

CHRIST THE KING

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2018 10:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

God is the sole object of all our love, precisely because he is the infinite and incomprehensible One.
— Herman Bavinck

Our prayer must not be self-centered. It must arise not only because we feel our own need as a burden we must lay upon God, but also because we are so bound up in love for our fellow men that we feel their need as acutely as our own. To make intercession for men is the most powerful and practical way in which we can express our love for them. — John Calvin

As a queen entering a town is attended by all kinds of riches, so prayer, entering a soul, brings every virtue in its train. — John Chrysostom

To clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world.
— Karl Barth

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.

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Words: John Newton;
Music: *Darmstadt Gesangbuch*

1. Let us love and sing and won - der, let us praise the
 2. Let us love the Lord who bought us, pit - ied us when
 3. Let us sing, though fierce temp - ta - tions threat - en hard to
 4. Let us won - der; grace and jus - tice join and point to
 5. Let us praise, and join the cho - rus of the saints en -

Sav - ior's name! He has hushed the law's loud thun - der,
 en - e - mies, called us by his grace, and taught us,
 bear us down! For the Lord, our strong sal - va - tion,
 mer - cy's store; when through grace in Christ our trust is,
 throned on high; here they trust - ed him be - fore us,

he has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame; he has washed us
 gave us ears and gave us eyes; he has washed us
 holds in view the con - qu'ror's crown; he who washed us
 jus - tice smiles and asks no more; he who washed us
 now their prais - es fill the sky; you have washed us

with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.
 with his blood, he pre - sents our souls to God.
 with his blood, soon will bring us home to God.
 with his blood, has se - cured our way to God.
 with your blood; you are wor - thy, Lamb of God.

Call to Worship

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

Call to Worship

Rev. Nathan Dicks

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

God, Be Merciful to Me

Words: Richard Redhead;
Music: Christopher Miner

(Capo II)



1. God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on thy grace I
2. My trans - gres - sions I con - fess, grief and guilt my
3. I am e - vil, bom in sin; thou de - sir - est
4. Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust by thy wrath and
5. Gra - cious God, my heart re - new, make my spir - it
6. Sin - ners then shall learn from me, and re - turn O



rest my plea; plen - teous in com - pas - sion thou,
soul op - press; I have sinned a - gainst thy grace
truth with - in. Thou a - lone my Sa - vior art,
judg - ment just. let my con - trite heart re - joice
right and true. Cast me not a - way from thee,
God to thee. Sa - vior, all my guilt re - move,



blot out my trans - gres - sions now; wash me, make me
and provoked thee to thy face; I con - fess thy
teach thy wis - dom to my heart; Make me pure, thy
and in glad - ness hear thy voice; from my sins O
let thy Spir - it dwell in me; thy sal - va - tion's
and my tongue shall sing thy love. Touch my si - lent



pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
judg - ment just, speech less, I thy mer - cy trust.
grace be - stow, wash me whi - ter than the snow.
hide thy face, blot them out in bound - less grace.
joy im - part, stead - fast make my wil - ling heart.
lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise ac - cord.

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: Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment. — *Psalm 51:1-4*

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 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: 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.

Let All Things Now Living

Words: Katherine K. Davis;
Music: Traditional Welsh Melody

1. Let all things now living a song of thanks - giv - ing to God the Cre -
2. His law he en - forces; the stars in their courses, the sun in its

a - tor tri - umphant - ly raise, who fashioned and made us, pro -
or - bit, o - be - dient - ly shine; the hills and the moun - tains, the

tract - ed and stayed us, who guides us and leads to the end of our
riv - ers and foun tains, the deeps of the o - cean pro - claim him di -

days. His ban - ners are o'er us, his light goes be - fore us, a
vine. We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing, with

pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night, 'til shadows have van ished and
glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise, 'til all things now liv - ing u -

dark - ness is banished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
nite in thanks - giv - ing to God in the highest, ho - san - na and praise!

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.

Offertory

Doxology

Words: Thomas Ken;
Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him, all creatures here be
low; al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise him above, ye heav'nly
host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-
lu-ia, al-le-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.

