are interested in helping out, please contact office@ctkcambridge.org.

Ladies, please join us as the **Women's Bible Study** kicks off the year with brunch on Thursday, September 14, 9:30-11:30am in the social hall. Bring a dish to share and join us as we eat, catch up, and pray for the upcoming year. Over the course of the year, we will be studying Colossians and Philemon. Childcare is provided. Contact Kelly Sawyer (bostonkelly@gmail.com) or Becky Williams (john.n.becky@gmail.com) for more information.

Enjoy building relationships with kids? Consider teaching Sunday School during the upcoming school year. Classes run from 8:45-9:45am for all ages. Curriculum materials are provided so no experience needed, simply a willingness to teach! Contact dana@ctkcambridge.org for more information.

Healthcare professionals, why exactly does your work matter to God? Join the **Healthcare Cohort**, a nine-week program beginning October 6, to help equip you to integrate faith and work in the context of peers from Boston-area churches. Apply at www.bostonfellows.com/industry-cohorts. Sponsored by Boston Fellows, Boston Healthcare Fellowship, and Christ the King. Questions? Email operations@bostonfellows.com.

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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