

CHRIST THE KING

So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. — 1 John 4:16a

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Prelude

Amanda Holley

In ongoing research, the psychologist Timothy Wilson has learned, as he put it to me, that college students start going “crazy” after just a few minutes in a room without their phones or a computer. “One would think we could spend the time mentally entertaining ourselves,” he said. “But we can’t. We’ve forgotten how.” — Maria Konnikova, The New Yorker

I have often said that the sole cause of man’s unhappiness is that he does not know how to stay quietly in his room. — Blaise Pascal

God made us: invented us as a man invents an engine. A car is made to run on petrol, and it would not run properly on anything else. Now God designed the human machine to run on Himself. He Himself is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn, or the food our spirits were designed to feed on. There is no other. That is why it is just no good asking God to make us happy in our own way without bothering about religion. God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing.

— C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

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.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Words: William Williams;
Music: John Hughes

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun tain, whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

4
 bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

7
 hold me with thy pow'r - ful hand; Bread of heav - en,
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong De - liv - 'rer,
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

10
 Bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no
 strong De - liv - 'rer, be thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to

12
 more, feed me till I want no more.
 shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
 thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

Call to Worship

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

Call to Worship

Rev. Rick Downs

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. — *Psalms 63:1-5*

Invocation

Just As I Am

Words: Charlotte Elliot;
Music: William Bradbury

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are arranged in five verses. The first system covers measures 1-2, the second system covers measures 3-5, and the third system covers measures 6-9. Chord symbols (D, A, G/D) are placed above the vocal line to indicate the harmonic structure. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

1. Just as I am, with - out one plea but
2. Just as I am, and wait - ing not to
3. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with
4. Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight,
5. Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt

3 that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou biddst me
rid my soul of one dark blot, to thee, whose blood can
man - y a con - flict man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with
rich - es, heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in
wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise

6 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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: Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of our youth or our transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember us, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord! Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon our guilt, for it is great. Turn to us and be gracious to us, for we are lonely and afflicted. The troubles of our hearts are enlarged; bring us out of our distresses. Consider our affliction and our trouble, and forgive all our sins. Amen.

— *Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18*

Declaration of Absolution

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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.

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.

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.

Offertory

Kathryn Denman

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: St. Francis of Assisi;
Music: Jonathan Gilley

1. All ye who are of ten-der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers
2. Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him with

4 take your part. hum - ble - ness! Sing his prais - es, O his praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

7 Ye who long pain and sor - row bear, praise God and on him
Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spir - it,

10 cast your care! O praise him! O praise him! Al - le -
Three in One, O praise him! O praise him! Al - le -

13 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Pastoral Prayer

We cry out together for grace and mercy in a time of need.

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.

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.

Dismissal of Children and Passing of the Peace

My Worth Is Not in What I Own

Words and Music: Graham Kendrick
and Keith and Kristyn Getty

D A/D D G/D

1. My worth is not in what I own; not
 2. My worth is not in skill or name; in
 3. As sum - mer flow'rs we fade and die; fame,
 4. I will not boast in wealth or might, or
 5. Two won - ders here that I con - fess: my

3 D G D G/D D A /A#

in the strength of flesh and bone. But in the cost - ly wounds of
 win or lose, in pride or shame. But in the blood of Christ that
 youth and beau - ty hur - ry by. But life e - ter - nal calls to
 hu - man wis - dom's fleet - ing light. But I will boast in know - ing
 worth and my un - worth - i - ness. My va - lue fixed - my ran - som

6 Bm G D 1,3. D 2,4.

love at the cross. 2. My
 flowed at the cross.
 us at the cross. 4. I
 Christ at the cross.
 paid at the cross.

11 G A Bm G D/F# A

I re joice in my Re - deem - er - Great est trea - sure, Well spring of my soul.

15 G A Bm D/F# G A D

I will trust in him, no oth - er; my soul is sa - tis - fied in him a - lone.

Scripture Reading

Mark 12:38-44 page 849 in pew Bible

Reader: The grass withers and the flower fades.

