

CHRIST THE KING

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020 10:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

Amanda Holley

*I asked the Lord that I might grow in faith and love and ev'ry grace,
Might more of His salvation know, and seek more earnestly His face.*

*'Twas He who taught me thus to pray, and He, I trust, has answered prayer,
But it has been in such a way as almost drove me to despair.*

*I hoped that in some favored hour at once He'd answer my request
And, by His love's constraining pow'r, subdue my sins and give me rest.*

*Instead of this, He made me feel the hidden evils of my heart
And let the angry pow'rs of hell assault my soul in ev'ry part.*

*Yea, more with His own hand He seemed intent to aggravate my woe,
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed, humbled my heart and laid me low.*

*'Lord, why is this,' I trembling cried; 'wilt Thou pursue Thy worm to death?'
'Tis in this way,' the Lord replied, 'I answer prayer for grace and faith.'*

*'These inward trials I employ from self and pride to set thee free
And break thy schemes of earthly joy that thou may'st find thy all in Me.'*
— John Newton, *I Asked the Lord That I Might Grow*

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.

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

5
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 - reign

10
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,

13
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 Worship

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

Call to Worship

Rev. Nathan Barczi

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

Congregation: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Leader: Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

Congregation: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

Leader: He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in.

All: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of men! For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things. — *Psalm 107:1-9*

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, born 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.
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: 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

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: 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.

My Soul Finds Rest In God Alone

Words and Music: Stuart Townend
and Aaron Keyes, based on Psalm 62



1. My soul finds rest in God alone, my rock and my sal - va - tion, a
2. Find rest, my soul, in God a lone a - mid the world's temp - ta - tions. When
3. I'll set my gaze on God a lone and trust in him complete - ly, with



for tress strong a - gainst my foes, and I will not be shak - en. Though
e - vil seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my sal - va - tion. Though
ev - ry day pour out my soul, and he will prove his mer - cy. Though



lips may bless and hearts may curse, and lies, like ar - rows, pierce me, I'll
rich - es come and rich - es go, don't set your heart up - on them. The
life is but a fleet - ing breath, a sigh too deep to meas - ure, my



fix my heart on righ - teous - ness; I'll look to him who hears
fields of hope in which I sow are har - vest - ed in heav -
King has crushed the curse of death, and I am his for - ev -



me. O praise him, hal le - lu - jah, my De - light and my Re - ward. Ever
en.
er.



last - ing, nev - er - fail - ing; my Re - deem - er, my God.

Offertory

Amanda Holley

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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: Louis Borgeouis's *Genevan Psalter*

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. A - men.

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. *We encourage kids remaining in the service to use the Sermon Worksheet available at the front of the sanctuary.*

Dismissal of Children and Passing of the Peace

Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

Words: Anne Steele

Music: Kevin Twit

Chords: C, G/B, Am, Am/G, F, G, Dm, G, C, G/B, Am, Am/G, F, G, C

1. Dear re - fuge of my wear - y soul, On
 oh! When gloo - my doubts pre - yail, I
 Thou not bid me seek Thy face, And
 mer - cy seat is o - pen still, Here

5 Thee when sor - rows rise On Thee when waves of
 fear to call Thee mine The springs of com - fort
 shall I seek in - vain? And can the ear of
 let my soul re - treat With hum - ble hope at -

8 trou - ble roll, My faint - ing hope re - lies To
 seem to fail, And all my hopes de - cline Yet
 sov - ereign grace, Be deaf when I com - plain? No
 tend Thy will, And wait be - neath Thy - feet Thy

12 Thee I tell each ri - sing grief, For
 gra - cious the God where of shall I flee? Thou
 still the ear seat is o - pen still, At
 mer - cy re - treat o - pen still, Here

15 Thou a - lone canst hea - I Thy Word can bring a
 art my on - ly tru - st And still my soul would
 tends the mour - ner's pray - er Oh With may I ev - er
 let my soul re - treat With hum - ble hope at -

19 sweet re - lief, For eve - ry pain I feel 2. But
 cleave to Thee Though pro - strate in the dust 3. Hast
 find ac - cess, To breathe my sor - rows there 4. Thy
 tend Thy will, And wait be - neath Thy - feet

Scripture Reading

Psalm 119:65-80 pages 513-14 in pew Bible

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Ambrose Huang

Sermon

Rev. Rick Downs

Scripture Reading

The public reading of God's Word is integral whenever God's people gather to worship. The first step to faith is listening to his Word.