Pastoral Prayer

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

We remind each other of the peace given us in the gospel – peace first between us and God, leading to reconciled relationships with each other.

Passing of the Peace

The Risen Christ

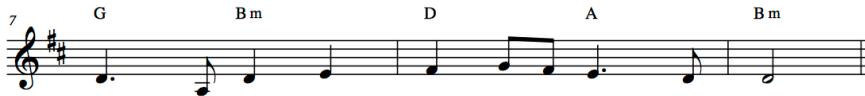
Words and Music: Keith Getty
and Phil Madeira



1.O, Breath of God, come fill this place, re - vive our
2.O, Word of God, so clear and true, re - new our
3.O, love of God, so un - re - strained, re - fresh our
4.May God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the



hearts to know your grace; and from our slum - ber make us
minds to trust in you; and give to us the Bread of
souls, in Je - sus' name; let us re - flect your sac - ri -
Spi - rit, make us one; in ho - li - ness let us u -



rise; that we may know the ris - en Christ.
Life; that we may know the ris - en Christ.
fice; that we may know the ris - en Christ.
nite; that we may know the ris - en Christ.

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5:1-6 page 978 in pew Bible

Reader: The grass withers and the flower fades.

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

Albert Cheng

Sermon

Rev. Rick Downs

Lord's Supper

Invitation

All: We believe in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. – from *Philippians 2:5-11*

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.

Words of Institution

Minister: Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Supper that we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope. We come in remembrance that our Lord Jesus Christ was sent of the Father into the world to assume our flesh and blood and to fulfill for us all obedience to the divine law, even to the bitter and shameful death of the cross.

All: By his death, resurrection, and ascension he established a new and everlasting covenant of grace and reconciliation, that we might be accepted of God and never be forsaken by him.

Minister: We come to have communion with this same Christ, who has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the world.

All: In the breaking of the bread he makes himself known to us as the true heavenly bread that strengthens us unto life eternal. In the cup of blessing he comes to us as the vine, in whom we must abide if we are to bear fruit.

Minister: We come in hope, believing that this bread and this cup are a pledge and foretaste of the feast of love of which we shall partake when his kingdom has fully come, when with unveiled face we shall behold him, made like unto him in his glory.

All: Since by his death, resurrection, and ascension, Christ has obtained for us the life-giving Spirit, who unites us all in one body, so we are to receive this supper in true love, mindful of the communion of saints.

*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.*

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

Deacons' Fund Offering

*Brent Boswell, Hannah Nation, Laura Bullock, Nathan Dicks,
Nydia Boswell, Rachel Thrasher, Trey Nation*

My Heart Is Filled

Words and Music: Keith Getty
and Stuart Townend

1. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to
2. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to
3. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to

3 C/E A m7 F C
him who bore my pain; who plumbed the depths of
him who walks be - side, who floods my weak - ness -
him who reigns a - bove, whose wis - dom is my

6 A m F C/E G C
my dis - grace and gave me life a - gain; who
es with strength and caus - es fear to fly. Whose
per - fect peace, whose thought is love. For

9 A m F A m
crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me in his
ev' - ry pro - mise is e - nough for ev' - ry step I
ev' - ry day I have on earth is gi - ven by the

12 Gsus-G C A m F
light and wrote his law of right - eous - ness with
take, sus - tain - ing me with arms of love and
King, so I will give my life, my all, to

15 C/E G C
pow'r u - pon my heart.
crown - - - ing me with grace.
love and fol - - - low him.

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! We're glad you're here. Please fill out a digital visitor card at ctkcambridge.org/ visit 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 classes are taught in the social hall. Childcare and classes for children through Grade 5 are held downstairs. Youth in grades 6+ are invited to join Adult Ed classes this summer until their class resumes September 9.

Hot Topics in the Church: This summer CTK will be taking a close look at complex social, political, and ethical issues, seeking to apply the wisdom of Scripture to the uncertainties of our lives. The class will be taught by our pastoral staff and members of the church. The topics for the next few weeks are listed below. All are invited; if you have any questions, please email nathan@ctkcambridge.org.

