

# CHRIST THE KING

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2020 10:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP

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## **Prelude**

*Christ did not die to forgive sinners who go on treasuring anything above seeing and savoring God. And people who would be happy in heaven if Christ were not there, will not be there. The gospel is not a way to get people to heaven; it is a way to get people to God. It's a way of overcoming every obstacle to everlasting joy in God. If we don't want God above all things, we have not been converted by the gospel.*

— John Piper, *God Is the Gospel: Meditations on God's Love as the Gift of Himself*

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.

## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Words: Joachim Neander;  
Music: *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly  
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -  
 4. Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me a -

a - - - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - - - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so  
 fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - - - tion! All ye who hear,  
 gent - ly sus - tain - - - eth! Hast thou not seen  
 dai - ly at - tend thee. Pon - der a - new  
 prais - es be - fore him. Let the A - men

now to his tem - ple draw near,  
 how thy de - sires e'er have been  
 what the Al - might - y will do,  
 sound from his peo - ple a - gain;

join me in glad ad - o - ra - - - tion!  
 gran - ted in what he or - dain - - - eth?  
 if with his love he be - friend thee.  
 glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

## Call to Worship

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

**Congregation:** Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

Leader: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

**Congregation:** For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

All: O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you.

— *Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12*

## Invocation

## Call to Worship

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

# How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Words and Music: Stuart Townend

(Capo III) F(D) Gm(Em) F(D) B<sup>b</sup>(G)

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how  
 2. Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my  
 3. I will not boast in an - y - thing: no

3 F(D) Csus(Asus) C(A) F(D) Gm(Em)F(D) B<sup>b</sup>(G)

vast be - yond all meas - ure that he should give his on - ly Son to  
 sin up - on his shoul - ders. A - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call  
 gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But I will boast in Je - sus Christ, his

5 F(D) C(A) F(D) F(D) Gm(Em)F(D) B<sup>b</sup>(G)

make a wretch his treas - ure. How great the pain of sear - ing loss. The  
 out a - mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held him there un -  
 death and res - ur - rec - tion, Why should I gain from his re - ward? I

7 F(D) Dm(Bm) C(A) F(D) Gm(Em) F(D) B<sup>b</sup>(G)

Fa - ther turns his face a - way as wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring  
 til it was ac - com - plished his dy - ing breath has brought me life. I  
 cannot give an an - swer. But this I know with all my heart: his

9 F(D) C(A) F(D)

man - - y sons to glo - - - - ry.  
 know that it is fin - - - - ished.  
 wounds have paid my ran - - - - som.

## 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

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against your divine Majesty, provoking most justly your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. – from the *Book of Common Prayer*

## 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: 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.**

## 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.

# 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

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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 more a - bun - dant life that earth can ne - ver  
King. To thee our youth and strength a - dor - ing - ly we

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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

13  
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.

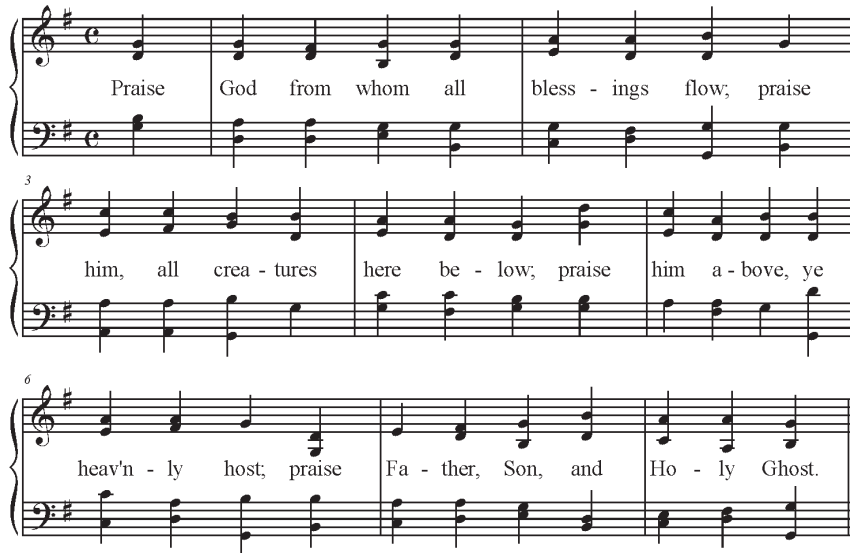
## Offertory

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.

## 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.**

## Pastoral Prayer

We cry out together for grace and mercy in a time of need.

