

CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2017 10:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

When it's all gone, something carries on. And it's not morbid at all, just that nature has had enough of you. -Frightened Rabbit, Head Rolls Off

Human insatiability proper is not a function of animality, however, but of spirituality . . . The human mouth can be satisfied - for the time being at least. But the human eye and ear are insatiable, forever eager to see and hear something new (as well as often wishing to revisit the old). - Nicholas Wolterstorff

To know Jesus is the shortest description of true grace; to know him better is the surest mark of growth in grace; to know him perfectly is eternal life. - John Newton

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: 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 rejoice 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.

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Words: Based on *Te Deum*,
Trans. by Clarence Walsworth;
Music: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*

1. Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
2. Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
3. Lo! the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred
4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,

7
bow be - fore you; all on earth your scep - ter claim,
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim
name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
three we name you; while in es - sence on - ly One,

13
all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'n's with
and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, and a - dor - ing

19
vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord."
set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
bend the knee, while we sing this mys - ter - y.

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Words and Music: Stuart Townend

(Capo III) F(D) Gm(Em) F(D) B^b(G)

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how
 2. Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my
 3. I will not boast in an - y - thing: no

3 F(D) Csus(Asus) C(A) F(D) Gm(Em)F(D) B^b(G)

vast be - yond all meas - ure that he should give his on - ly Son to
 sin up - on his shoul - ders. A - shamed, I hear my mock ing voice call
 gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But I will boast in Je - sus Christ, his

5 F(D) C(A) F(D) F(D) Gm(Em)F(D) B^b(G)

make a wretch his treas - ure. How great the pain of sear - ing loss. The
 out a - mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held him there un -
 death and res - ur - rec - tion, Why should I gain from his re - ward? I

7 F(D) Dm(Bm) C(A) F(D) Gm(Em) F(D) B^b(G)

Fa - ther turns his face a - way as wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring
 til it was ac - com - plished his dy - ing breath has brought me life. I
 can not give an an - swer. But this I know with all my heart: his

9 F(D) C(A) F(D)

man - - y sons to glo - - - - ry.
 know that it is fin - - - - ished.
 wounds have paid my ran - - - - som.

Call to Confession

Leader: But when he came to himself, he said . . . I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants." And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." And they began to celebrate. — *Luke 15:17-24*

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.

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.

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Words: Henry Lyte;
Music: John Goss

1.Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your
 2.Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers
 3.Fa - ther like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble
 4.Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and
 5.An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him

8 trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like
 in dis tress; praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to
 frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues
 it is gone; but while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en -
 face to face; sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers

15 me, his praise should sing? Praise him, praise him, praise him,
 chide and swift to bless; praise him, praise him, praise him,
 us from all our foes; on. Praise him, praise him, praise him,
 dures un - chang - ing time and space, praise him, praise him,
 all in time and space, praise him, praise him, praise him,

21 praise him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.
 praise him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.
 praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

Offertory

Laura Bullock

Offertory

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: 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.

Baptism

Corinne Joyce O'Hern

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: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

F/A G/B C2 F C F C

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

4 Am G/B F/A G/B C2 F C

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

7 F C/E F Gsus G C C/E G G/F C/E

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

10 Gsus/F C2/E G G/F C/E Am Gsus-G

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.

13 F/A G/B C2 F C

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

15 F C/E F Gsus G C

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

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 5:16, 16:18-20, pages 150 and 160 in pew Bible

Reader: The grass withers and the flower fades.

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

Trey Nation

Sermon

Rev. Rick Downs

Lord's Supper

Invitation

Minister: What do you believe about the work of God?

All: We believe that God – who is perfectly merciful and also very just – sent his Son to assume the nature in which the disobedience had been committed, in order to bear in it the punishment of sin by his most bitter passion and death.

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.

Minister: And what do you believe about the work of Jesus Christ?

All: We believe that Jesus Christ presented himself in our name before his Father, to appease his wrath with full satisfaction by offering himself on the tree of the cross and pouring out his precious blood for the cleansing of our sins, as the prophets had predicted.

Minister: Why did he endure all this?

All: He endured all this for the forgiveness of our sins.

Minister: What comfort does this give you?

All: We find all comforts in his wounds and have no need to seek or invent any other means to reconcile ourselves with God than this one and only sacrifice, once made, which renders believers perfect forever. – from the *Belgic Confession*, articles 20–21

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

And Can It Be

Words: Charles Wesley;
Music: Thomas Campbell

1. And can it be that I should gain an in - trest
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

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Katie Jentoft, Leif Jentoft, Nathan Carter, Trey Nation*

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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. Childcare and classes for children through Grade 5 are held downstairs, and Middle/High School meets in the office in the balcony.

Grace Changes Everything: The History, Theology, and Continuing Impact of the Reformation. Join us this fall as we explore the historical background and theological touchstones of the Reformation - and why it still matters 500 years on. We'll enjoy two guest lectures by Gordon-Conwell professors Gordon Isaac (on Luther) and Rick Lints (on justification by faith alone)! The class will run October 22 - December 17.

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.

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.

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WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

CTK READER

Visit ctkcambridge.org/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 MINISTRY

To connect with women in the church and learn about women's events throughout the year, contact hannah@ctkcambridge.org.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays, 9:30-11:30am in the church social hall. Childcare provided. The group does not meet the first Thursday of each month. 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 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.

SERVING ON SUNDAYS

Members and regular attenders have the opportunity to serve in a variety of ways on Sunday mornings. To learn more about ways to serve our congregation, please visit ctkcambridge.org/serve-church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE—An All-Church Gathering and Congregational Meeting will take place at CTK-Cambridge on Saturday, November 4 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., followed by lunch. More details to come!

Following the service on Sunday, Oct. 22, the youth are holding a **bake sale to benefit the Costanzos' safe house initiative in South Africa**. To sign up to bring baked goods, please contact Lydia Carter, lhmcarter@gmail.com.

The church office is moving down the street! Come lend a hand on Saturday, October 28, at 1:00 p.m. as we relocate to 106 Prospect St. We'll meet at the current office (130 Prospect St., Suite 201). Please email office@ctkcambridge.org to let us know you're coming!

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.

CTK's music ministry is looking for **singers and/or instrumentalists** who are interested in participating in ensemble pieces for the annual Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 9. Please contact amanda@ctkcambridge.org for more information.

Are you willing to pray intentionally for specific needs within our congregation? Contact office@ctkcambridge.org to receive regular updates with prayer requests via email.

Boston Center for Pregnancy Choices invites you to attend the **2017 Gala Fundraiser** with guest speakers Bob and Pam Tebow, parents of Tim Tebow. Come and hear stories of lives that have been changed through this organization. The gala will be held on Friday, November 3rd from 7:00-9:30pm at The Westin Hotel in Waltham. To purchase tickets go to <https://bcpc.ticketspice.com/a-night-to-inspire>, or talk to CTK member and BCPC volunteer, Hannah Ebben.

CTK is excited to open auditions for a **staged reading of the Dorothy Sayers play *Kings in Judaea***. Directed by Ruthie Buescher from CTK-Somerville, the play will offer a chance to explore the incarnation and celebrate the Advent season through theater. Auditions will be on October 16, from 7-9pm. Rehearsals will be on Mondays from 7-9pm, October 23-November 27, and Friday, December 1, with an evening performance on December 3. All events will take place at CTK-Cambridge. For more information and to sign up, please contact ruthie.buescher@gmail.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.churchcenteronline.com/giving>. Questions? Email giving@ctkboston.org.

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