

CHRIST THE KING

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021
10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

*Jesus Christ lived in the midst of his enemies... For this cause he had come, to bring peace to the enemies of God. So the Christian, too, belongs not in the seclusion of a cloistered life but in the thick of foes. There is his commission, his work. "The kingdom is to be in the midst of your enemies. And he who will not suffer this does not want to be of the Kingdom of Christ; he wants to be among friends, to sit among roses and lilies, not with the bad people but the devout people. O you blasphemers and betrayers of Christ! If Christ had done what you are doing who would ever have been spared." — Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*, quoting Martin Luther*

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: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Congregation: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success!

Congregation: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord.

Leader: The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

All: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! — *Psalms 118:20-29*

Invocation

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Words: Christian Bateman;
 Music: Traditional Spanish melody

G C G G C Dsus D G

1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high, al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain, al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

G C G G C Dsus D G

Loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Let prais - es fill the sky; al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Life shall not end the strain; al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

G C D G C D

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - jice;
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - des - cend;
 On hea - ven's bliss - ful shore, his good - ness we'll a - dore,

G C D G C Dsus D G

praise is his gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall ne - ver end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

Call to Confession

Leader: “Come now, let us reason together,” says the Lord:
“though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.” — *Isaiah 1:18*

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

Leader: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit. God does not despise a broken and a contrite heart. Jesus said: “Whoever comes to me I will never drive away.” The Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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.

The Love of Christ is Rich and Free

Words: William Gadsby;
Music: Sandra McCracken



1.The love of Christ is rich and free; fixed on his own e - ter - nal -
3.Love has re - deemed his sheep with blood, and love will bring them safe to



ly; nor earth, nor hell, can it re - move; long as he lives, his own he'll
God; Love calls them all from death to life; and love will fin - ish all their



love. 2.His lov - ing heart en - gaged to be their ev - er -
strife. 4.He loves through ev - ery chang - ing scene, nor aught from



last - ing Sur - e - ty; 'twas love that took their cause in hand, and love main
him can Zi - on wean; not all the wan - derings of her heart can make his



tains it to the end. Love can - not from its post with - draw; nor
love for her de - part.



death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law, can turn the Sure - ty's heart a - way; he'll



love his own to end - less day. 5.At death, be - yond the grave, he'll



love; in end less bliss, his own shall prove the blaz ing glo - ry of that



love which ne - ver could from them re - move, which ne - ver



could from them re - - - - - move.

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

Make of Our Hearts

Words and Music: Hiram Ring



1. Make of our hearts a un - i - ty, the world, in us, your love to
2. Make us, Lord, your hands and feet, to show your love to all we
3. Make of our bod - ies ves - sels true, filled with wa - ter liv - ing,



see. You are our head, the tru - est vine.
meet. You are the source, your blood is life.
new. You are our fount, the sweet-est wine.



Make us your bod - y, whol - ly thine.
Make us in your - self a - bide.
Make us springs of love di - vine.

Scripture Reading

Luke 6:27-36

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Omar Ortiz

Lord's Supper

Invitation

Minister: Why is the Son of God called "Jesus," meaning "savior"?

All: Because he saves us from our sins. Salvation cannot be found in anyone else; it is futile to look for any salvation elsewhere.

- Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 29

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Words: Trevor Francis;
Music: Thomas Williams

1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, vast, un - mea - sured,
2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, spread his praise from
3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, love of ev - 'ry

boundless, free; rol - ling as a might - y o - cean
shore to shore; how he lov - eth, e - ver lov - eth,
love the best; 'tis an o - cean vast of bles - sing,

in its full - ness o - ver me. Un - der - neath me,
chang - eth ne - ver, ne - ver - more; how he watch - es
'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest; O the deep, deep

all a - round me, is the cur - rent of thy love;
o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
love of Je - sus, 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;

lead ing on - ward, lead - ing homeward, to thy glo - rious rest a - bove.
how for them he in - ter - ce - deth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.
and it lifts me up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to thee.

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:

Starting on February 14, the elders will be team-teaching a class on **Christ in the Psalms**. They'll be exploring some of the traditional "messianic" psalms, as well as questions raised by the psalmist that can only be answered in Christ. Come and see the promised Savior in the song-book of scripture.

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 NIV 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Session of CTK has approved a proposal from the deacons for **renovations and repairs of our church building**. This work will include exterior work, such as repointing the brick, and interior work, including repairs and painting in the sanctuary. The work in the sanctuary will affect our in-person worship services as the pews will need to be temporarily removed.

- This Sunday (2/14) will be our last in-person service before the sanctuary needs to be closed. The work inside the sanctuary is estimated to take 4-6 weeks, and our aim is to have it completed before Easter.
- The deacons are looking for volunteers to help remove the pews in the morning on Monday, Feb. 15th (President's Day). So if you're up for some heavy lifting and willing to help on President's Day, please email deacons@ctkcambridge.org.

Congregational Meeting Announcement: The Session of CTK has called a congregational meeting for Sunday February 21 at 7pm - 8pm. The purpose of the meeting is (1.) to release Pastor Nathan Barczy as a pastor of Christ the King Presbyterian Church* and (2.) to present a communication plan for the Five Year Plan. The Zoom link will be sent out to all members via email.

The Pastoral Search Committee is well on its way, but for all its considerations and deliberations, we need prayer more than anything. Paula Sachsenmeier and Laura Bullock have started Prayer Visits with our Community Groups to encourage all of us to join in regular prayer for the pastor and path God has in mind for our church family. **If you're not part of a Community Group, or if you missed the prayer visit for your CG, there will also be an additional prayer meeting on Zoom on February 23rd at 7pm.** Let's turn Psalm 127:1 into a prayer of dependence on God and anticipation of His faithfulness, by crying out: 'MAY the LORD build OUR house...!'

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

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