

CHRIST THE KING

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2020 10:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

You don't need self-discipline to pray continuously; you just need to be poor in spirit.
— Paul Miller, *A Praying Life*

Prayer is an expression of who we are... We are a living incompleteness. We are a gap, an emptiness that calls for fulfillment. — Thomas Merton

The main purpose of prayer is not to make life easier, nor to gain magical powers, but to know God. — Philip Yancey, *Prayer*

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.

We Come, O Christ, To Thee

Words: E. Margaret Clarkson;
Music: John Darwall

1. We come, O Christ, to thee, true Son of God and
 2. Thou art the way to God, thy blood our ran - som
 3. Thou art the liv - ing Truth! All wis - dom dwells in
 4. Thou on - ly art true Life, to know thee is to
 5. We wor - ship thee, Lord Christ, our Sav - ior and our

man, by whom all things con - sist, in whom all life be -
 paid; in thee we face our Judge and Mak - er un - a -
 thee, thou source of ev' - ry skill, e - ter - nal Ver - i -
 live the more a - bun - dant life that earth can ne - ver
 King. To thee our youth and strength a - dor - ing - ly we

gan; in thee a - lone we live and move, and
 fraid. Be - fore the throne ab - solved we stand, thy
 ty! Thou great I AM! In thee we rest, true
 give; O ris - en Lord! We live in thee, and
 bring; so fill our hearts, that men may see thy

have our be - ing in thy love.
 love has met thy law's de - - - mand.
 an - swer to our ev' - ry quest.
 thou in us e - ter - nal - - - ly.
 life in us, and turn to thee.

Call to Worship

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

Call to Worship

Rev. Michael Whitham

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. — *Psalm 63:1-5*

Invocation

Psalm 130

Words: Scottish Psalter;
Music: Christopher Tye

System 1: Chords: Gm(Em), D(B).
1. Lord, from the depths to thee I cried. My
2. Lord, who shall stand if thou, my Lord, shouldst
3. I wait, my soul a - waits the Lord; my
4. O Is - ra - el, hope in the Lord; the

System 2: Chords: B^b(G), F(D), B^b(G), Gm(Em).
3 Lord, give ear to me. O hear my voice and
mark in - i - qui - ty? But yet with thee for -
hope is in his word. More than the watch - men
Lord saves gra - cious - ly. And he shall Is - ra -

System 3: Chords: E^b(C), D(B), F(D), Cm(Am), D(B), Gm(Em).
6 hear - ken to my sup - pli - ca - ting plea.
give - ness is, that men may rev - 'rence thee.
wait for morn my soul waits for my Lord.
el re - deem from all in - i - qui - ty.

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: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. — *Hebrews 4:14-16*

Prayer of Confession

All: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen. — from the *Book of Common Worship*

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: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 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.

O God, Beyond All Praising

Words: Michael Perry;

Music: Gustav Holst

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It consists of six staves of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are as follows:

1. O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to -
2. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we
day and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re -
bring, that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our
pay; for we can on - ly won - der at ev - ery gift you
King; and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or
send, at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out
ill, we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you
end; we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your
still; to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your
word, we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
ways, and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Offertory

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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: 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

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. 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

Speak, O Lord

Words and Music: Keith Getty
and Stuart Townend



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re-ceive the food of your
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di-ence, ho-ly rev - er-ence, true hu-
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of your



ho - ly word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and
mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the
plans for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will



fash - ion us in your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be
ra - di-ance of your pur-i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
e - chodown through e - ter-ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on your



seen to-day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
eyes to see your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
prom - is-es; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.



Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all your
Words of pow'r that can nev - - er fail; let their
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built and the



pur - - - pos - es, for your glo - ry.
truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
earth is filled with your glo - ry.

Scripture Reading

Psalms 119:145-160 pages 515-16 in pew Bible

Reader: The grass withers and the flower fades,

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

Leonard Layne

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

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.

AJ Fenton, Alecia Augspurg, Audra Wallace, Chris Martin, Justin Augspurg, Laura Martin, Leonard Layne, Taylor Wallace

Elders: Tyler Holley and Rick Downs

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thy Mercy, My God

Words: John Stoker;
Music: Sandra McCracken



1. Thy mer-cy, my God, is the theme of my song, the
out thy sweet mer-cy I could not live here;
mer-cy is more than a match for my heart which
Fa-ther of mer-cies thy good-ness I own and the



joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue, thy
sin would re-duce me to ut-ter des-pair but
won-ders to feel its own hard-ness de-part; dis-
cov-e-nant love of thy cruc-i-fied Son; all



free grace a-lone from the first to the last hath
through thy free good-ness my spir-its re-vive, and
solved by thy good-ness I fall to the ground and
praise to the Spir-it whose whis-per di-vine seals



won my af-fec-tions and bound my soul fast.
he that first made me still keeps me a-live.
weep for the praise of the mer-cy I've found.
mer-cy and par-don and right-eous-ness



mine. All praise to the Spirit whose whis per di vine

2. With
3. Thy
4. Great



seals mercy and par-don and righ-teous-ness mine!

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 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. 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

LEXINGTON :: 5P
Ricky & Lindsay Hardy (linsrbins@gmail.com)
*Meets every other Saturday

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:

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 Caffè 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.

Women's Thursday morning Bible Study will start back up on January 16th, 9:30-11:30a in the fellowship hall. This semester we will be learning how to study the bible through the book of Hebrews. All are welcome. Childcare is provided. The study is online, so please contact Kelly Sawyer (bostonkelly@gmail.com) if you would like to follow along remotely.

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:

- 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 Evening Bible Study** :: Caffè 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)
- Sat, 2/29 :: **Discovering CTK** :: Church Office
ctkcambridge.org/discovering-ctk
(Laura Bullock, laura@ctkcambridge.org)

WEEKLY EVENTS AT CTK:

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

- Tue, 6:30a :: **Morning Prayer** :: Social Hall
(Laura Bullock, laura@ctkcambridge.org)
- Thu, 9:30a :: **Women's Morning Bible Study** :: Social Hall
(Kelly Sawyer, bostonkelly@gmail.com)
- Fri, 12p :: **Men's Fellowship Group** :: Harvard Sq.
(Mike Poor, pcpoor@hotmail.com)
- Fri, 4p :: **Theology Reading Group** :: The Field Pub
(Nathan Barczy, nathan@ctkcambridge.org)

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