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

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 a plate of gluten-free bread on either aisle for those who desire such. Please hold the elements until all can partake together.

Elders are available to pray with anyone who desires it at the front of the sanctuary near either of the hallway exits.

Lord's Supper

Invitation

Minister: Christ is spiritually present at this meal – at work through our confession. What do you believe?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen. – Apostles' Creed

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

Ambrose Huang, Bob Sawyer, Eric Kastelein, Gi Yoon-Huang, Kelly, Sawyer, Laura Bullock, Nathan Dicks, Tyler Holley

Elders: Nathan Barczi and Rick Downs

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners

Words: J. Wilbur Chapman;
Music: Roland H. Prichard

1. Je - sus! What a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! lov - er of my soul;
2. Je - sus! what a strength in weak - ness! Let me hide my self in him;
3. Je - sus! what a help in sor - row! While the bil - lows o'er me roll,
4. Je - sus! what a guide and keep - er! While the tem - pest still is high,
5. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than all in him I find;

9 friends may fail me, foes as - sail me, he, my sav - ior makes me whole.
tempt - ed, tried, and some - times fail - ing, he, my strength, my vic - try wins.
e - ven when my heart is break - ing, he, my com - fort, helps my soul.
storms a - bout me, night o'er takes me, he, my pi - lot, hears my cry.
he hath grant - ed me for give - ness, I am his, and he is mine.

17 Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend!

25 Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, he is with me to the end.

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

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 at the Welcome Table in the back Social Hall, or by contacting 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 are held downstairs, and Middle/High School meets in the office in the balcony.

Being Human: Nathan Barczy will teach 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. 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. For more information, 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 1s are upstairs and 2s and 3s 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. Please sign-in children then drop off in room 3 & 4; pick-up from adjoining rooms with your parent tag.

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.

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

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 with notes from our pastors, church announcements, and community classifieds, visit ctkcambridge.org/reader.

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

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.

MONDAYS

CAMBRIDGE :: NORTH CAMBRIDGE :: 6P
Rick & T Downs (cardadowns@gmail.com)

SOMERVILLE :: UNION SQ. :: 7P
Tyler & Amanda Holley (tylerbholley@gmail.com)

TUESDAYS

ALLSTON :: BRIGHTON :: BROOKLINE :: 7:30P
James & Sarah Goodman (ssgoodman617@gmail.com)

WEDNESDAYS

SOMERVILLE :: UNION/SPRING HILL :: 6P
Nathan & Leann Barczi (nbarczi@gmail.com)

WATERTOWN :: 6P
Matt & Cat Sherrill (sherrillmatt@hotmail.com)

BOSTON :: NORTH END/BEACON HILL :: 7P
Taylor & Audra Wallace (wallacetaylor89@gmail.com)

CAMBRIDGE :: CENTRAL SQ./RIVERSIDE :: 7:30P
Mike & Shannon Poor (pcpoor@hotmail.com)

THURSDAYS

CAMBRIDGE :: MIT/KENDALL SQ. :: 6P
Ben Hoover & Jennifer Marlow
(benhoover34@gmail.com)

SOMERVILLE :: PORTER/DAVIS SQ. :: 6:30P
Michael & Anna Whitham (michael.whitham@ruf.org)

SOMERVILLE :: DAVIS/POWDERHOUSE SQ. :: 7P
Sam & Steffi Beswick (sam.beswick@auckland.ac.nz)

MALDEN :: 7P
Andy & Emily Stuntz (astuntz@gmail.com)

