

CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018 10:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

“Sarabande” from Suite Op. 5, No. 1
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Music is therapy. Music moves people. It connects people in ways that no other medium can. It pulls heart strings. It acts as medicine. - Macklemore

Music is the art of the prophets and the gift of God. - Martin Luther

The books or the music in which we thought the beauty was located will betray us if we trust to them; it was not in them, it only came through them, and what came through them was longing [...] For they are not the thing itself; they are only the scent of a flower we have not found, the echo of a tune we have not heard, news from a country we have never yet visited.
- C.S. Lewis

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*

Preparation

We focus our hearts and minds in preparation to enter into the life-giving presence of God.

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.

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

Words: James Montgomery;
Music: Charles Lockhart

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. The first system contains five verses of lyrics. The second system contains three lines of lyrics. The third system contains three lines of lyrics. The score includes a treble clef and a bass clef, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). Chord symbols are provided above the treble clef staff: E^b, A^b, B^b, E^b, A^b, E^b, B^b_{sus}, E^b, E^b, F^m, E^b, A^b, E^b, B^b_{sus}, B^b, and E^b.

1. Stand up, and bless the Lord, ye
 2. Though high a - bove all praise, a -
 3. O for the liv - ing flame from
 4. God is our strength and song, and
 5. Stand up, and bless the Lord, the

peo - ple of his choice; Stand up, and bless the
 bove all bles - sing high, who would not fear his
 his own al - tar brought, to touch our lips, our
 his sal - va - tion ours; then be his love in
 Lord your God a - dore; Stand up, and bless his

Lord, your God with heart and soul and voice.
 ho - ly name, and praise and mag - ni - fy?
 minds in - spire, and wing to heav'n our thought!
 Christ pro - claimed with all our ran - somed pow'rs.
 glo - rious name hence - forth for - ev - er - more.

Call to Worship

God calls his people to assemble for worship; accordingly the church calls itself together.

Call to Worship

Greg Parker

Leader: Seek the Lord while he may be found;

Congregation: Call upon him while he is near;

Leader: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

Congregation: Let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,

All: And to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. — *Isaiah 55:6, 7*

Invocation

Be Still, My Soul

Words: Katherine von Schlegel;
Music: Jean Sibelius

(Capo III) F(D) C(A) F(D) C7(A7) C(A) B^b(G) C(A) F(D) F(D) C(A) F(D)

1. Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; bear pa-tient -
 2. Be still, my soul; your God will un - der take to guide the
 3. Be still, my soul; the hour is has - t'ning on when we shall

6 C7(A7) C(A) B^b(G) F(D) F(D) Dm(Bm)

ly the cross of grief or pain; leave to your God to
 fu - ture as he has the past. Your hope, your con - fi -
 be for - ev - er with the Lord, when dis - ap - point - ment,

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

or - der and pro-vide; in ev - 'ry change he faith ful will re-
 dence let noth - ing shake; all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at
 grief, and fear are gone, sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re-

16 A(F#) F(D) C(A) Dm(Bm) F(D) C(A) Gm(Em)

main. Be still, my soul; your best your heav'n - ly Friend
 last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
 stored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,

21 F(D) Gm(Em) F(D) B^b(G) C7(A7) F(D)

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

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: 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*

Prayer of Confession

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your 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: 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.

Great God of Wonders

Words: Samuel Davies;

Music: CTK Music Team

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, with the first column starting at measure 1, the second at measure 3, and the third at measure 6. The score includes various chords such as F, Gm, C, Dm, Am, Bb, and A.

1. Great God of won - ders! All thy ways are
2. In won - der lost, with trem - ling joy we
3. O may this strange, this match - less grace, this

match less, god - like and di - vine; But the fair glo - ries
take the par - don of our God; Par - don for crimes of
god - like mir - a - cle of love, Fill the whole earth with

of thy - grace more god - like and un - ri - valed shine.
deep - est dye, a par - don bought with Je - sus' blood.
grate - ful praise, and all the an - gel - ic choirs a - bove.

Who is a pard - ning God like thee? Or who has grace so
rich and free? Who has grace so rich and free?

