

# CHRIST THE KING

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018 10:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP

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## Prelude

*For as long as there have been churches, there have been churches that want to do less than that for which the church is intended. Rather than offer people a glorious vision of who God is and who men and women are before him, they have sought to offer the spirit of the age in a religious idiom.*  
- Carl Trueman

*If God's holiness is distant - that is, not a present reality - the church loses its moral life.*  
- Dr. David Wells, *God In The Wasteland*

*In worship we don't just come to show God our devotion and give him our praise; we are called to worship because in this encounter God (re)makes and molds us top-down. Worship is the arena in which God recalibrates our hearts, reforms our desires, and habituates our loves. Worship isn't just something we do; it is where God does something to us. Worship is the heart of discipleship because it is the gymnasium in which God retrains our hearts.*  
- James KA Smith, *You Are What You Love*

## 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.

## All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Words: Edward Perron, John Rippon;  
Music: Oliver Holden

(Capo III) F(D) C(A) F(D) C(A) F(D) C(A) Dm(Bm) F(D) C7(A7)

1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate  
 2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - somed from the  
 3. Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe on this ter - res - trial  
 4. O that with you - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may

F(D) C(A) F(D) C(A) Dm(Bm) C(A) F(D) C(A)

fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a dem, and  
 fall; hail him who saves you by his grace, and  
 fall. We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and

F(D) C(A) Dm(Bm) G(E) C(A) F(D)

crown him Lord of all; bring forth the roy - al  
 crown him Lord of all. Hail him who saves you  
 crown him Lord of all, to him all ma - jes -  
 crown him Lord of all. We'll join the ev - er -

C7(A7) Dm(Bm) F(D) B<sup>b</sup>(G) F(D) C(A) F(D)

di a dem, and crown him Lord of all.  
 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.  
 ty as - crite, and crown him Lord of all.  
 last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all.

### Call to Worship

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

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Greg Parker

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Congregation: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he,

Leader: Humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Congregation: Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me.

All: And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. — *Zechariah 9:9, Malachi 3:1*

### Invocation

### O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Words: Bernard of Clairvaux;  
Music: Hans Leo Hassler, arr. by J.S. Bach

1. O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed  
2. What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ner's  
3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est

down; now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly  
gain; mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly  
Friend, for this, thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out

crown; O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was  
pain. Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy  
end? O make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint - ing

thine! Yet though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.  
place; look on me with thy fa - vor, vouch - safe to me thy grace.  
be, Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

### **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: "Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. — *Joel 2:12-13*

### **Prayer of Confession**

All: Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

### **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 Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. Just as a father has pity on his children, so the Lord has pity on those who fear him. 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. 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.**

# How Deep the Father's Love For Us Words and Music: Stuart Townend

(Capo III) F(D) Gm(Em) F(D) B<sup>b</sup>(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<sup>b</sup>(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 mocking 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<sup>b</sup>(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<sup>b</sup>(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.

## Offertory

*Lamb of God*  
 Kathryn Denman, Cara Pardo, Amanda Holley

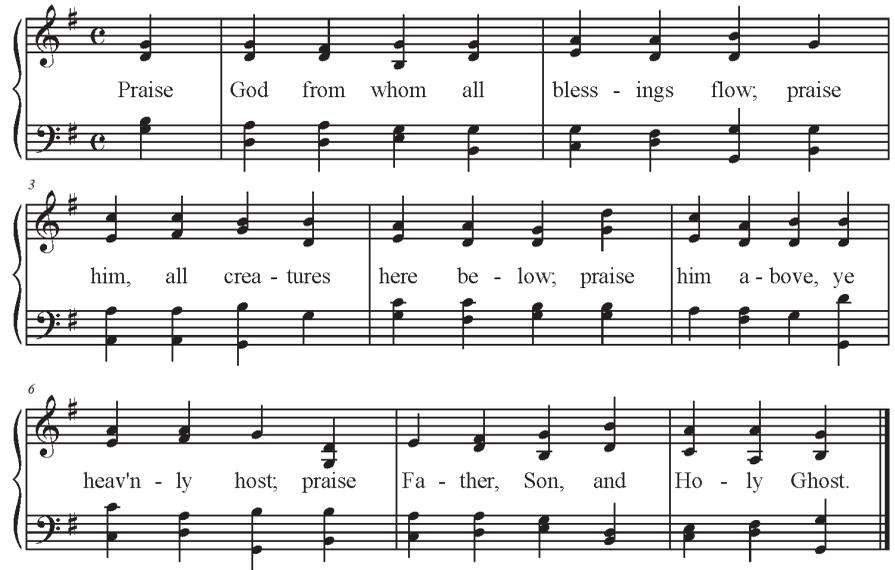
J. Allredge

## 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.

## Baptism

*Jude Ré Grams*

### Pastoral Prayer

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

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**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

# O Come and Mourn With Me Awhile

Words: Frederick W. Faber;  
Music: John B. Dykes

1. O come and mourn with me a- while; O come ye  
2. Sev'n times he spake, sev'n words of love; and all three  
3. O break, O break, hard heart of mine! Thy weak self-  
4. A bro - ken heart, a fount of tears, and they  
5. O love of God! O sin of man! In this dread

6  
to the Sav - ior's side; O come, to - geth - er let us  
hours his si - lence cried for mer - cy on the souls of  
love and guilt - y pride his Pi - late and his Ju - das  
will not be de - nied; a bro - ken heart love's cra - dle  
act your strength is tried, and vic - to ry re - mains with

12  
mourn: Je - sus, our Lord, is cru - ci - fied.  
men:  
were:  
is:  
love:

## Scripture Reading

Mark 15:1-20, page 852 in pew Bible

Reader: The grass withers and the flower fades.