7/1: Education: a Case Study
in Public Engagement

7/15: Homosexuality and the Bible

7/22: Approaching Transgender Questions

7/8: The Christian Vision for Sexuality

7/29: Gender and Church Office

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

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 at one of the check-in stations in the infant room or basement and be sure to bring your security tag with you when picking up your child.

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. ***Note, classes do not meet over the summer** but resume September 9 with the *I Believe: the Apostles' Creed* curriculum.

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.

BULLETINS

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

ONLINE GIVING

For **general offerings**, visit bit.ly/CTKCambridgeOffering and bit.ly/CTKCambridgeDeacons for Deacons' Fund giving. Questions? Email giving@ctkboston.org.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

CTK READER

Visit ctkcambridge.org/reader to sign up for our weekly CTK Reader (e-newsletter) with notes from our pastors, church announcements, and community classifieds.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community groups are central to our life together at CTK, and 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. To find a group near you, visit ctkcambridge.org or email office@ctkcambridge.org.

PRAYER MEETING

Morning Prayer meets Tuesdays, 6:30am-8:30am in the social hall. Come for as long as you can. Coffee and snacks are provided. Please contact office@ctkcambridge.org with questions.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Fellowship groups meet throughout the city to provide opportunities for discipling and growing in faith. For a listing of groups, or if you would like a group started near you, visit ctkcambridge.org.

For **Men's Fellowship Groups**, contact Nathan Barczy (nathan@ctkcambridge.org).

For **Women's Fellowship Groups**, contact Emily DeBaun Stuntz (emilydebaun@gmail.com).

For **Vocational Fellowship Groups** for people working within similar fields, contact Nathan Barczy (nathan@ctkcambridge.org).

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

To connect with women in the church and learn about women's events throughout the year, contact Laura Martin (laura.a.martin87@gmail.com).

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

This group is on hiatus for the summer, and will resume in the fall on Thursdays, 9:30-11:30am in the church social hall. Childcare provided. Contact Becky Williams (john.n.becky@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.

FOURTH FRIDAYS

A monthly gathering on the fourth Friday to connect with friends or make new ones. Events take place at John Harvard's Brewery (33 Dunster St, Cambridge) from 5:30-7:30pm. Contact Susanne van Veluw (susannevanveluw@gmail.com) or Mary Cote (maryruthcote@gmail.com).

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.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Join us for CTK's annual **4th of July BBQ!** We'll meet at the church at 4:30pm on the 4th and will wrap up in time to head down to the river for fireworks. We'll do the grilling, but ask attendees to RSVP and bring a side dish, which you can do by visiting bit.ly/CTKJuly4th.

Save the Date! The Christ the King congregations will be jointly hosting a **Children's Ministry Conference** on October 12 & 13 (at our building). This "Established" conference (based on Ps. 78:5-7a) is PCA-sponsored and will provide training and support for those involved in Children's Ministry through a variety of workshops, taught by both visiting and CTK speakers. Parents, children's teachers, and ministry leaders are encouraged to attend. You may visit pcacdm.org/Established-Boston for more details, but please contact Dana before registering to get a code for discounted CTK pricing.

Important Information for Members & Parents:
To better protect and care for our children, updated policy and procedures have taken effect:

- CORI checks for all who serve and volunteer with our children.
- A policy of having at least two adults with children in all rooms at all times.
- New Nursery Check-in using matching parent and child security labels.

Do you enjoy **servicing people through hospitality**? We're looking for a volunteer to occasionally fill in preparing refreshments in the social hall for after the service. If this is something you'd be willing to help with from time to time, please contact Laura at office@ctkcambridge.org.

Additional **Children's Sunday School** teachers are still needed throughout the summer (from 8:45-9:45am). Please contact Dana if you are able to help on any of these days: July 1, July 8, July 29, or Aug 5.

Please contact the following staff members by calling our office at (617) 354-8341 or by email:

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