

CHRIST THE KING

*For the kingdom of God is... righteousness and peace
and joy in the Holy Spirit. —Romans 14:17*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021
10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

[Christ] is the action of God, coming towards man to save him and lead him to the Father. In Him, therefore, is revealed the fullness of the mystery of God's love. But He is also the Man who, raised up by God, mounts toward the Father and thus fulfills the vocation of man. He is at once – let us repeat – the movement of God towards man and the movement of man towards God.

— Jean Daniélou, *Christ and Us*

Prayer (Collect) of Preparation:

*Deliver us when we draw near to You,
from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind:
Grant that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections,
we may worship You in Spirit and in Truth. Amen*

Call to Worship

Leader: Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day.

Congregation: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

Leader: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,

Congregation: And he is to be held in awe above all gods.

Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

All: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place. — 1 Chronicles 16:23-27

Invocation

Come, Thou Almighty King

Words: Anonymous ca. 1757;
Music: Felice de Giardini

1. Come, thou al - might - y - King, help us thy
2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy
3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred
4. To the great one in Three e - ter - nal

name to sing, help us to praise. Fa - ther, all
might - y sword, our prayer at - tend. Come, and thy
wit - ness bear in this glad hour. Thou who al -
prais - es be, hence ev - er - more. His sov - ereign

glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
peo - ple bless, and give thy Word suc - cess;
might - y art, now rule in ev - 'ry heart,
maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,"

come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore."

Call to Confession

Leader: You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart,
O God, you will not despise. — *Psalm 51:16,17*

Prayer of Confession

All: Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen. — from the *Book of Common Prayer*

Declaration of Absolution

Leader: Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, but as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. 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.

Father, Long Before Creation

Words: Chinese hymn,
trans. by Francis Jones;
Music: Andrew Osenga



1. Fa - ther, long be - fore cre - a - tion, thou hadst cho - sen
2. Though the world may change its fash - ion, yet our God is
3. God's com - pas - sion is my sto - ry, is my boast ing
4. Lov - ing Fa - ther now be - fore thee we will ev - er



us in love, and that love so deep, so mov - ing
e'er the same; his com - pas - sion and his cov - 'nant
all the day; mer - cy free and nev - er fail - ing
praise thy love, and our songs will sound un - ceas - ing



draws us close to Christ a - bove. Still it keeps us,
through all a - ges will re - main. God's own chil - dren,
moves my will, di - rects my way. God so loved us,
'til we reach our home a - bove, giv - ing glo - ry,



still it keeps us firm - ly fixed in Christ a - lone.
God's own chil - dren must for - ev - er praise his name.
God so loved us that his on - ly Son he gave.
giv - ing glo - ry to our God and to the Lamb.

Offertory

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

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.

A Word for the Kids

Fairest Lord Jesus

Words: *Münster Gesangbuch*;
Music: Silesian Folk Melody

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul er of all na - ture,
2. Fair are the mea - dows, fair are the wood - lands,
3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4. Beau - ti - ful Sa - vior! Lord of the Na - tions!

5
Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring;
and all the twink - ling, star - ry host;
Son of God and Son of Man!

9
Thee will I cher - ish, thee will I hon - or, thou
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er, who
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er than
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, a - dor - a - tion now

13
my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
all the an - gels heav'n can boast.
and for - ev - er - more be thine.

Scripture Reading

John 1:1-18

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Nathan Barczi

Lord's Supper

Invitation

Minister: Who is the Redeemer?

All: The only Redeemer is the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, in whom God became man and bore the penalty for sin himself.
- *New City Catechism Q&A 20*

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ordination and Installation of Church Officers

Rick Olson, Elder

Curtis Wu, Deacon

Janis Dietz, Deacons' Assistant

Martha Olson, Deacons' Assistant

Ellen Wu, Deacons' Assistant

Across the Lands

Words and Music: Keith Getty
and Stuart Townend



1. You're the Word of God the Fa-ther, from be - fore the world be -
2. Yet you left the gaze of an-gels, came to seek and save the
3. With a shout you rose vic - to - rious, wrest - ing vic - t'ry from the



gan; ev - 'ry star and ev - 'ry pla - net has been
lost, and ex - changed the joy of heav - en for the
grave, and as - cend - ed in - to heav - en lead - ing



fash - ioned by your hand. All cre - a - tion holds to -
an - guish of a cross. With a prayer you fed the
cap - tives in your wake. Now you stand be - fore the



geth - er by the pow - er of your voice; let the
hun - gry, with a word you stilled the sea. Yet how
Fa - ther in - ter - ced - ing for your own. From each



skies de - clare your glo - ry, let the land and seas re -
si - lent - ly you suf - fered that the guilt - y may go
tribe and tongue and na - tion you are lead - ing sin - ners



joyce!
free. You're the au - thor of cre - a - tion, you're the Lord of ev - 'ry
home.



man; and your cry of love rings out a - cross the lands.