Offertory

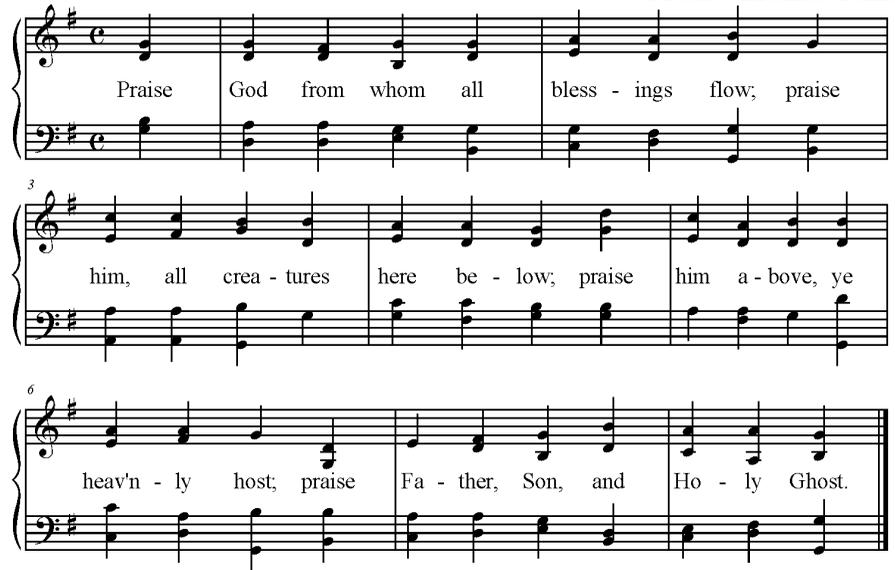
Laura Bullock

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: 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.

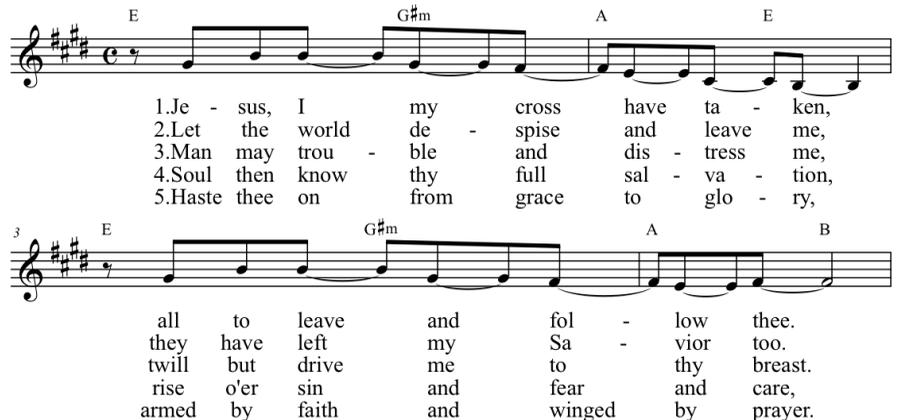
Passing of the Peace

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.

Dismissal of Children and Passing of the Peace

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Words: Henry Lyte;
Music: W.A. Mozart, alt. by Bill Moore



1. Je - sus, I my cross have ta - ken,
2. Let the world de - spise and leave me,
3. Man may trou - ble and dis - tress me,
4. Soul then know thy full sal - va - tion,
5. Hasten thee on from grace to glo - ry,
all to leave and fol - low thee.
they have left my Sa - vior too.
twill but drive me to thy breast.
rise o'er sin and fear and care.
armed by faith and winged by prayer.



Des - ti - tute, de - spised, for - sa - ken,
 Hu - man hearts and looks de - ceive me;
 Life with tri - als hard may press me,
 joy to find in ev - 'ry sta - tion,
 Heav'n's e - ter - nal day's be - fore thee,



thou from hence my all shalt be.
 thou art not, like them, un - true.
 heav'n will bring me sweet - er rest.
 some - thing still to do or bear.
 God's own hand shall guide us there.



Per - ish ev - 'ry fond am - bi - tion,
 Oh while thou shalt smile up - on me,
 Oh 'tis not in grief to harm me
 Think what Spi - rit dwells with - in thee,
 Soon shall close thy earth - ly mis - sion,



all I've sought or hoped or known.
 God of wis - dom, love, and might,
 while thy love is left to me,
 think what Fa - ther's smiles are thine,
 soon shall pass thy pil - - grim days,



Yet how rich is my con - di - tion,
 foes may hate and friends dis - own me,
 Oh 'twere not in joy to charm me,
 think that Je - sus died to win thee,
 hope shall change to glad fru - i - tion,



God and heav'n are still my own.
 show thy face, and all is bright.
 were that joy un - mixed with thee.
 Child of heav'n, canst thou re - pine.
 faith to sight and prayer to praise.