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

Albert Cheng

## Scripture Reading

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Romans 10.17

## Sermon

Rev. Nathan Dicks

## 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: I believe in one God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God; begotten of his Father before all worlds;  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made;  
Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was  
incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;  
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was  
buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures;  
And ascended into Heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father;  
And he shall come again with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead;  
Whose Kingdom shall have no end;  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and  
the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets;  
And I believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
And I look for the resurrection of the Dead;  
And the life of the world to come. Amen. — *The Nicene Creed*

### *Words of Institution*

Minister: God meets us in the sacraments, holy acts in which his deeds elicit our response. In the supper our Lord offers the bread and the cup to believers to guarantee our share in his death and resurrection, and to unite us to him and to each other.

**All: We take this food gladly, announcing as we eat that Jesus is our life and that he shall come again to call us to the Supper of the Lamb.**

### *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.*

*Allison de Jesus, Andy Stuntz, Celena Huo, Chris Martin,  
Cole Pearson, Emily Stuntz, Hannah Pearson, Laura Martin*

## Deacons' Fund Offering

### The Power of the Cross

Words and Music: Keith Getty  
and Stuart Townend

1. Oh to see the dawn of the dark - est day.  
2. Oh to see the pain writ - ten on your face,  
3. Now the day - light flees, now the ground be - neath  
4. Oh to see my name writ - ten in the wounds,

3 Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,  
bear - ing the awe - some weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought,  
quakes as its Mak - er bows his head. Cur - tain torn in two,  
for through your suf - fring I am free. Death is crushed to death,

6 torn and beat - en then nailed to a cross of wood. This the  
ev - 'ry e - vil deed crown - ing your blood - stained brow.  
dead are raised to life. "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.  
life is mine to live won through your self - less love! This the

9 pow'r of the cross. Christ be - came sin for us. Took the  
pow'r of the cross. Son of God slain for us. What a  
13 blame, bore the wrath, we stand for - giv - en at the cross.  
name, what a cost, we stand for - giv - en at the cross.

Chords: F/A, G/B, C, C, G7/D, C/E, F, C/E, Dm7, Fmaj7, Gsus-G, F/A, G/B, C, C, G7/D, C/E, F, C/E, Fmaj7, Gsus, G, C/E, F, G/B, C, C/E, F, D/F#, G, G/F, C/E, F, Gsus, G, C.

### 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. 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! Recordings of past classes are available at [ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation](http://ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation).

### 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](http://ctkcambridge.org/kids) 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/reader](http://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](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 MINISTRY

To connect with women in the church and learn about women's events throughout the year, contact [hannah@ctkcambridge.org](mailto: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](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 in the social hall. Come for as long as you can. 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).

## 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).

## 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](http://ctkcambridge.org/serve-church).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Want to meet people over a meal? Join CTK members for **Fourth Sunday Eat and Meet** this Sunday, March 25th, following the service. Please meet in the social hall at the Fourth Sunday Eat and Meet sign, and the group will head to a local restaurant. All are welcome!

Please join us for the following **Holy Week services**:

- **Maundy Thursday**, March 29, 7:30pm (childcare up to age 3)
- **Good Friday**, March 30, 7:30pm (childcare up to age 3);
- **Easter Sunrise**, April 1, 6:30am (Hot Breakfast immediately following);
- **Easter Morning**, April 1, 10:00am (no Sunday School or Adult Education Classes; there will be Nursery and Children's Worship)

Volunteers are needed for the **Easter Sunrise Breakfast** on Sunday, April 1st, or with preparing the meal on Saturday, March 31st. All food will be purchased by the church. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Laura Bullock at [laura@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:laura@ctkcambridge.org).

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](http://www.ctkcambridge.org/daily-bible-readings).

The women of CTK Boston are invited to a **talk by Bethany Jenkins** on "Hospitality and Hope in a Relationally-Fragmented World" on Saturday, April 7 from 10-11:30am in the church social hall. Bethany works for the Veritas Forum, splitting her time between New York City and Cambridge, and is a regular writer for The Gospel Coalition. Registration by April 1 is required for this event. To register, visit [ctkcambridge.org/WomenTogether](http://ctkcambridge.org/WomenTogether).

On April 26 at 7pm, join us at CTK Cambridge for an **evening with Simon Oliver**, Professor of Theology and Canon Theologian at Durham, UK, as he discusses questions raised in his new book, *Creation: A Guide for the Perplexed*. Dr. Oliver argues that shifts in the understanding of God, creation, and science that took place in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries have rendered the notion of "creation" unintelligible, and have given rise to scientism - the view that the natural sciences are the only means of accessing truth. Dr. Oliver will explore how a recovery of the doctrine of creation bears relevance for many of today's cultural concerns. RSVP at [tinyurl.com/ctk-creation](http://tinyurl.com/ctk-creation). Please email Nathan Barczi ([nathan@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:nathan@ctkcambridge.org)) with any questions.

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