CAMBRIDGE :: CENTRAL/INMAN SQ. :: 7:30P
Susanne van Veluw (susannevanveluw@gmail.com)

FRIDAYS

WATERTOWN :: 1st and 3rd Fridays :: 6:30P
Sean & Nicole O'Hern (scohern@gmail.com)

SATURDAYS

ARLINGTON :: LEXINGTON :: 5P
Lindsay Hardy (linsrbins@gmail.com)
*Meets every other Saturday, rotating location

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS AND MINISTRIES

Men's Fellowship Groups: Rev. Rick Downs (rickdowns@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 Barczi (nathan@ctkcambridge.org)

College Students can join Reformed University Fellowships on nearby campuses.

BU: nathan.dicks@ruf.org, Harvard: michael.whitham@ruf.org, or MIT: solomon.kim@ruf.org.

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

Overseas Partner Liaison: Miriam Kreher (mkreher13@gmail.com)

Members and regular attenders have a variety of opportunities to **serve on Sunday mornings**. To learn more about ways to serve our congregation, please visit ctkcambridge.org/serve-church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CTK All-Church Gathering and Congregational Meeting on Saturday, January 11 2-4p. This year, consider your holiday baking a practice round for the main event...**The First Annual CTK Cupcake Challenge** will be held on Saturday, January 11 at 2p in the social hall. No need to bake to join the fun. We'll also have a coffee bar and a hot chocolate bar. Come in and warm up before the Congregational Meeting at 2:30p and Worship Service and Officer Installation Service at 3p. For more details visit ctkboston.org/news-events

A new **women's bible study on Ephesians** will be starting this winter on **Monday, January 13th**. The study will be every-other Monday evening from 6:00-7:15 pm at Cafe Nero in Central Square. Contact Laura Martin (laura.a.martin87@gmail.com) for more information. Additionally, if you are unable to attend the study and would like to do the Ephesians study on your own or with a friend, you can contact Laura about getting a copy John Stott's Ephesians Study Guide and staying connected with others doing the study.

Registration is now open for the 2020 CTK Getaway, taking place January 31 thru February 2! Our speaker this year will be Jeff Monk from the Boston Center for Biblical Counseling. Visit ctkcambridge.org/getaway for more information and to register!

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. Those serving and teaching are asked to follow these guidelines as well.

2019 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sat, 1/11, 2p :: **Congregational Meeting** :: Sanctuary
<https://www.ctkboston.org/news-events>
(Sarah Goodman, sarahgoodman@ctkboston.org)

Sun, 1/12, 12p :: **Second Sunday Eat & Meet** :: Social Hall
ctkcambridge.org/eat-and-meet
(Laura Bullock, laura@ctkcambridge.org)

Mon, 1/13, 6p :: **Women's Bible Study** :: Cafe Nero
ctkcambridge.org/women
(Laura Martin, laura.a.martin87@gmail.com)

Fri, 1/24, 5:30p :: **Fourth Fridays** :: Beat Brew Hall
ctkcambridge.org/fourth-fridays
(Susanne van Veluw, susannevanveluw@gmail.com)

Sat, 1/25, 8a :: **Men's Breakfast** :: Social Hall
ctkcambridge.org/mens-breakfast
(Rick Downs, rickdowns@ctkcambridge.org)

1/31-2/2/2020 :: **CTK Getaway** :: Camp Brookwoods
ctkcambridge.org/getaway
(Laura Bullock, laura@ctkcambridge.org)

WEEKLY EVENTS AT CTK:

For more details, see ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events

Tuesday, 6:30a :: **Morning Prayer** :: Social Hall
(Laura Bullock, laura@ctkcambridge.org)

Thursday, 9:30a :: **Women's Bible Study** :: Social Hall
(Kelly Sawyer, bostonkelly@gmail.com)

Friday, 12p :: **Men's Fellowship Group** :: Harvard Sq.
(Mike Poor, pcpoor@hotmail.com)

Friday, 4p :: **Theology Reading Group** :: The Field Pub
(Nathan Barczy, nathan@ctkcambridge.org)

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