Scripture Reading

Mark 10:17-31, page 846 in pew Bible

Reader: The grass withers and the flower fades.

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

Grace West

Scripture Reading

So faith comes from hear-
 ing, 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.

Sermon

Rev. Rick Downs

Lord's Supper

Invitation

Minister: What do you believe?

All: In this supper God declares to us that our sins have been completely forgiven through the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ, which he himself finished on the cross once for all.

Minister: He also declares to us that the Holy Spirit grafts us into Christ, who with his very body is now in heaven at the right hand of the Father, where he wants us to worship him.

– from *Heidelberg Catechism, Q&As 75, 80*

All: Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. – Colossians 1:15-20

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

*Bridget Jackson, Cole Pearson, Grace West, Hannah Pearson
Marty West, Nate Jackson, Ricarda Downs, Tyler Holley*

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Words: Trevor Francis;
Music: Thomas Williams

1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, vast, un - mea - sured,
2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, spread his praise from
3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, love of ev - 'ry

bound less, free; rol - ling as a might - y o - cean
shore to shore; how he lov - eth, e - ver lov - eth,
love the best; 'tis an o - cean vast of bles - sing,

in its full - ness o - ver me. Un - der - neath me,
chang - eth ne - ver, ne - ver - more; how he watch - es
'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest; O the deep, deep

all a - round me, is the cur - rent of thy love;
o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
love of Je - sus, 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;

lead ing on - ward, lead - ing homeward, to thy glo - rious rest a - bove.
how for them he in - ter - ce - deth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.
and it lifts me up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to thee.

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

The Whole Christ - Law, Gospel, and the Marrow Controversy: What does an 18th-century debate in Scotland have to do with us? In the Whole Christ, Sinclair Ferguson revisits the Marrow Controversy to illuminate the relationship of law and gospel. Running from January 7 through January 28, this class will follow Ferguson as he explores how Christ not only sets us free from the law, but enables us truly to delight in the law. 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.

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 (www.ctkcambridge.org/sermons/) each Thursday before the service, allowing for download for use during the service on a smartphone or tablet.

CTK is a member of Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). Scripture texts are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version™, ©2001 Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers, Wheaton, IL 60187, CCLI #912939.

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

Discovering CTK is a class for those interested in membership or in learning more about our church and denomination (PCA). The next class will be offered Saturday, January 27, from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Please email office@ctkcambridge.org to RSVP.

Registration for the **CTK Winter Getaway** on February 2-4 is now open! Join us for a weekend in the snowy woods of Alton, NH at Brookwoods Conference Center. Our speaker this year is Austin Pfeiffer, a CTK alum and associate pastor of Salem Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem, NC. Come for a time of encouragement, learning and winter fun! **Registration deadline is Monday, January 22.** Visit ctkcambridge.org/getaway to register and email office@ctkcambridge.org with any questions.

The **CTK Snow Team** is an elite crew of volunteers who receive emails about opportunities to serve our city by shoveling or snowblowing the sidewalks in front of the church (while also drinking hot chocolate). No prior experience required, just a willingness to receive emails and help out as your schedule permits. If this sounds exciting to you, and you think you should be receiving these emails, please contact deacons@ctkcambridge.org. We would love to have you join us.

Kathrine Beim-Esche is director of a ministry that is engages former Christian Scientists with the gospel, the **Fellowship of Former Christian Scientists**. She will be in town this month and has offered us the opportunity to sit in on a Christian Science service with her. Kathrine is a graduate of Covenant Seminary and is herself a former Christian Scientist. For more information and to sign up, visit <https://goo.gl/forms/d5Fcqzyc76Zakef2>

Follow along with a **daily Bible reading plan** designed to complement the sermon series in March. Learn more at www.ctkcambridge.org/daily-bible-readings

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

2017 Giving Statements will be sent out soon. Please make sure the church office has your correct email and/or mailing address. You can provide your updated information to office@ctkcambridge.org.

CTK's Annual Report for 2017 is now available. Read the encouraging news about what God is doing in our city at www.ctkboston.org/2017-report.

Do you have an **apartment or even an extra room to sublet or offer to CTK interns** during the months of June and July? We are still working on details but would love to talk to anyone who has extra space about the possibility. Please contact omar@ctkboston.org if you might be able to help, or know someone who could.

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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