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

Catherine Cook

Sermon

Rev. Jeremy Mullen

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

All: There is but one God only, the living and true God, who is a Spirit infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth. There are three persons in the God-head; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory. God, having out of his mere good pleasure from all eternity elected some to everlasting life, entered into a covenant of grace to deliver us out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring us into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ.

– from *Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A 4, 5, 6, 20, 21*

Words of Institution

Minister: This banquet is a spiritual table at which Christ communicates himself to us with all his benefits.

All: By the use of this holy sacrament we are moved to a fervent love of God and our neighbors. – from *Belgic Confession, Article 35*

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

Who Is Like the Lord Our God

Words: Wendell Kimbrough;
Music: B. Benedict and W. Kimbrough

Musical score for the hymn "Who Is Like the Lord Our God". The score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are:

1. Our Fa - ther, he lifts from the ash-es, he
2. Though e - qual to God in his glo-ry, Christ
3. O Saints, fix your eyes on the Sa - vior and

rais - es the poor and the lost; he seats them to dine at his
Je - sus be - came like a slave; he hum - bled him self in o -
count all your right-eous - ness lost. Be found in his love and his

ta - ble, to feast with - out mon - ey or cost. The
be - dience to death, and the cross, and the grave. Vic -
fa - vor, and share in his death on the cross. That

lonely he set - tles in fam ilies, the bar ren a moth er he
tor - ious, he rose to the high est; in glo ry, the Sa - vior was
all of his pow - er in vic - t'ry, im - part ed to you, may a -

makes; O hap - py the heart of the strang er who's
raised; His name a - bove all names ex - alt - ed; the
bound; and shar - ing the suf - frings of Je - sus, you

wel - comed by this King of Grace. Who is like the Lord our God?
heav - ens and earth sing his praise.
share in his glo - ry and crown.

Who with glo - ry fills the sky? But hum - bles him - self with the

bro - ken to dwell, Who is like our God?

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.

Being Human: Nathan Barczy is teaching a class developing a biblical and theological understanding of what it means to be human, with application to many of the ethical questions covered in our summer "hot topics" series. We will explore how complex issues of identity, desire, and vocation are drawn together and addressed in the Christian doctrines of the trinity, creation, incarnation, resurrection, the church, and the image of God. The class will run February 11 thru April 15. Come with your questions!

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. Come for as long as you can. 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

There will be a **Women Together** event on February 28th at 7:30pm. Join women from the congregation for tea, cookies, and a time of learning about God's work in our lives. We'll be meeting at Rachel Thrasher's house and Leslie Soria will share her testimony of how God has been at work in her family's life through the process of adoption. To RSVP or get directions, please email hannah@ctkcambridge.org.

Youth Overnight: Come away for the night! Saturday, March 10- Sunday, March 11 at the Cedar Hill Retreat Center in Duxbury, MA. Hang out with other youth from CTK for a time of fun and fellowship that includes preparing some of our own meals. Saturday night we'll be joined by youth from our sister church Grace South Shore and hear from Jeff Myers who serves as Youth Director & Pastoral Intern there. On Sunday morning, the group will attend worship at Grace and grab some lunch before heading home. Friends from outside church are welcome to join us. Cost: \$25. Sign-up deadline: Monday, February 26. Contact Dana Russell at dana@ctkcambridge.org for more information.

Women Together is hosting a **Paint Night** on Saturday, March 17th at 7pm at the Muse Paint Bar in Assembly Square. Need a night to relax, unwind, and fellowship with other women? Join the women of CTK Cambridge for a night of painting and fun! Cost \$25. To register, email meredithkwyse@gmail.com. Registration deadline: March 7th!

We want to promote a **healthy church community this winter** and ask that you be sensitive of others when feeling unwell. Parents are asked to adhere to our sick policy (ctkcambridge.org/s/SickPolicy.pdf) when determining whether it is appropriate for a child to attend nursery or children's classes. Volunteers and teachers are asked to follow these guidelines as well.

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

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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