# 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; helpus 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.

## 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

## Sermon

*John 14:1-14*

Rev. Rick Downs

## Deacons' Fund Offering



# Cornerstone

Words and Music: J. Myrin, R. Morgan,  
E. Lijero, E. Mote, and W. Bradbury



1. My hope is built on noth-ing less, than Je - sus' blood and  
2. When dark-ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un-  
3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup-port me in the  
4. When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



right - eous-ness. I dare not trust the sweet - est frame,  
chang - ing grace. In ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale,  
whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way,  
him be found; dressed in hs righ - teous - ness a - lone,



but whol-ly trust in Je - sus' Name. the veil.  
my an-chorholds within and stay. the throne.  
he then is all my hope  
fault less to stand be-fore



Christ a - lone, Cor ner - stone, Weak made strong in the Sav - ior's love,



Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all.

# Benediction

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We depart with this 'good word' of God's calling upon our lives in the world.

# WELCOME

**Welcome visitors!** We're glad you could join us online. Please fill out a digital visitor card at [ctkcambridge.org/visit](http://ctkcambridge.org/visit) so we can get to know you better. Find out more about us by contacting [office@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:office@ctkcambridge.org).

## SUNDAY MORNINGS

### ADULT EDUCATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Typically, Christ the King offers classes for adults, youth, and children every Sunday morning at 8:45am. During this hiatus from public gathering, we will be offering Adult Education online:

Starting on Sunday, March 29, we will have **two Adult Education classes running online**. One will be taught by Dana Russell and Nathan Carter from 8-9p that will consider how parents may start or strengthen the practice of family worship in the home. The other will be taught by Nathan Barczi from 7:30-8:30p on The Church in the Time of Coronavirus. You can join the classes live on Zoom or watch after the fact on CTK's Youtube channel. See [ctkcambridge.org/calendar](http://ctkcambridge.org/calendar) for links.

### 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](http://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](http://biblegateway.com).
- Discuss the service and sermon as a family using the worship guide (at [ctkcambridge.org/worship-kids](http://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](http://ctkcambridge.org/songs). Visit this page to also preview songs to prepare for the upcoming service (songs are updated mid-week).

### 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](http://ctkcambridge.org/songs).

For **online giving**, visit [bit.ly/CTKCambridgeOffering](http://bit.ly/CTKCambridgeOffering) for general offerings and [bit.ly/CTKCambridgeDeacons](http://bit.ly/CTKCambridgeDeacons) for Deacons' Fund giving. Questions? Email [giving@ctkboston.org](mailto:giving@ctkboston.org).

**Sermon recordings and Adult Ed classes** can be found on the website at [ctkcambridge.org/sermons](http://ctkcambridge.org/sermons) and [ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation](http://ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation), respectively.

For recommended **daily Bible reading plans** selected by pastoral staff, visit [ctkcambridge.org/daily-bible-readings](http://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](http://ctkcambridge.org/reader).

For additional communication and socializing during this period of social distancing, **join us on our Slack space**: [ctk-cambridge.slack.com](http://ctk-cambridge.slack.com). Email [office@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:office@ctkcambridge.org) to join.

# 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](http://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, no groups are meeting in person, but many are meeting virtually. Please reach out to the listed contact person for more information.

### MONDAYS

CAMBRIDGE :: NORTH CAMBRIDGE :: 6P

Rick & T Downs ([cardadowns@gmail.com](mailto:cardadowns@gmail.com))

SOMERVILLE :: UNION SQ. :: 7P

Tyler & Amanda Holley ([tylerbholley@gmail.com](mailto:tylerbholley@gmail.com))

### TUESDAYS

ALLSTON :: BRIGHTON :: BROOKLINE :: 7:30P

James & Sarah Goodman ([ssgoodman617@gmail.com](mailto:ssgoodman617@gmail.com))

### WEDNESDAYS

SOMERVILLE :: UNION/SPRING HILL :: 6P

Nathan & Leann Barczy ([nbarczy@gmail.com](mailto:nbarczy@gmail.com))

BOSTON :: NORTH END/BEACON HILL :: 7P

Taylor & Audra Wallace ([wallacetaylor89@gmail.com](mailto:wallacetaylor89@gmail.com))

CAMBRIDGE :: CENTRAL SQ./RIVERSIDE :: 7:30P

Mike & Shannon Poor ([pcpoor@hotmail.com](mailto:pcpoor@hotmail.com))

### THURSDAYS

CAMBRIDGE :: MIT/KENDALL SQ. :: 6P

Ben Hoover & Jenn Marlow ([benhoover34@gmail.com](mailto:benhoover34@gmail.com))