Benediction

WELCOME

Welcome visitors! We're glad you could join us online. Please fill out a digital visitor card at ctkcambridge.org/visit so we can get to know you better. Find out more about us by contacting office@ctkcambridge.org. For more information on CTK's response to the coronavirus, visit ctkcambridge.org/coronavirus.

SUNDAYS

ADULT EDUCATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Typically, Christ the King offers classes for adults, youth, and children every Sunday morning. During this hiatus from public gathering, we will be offering Adult Education and Sunday school gatherings on Sunday mornings via Zoom:

Our Only Comfort: A Study of The Heidelberg Catechism. Since its publication in 1563, the Heidelberg Catechism has become one of the most widely circulated books in the world, and it's not hard to see why. Alongside its clear presentation of Christian doctrine, it's truly beloved for its pastoral spirit and its emphasis on the tremendous consolation and encouragement to be found in the gospel. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn and be refreshed - come join the discussion on Zoom! We recommend that you purchase Kevin DeYoung's excellent guide to the Catechism, *The Good News We Almost Forgot*.

FOR FAMILIES

Parents, you might try some of these ideas to help your child(ren) understand and better connect with our worship service.

During the service

- Encourage children to participate in each part of the service. During the sermon, children might then complete one of the worship activities provided at ctkcambridge.org/worship-kids.
- For non-readers, place your arms around your child and point to the words in the bulletin as they are read.

After the service / During the week

- Reread the Scripture passage. For younger children, read from a storybook Bible or more accessible translation like International Children's Bible (ICB) or NIrV available at biblegateway.com.
- Discuss the service and sermon as a family using the worship guide (at ctkcambridge.org/worship-kids) to help children understand each part. Have everyone recall a part of the service that stood out to them.
- Listen to and discuss the songs from the service at ctkcambridge.org/songs. Visit this page to also preview songs to prepare for the upcoming service (songs are updated mid-week).

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WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Christ the King is a multi-congregational church worshipping in Cambridge, Dorchester, Jamaica Plain, Wakefield and Quincy. We also have sister congregations worshipping in East Boston (in Portuguese), Newton, Hanover, West Roxbury and Somerville. See ctkboston.org to find out more.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Now as always, Community groups are central to our life together at CTK as a way to study and pray together and serve each other and our communities. Right now, groups are meeting virtually. Please visit ctkcambridge.org/community-groups for a full listing with contact information.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS AND MINISTRIES

Currently there are no groups meeting in person, but some ministries and groups are still meeting virtually. Please reach out to the listed contact person to learn more.

Men's Fellowship Groups: Rev. Nathan Barczy (nathan@ctkcambridge.org)

Women's Ministry: Laura Martin (laura.a.martin87@gmail.com)

Youth Community Group: Dana Russell (dana@ctkcambridge.org)

Vocational Fellowship Groups: Rev. Nathan Barczy (nathan@ctkcambridge.org)

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Meals Ministry: Erin Ward (meals@ctkcambridge.org)

Overseas Partner Liaison: Morgan Crago (missions@ctkcambridge.org)

ONLINE RESOURCES

Samples of the songs for Sunday's worship service are posted on the website by the Wednesday before the service, along with **the coming Sunday's bulletin and Scripture passage**, at ctkcambridge.org/songs.

For **online giving**, visit ctkcambridge.org/giving.

Sermon recordings and Adult Ed classes can be found on the website at ctkcambridge.org/sermons and ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation, respectively.

For recommended **daily Bible reading plans** selected by pastoral staff, visit ctkcambridge.org/daily-bible-readings.

To sign up for the **CTK Reader**, our weekly e-newsletter, visit ctkcambridge.org/reader.

THIS WEEK AT CTK:

For more details, see ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events, or email office@ctkcambridge.org

Sun, 9a :: **Adult Education** :: Online
ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation

Tue, 7a :: **Morning Prayer** :: Online
ctkcambridge.org/prayer

Wed, 9a :: **Women's Morning Bible Study** :: Online
ctkcambridge.org/women

Fri, 4p :: **Theology Reading Group** :: Online

To contact staff or officers, please visit ctkcambridge.org/staff-officers