### THURSDAYS (cont'd)

WATERTOWN :: 6P

Matt & Cat Sherrill ([sherrillmatt@hotmail.com](mailto:sherrillmatt@hotmail.com))

SOMERVILLE :: PORTER/DAVIS SQ. :: 6:30P

Michael & Anna Whitham ([michael.whitham@ruf.org](mailto:michael.whitham@ruf.org))

SOMERVILLE :: DAVIS/POWDERHOUSE SQ. :: 7P

Sam & Steffi Beswick ([sam.beswick@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:sam.beswick@auckland.ac.nz))

MALDEN :: 7P

Andy & Emily Stuntz ([astuntz@gmail.com](mailto:astuntz@gmail.com))

CAMBRIDGE :: CENTRAL/INMAN SQ. :: 7:30P

Susanne van Veluw ([susannevanveluw@gmail.com](mailto:susannevanveluw@gmail.com))

### FRIDAYS

WATERTOWN :: 1st and 3rd Fridays :: 6:30P

Sean & Nicole O'Hern ([scohern@gmail.com](mailto:scohern@gmail.com))

### SATURDAYS

LEXINGTON :: 5P

Ricky & Lindsay Hardy ([linsrbins@gmail.com](mailto:linsrbins@gmail.com))

\*Meets every other Saturday

## 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. Rick Downs ([rickdowns@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:rickdowns@ctkcambridge.org))

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

**Youth Community Group:** Dana Russell ([dana@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:dana@ctkcambridge.org))

**Vocational Fellowship Groups:** Rev. Nathan Barczy ([nathan@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:nathan@ctkcambridge.org))

**College Students** can join Reformed University Fellowships on nearby campuses.

BU: [nathan.dicks@ruf.org](mailto:nathan.dicks@ruf.org), Harvard: [michael.whitham@ruf.org](mailto:michael.whitham@ruf.org), or MIT: [solomon.kim@ruf.org](mailto:solomon.kim@ruf.org).

**Meals Ministry:** Erin Ward ([meals@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:meals@ctkcambridge.org))

**Overseas Partner Liaison:** Miriam Kreher ([mkreher13@gmail.com](mailto:mkreher13@gmail.com))

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

For more information on CTK's response to the **coronavirus** – both what we are actively doing now and what we are preparing for in the future – visit [ctkcambridge.org/coronavirus](http://ctkcambridge.org/coronavirus).

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**Calling all singers, far and near!** Although we are not able to put together our annual a cappella choir for this year's Holy Week services, we've decided our physical distance should not keep us from singing. CTK is assembling its **first-ever online choir**, and you are invited to join us! Check out [www.ctkcambridge.org/online-choir](http://www.ctkcambridge.org/online-choir) for more information and resources, and email [amanda@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:amanda@ctkcambridge.org) with questions.

As you may know, the CDC is now recommending that gatherings over fifty people be suspended through early May. **This recommendation will affect our Holy Week services.** Maundy Thursday will be cancelled, but we will have a Good Friday service and Sunrise service, in addition to our regular 10am service, online ([bit.ly/CTK-Video](http://bit.ly/CTK-Video)). More information to follow.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mon, 4/6, 6p :: **Women's Evening Bible Study** :: Online  
[ctkcambridge.org/women](http://ctkcambridge.org/women)  
(Laura Martin, [laura.a.martin87@gmail.com](mailto:laura.a.martin87@gmail.com))

Fri, 4/10, 7:30p :: **Good Friday Service** :: [bit.ly/CTK-Video](http://bit.ly/CTK-Video)

Sun, 4/12, 6a :: **Easter Sunrise Service** :: [bit.ly/CTK-Video](http://bit.ly/CTK-Video)

## WEEKLY EVENTS AT CTK:

*For more details, see [ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events](http://ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events)*

Tue, 6:30a :: **Morning Prayer** :: Online  
[ctkcambridge.org/prayer](http://ctkcambridge.org/prayer)  
(Laura Bullock, [laura@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:laura@ctkcambridge.org))

Wed, 1:30p :: **Women's Morning Bible Study** :: Online  
(Kelly Sawyer, [bostonkelly@gmail.com](mailto:bostonkelly@gmail.com))

Fri, 4p :: **Theology Reading Group** :: Online  
(Nathan Barczi, [nathan@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:nathan@ctkcambridge.org))

## DAILY PRAYER ONLINE:

*Visit [ctkboston.org/prayer](http://ctkboston.org/prayer) for more information*

Mon, Wed, Fri, 6:30a :: **Morning Prayer**

Tue, Thu, 8a :: **Morning Prayer**

Mon thru Fri, 8:30p :: **Evening Prayer**

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