

CHRIST THE KING

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

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

Prelude

The greatest competitor of devotion to Jesus is service for Him. ... The one aim of the call of God is the satisfaction of God, not a call to do something for Him.

— Oswald Chambers, *My Utmost for His Highest*

Why [is prayer] so difficult . . . There is no empirical pay-off, no immediate guarantee of success, no way to measure or control, no way to evaluate competitively. ...It carries with it all of the existential terror of any act of intimacy with another person... Somehow we long to be found out, to be seen as we are—to be accepted as we are. This is what takes place in the intimacy of prayer. We discover that God who is revealed to us in Jesus Christ has 'found us out' already and not rejected us... the declaration of our poverty, of our dependent needfulness, of our incapacity to save ourselves through idolatry, of our ontological incompleteness, is not a shameful discovery, but a discovery of our being loved for what we actually are...

— John Kavanaugh, *Following Christ in a Consumer Society*

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

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Congregation: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he,

Leader: Humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Congregation: Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me.

All: And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. — *Zechariah 9:9, Malachi 3:1*

Invocation

Call to Worship

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

What Wondrous Love Is This

Words and Music: American Folk Hymn

(CAPO 5) C(G) D(A) F(C) C(G) D(A)

1. What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
 2. When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing
 3. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will
 4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing

5 C(G) F(C) C(G) B^b(F) G(D/F#) D(A) F(C) C(G)

soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What
 down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down. When
 sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to
 on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and

10 B^b(F) D(A) F(C) C(G) D(A)

won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to
 I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous frown, Christ
 God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and

14 B^b(F) C(G) F(C) C(G) D(A) C(G)

bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my soul, to
 laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ
 mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while
 through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

18 F(C) C(G) B^b(F) G(D/F#) D(A)

bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
 laid a - side his crown for my soul
 mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
 through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

Call to Confession

Leader: To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by walking in his laws. — *Daniel 9:9-10*

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: 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.

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.

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.

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: Louis Borgeouis's *Genevan Psalter*

Praise God from whom all blessings 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

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.

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.

Pastoral Prayer

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

I Hunger and I Thirst

Words: John S.B. Monsell;
Music: Kathryn Baldanza

1. I hun-ger and I thirst; Je - sus, my man - na be; ye
2. Thou true life-giv-ing Vine, let me thy sweet-ness prove; re -
3. For still the des-ert lies my thirst-ing soul be - fore; O

4 liv - ing wa - ters, burst out of the rock for me. Thou
new my life with thine, re - fresh my soul with love. Rough
liv - ing wa - ters rise with - in me ev - er - more. For

6 bruised and bro - ken Bread, my life-long needs sup-ply; as
paths my feet have trod, since first their course be-gan; feed
still the des - ert lies my thirst-ing soul be-fore; O

8 liv - ing souls are fed, O feed me, or I die.
me, thou Bread of God, help me, thou Son of Man.
liv - ing wa - ters rise with - in me ev - er - more.

Chords: C, G/B, Am, F, G, Am, G/B, C, F, G, C, F, Am2, G, Am, G/B, C, F, G, C

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 15:1-17

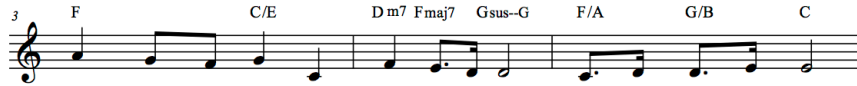
Rev. Rick Downs

The Power of the Cross

Words and Music: Keith Getty
and Stuart Townend



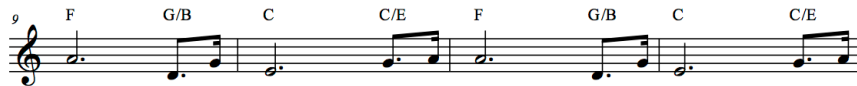
1. Oh to see the dawn of the dark - est day.
2. Oh to see the pain writ - ten on your face,
3. Now the day - light flees, now the ground be - neath
4. Oh to see my name writ - ten in the wounds,



Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,
bear - ing the awe - some weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought,
quakes as its Mak - er bows his head. Cur - tain torn in two,
for through your suf - fring I am free. Death is crushed to death,



torn and beat - en then nailed to a cross of wood. This the
ev - 'ry e - vil deed crown - ing your blood - stained brow.
dead are raised to life. "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.
life is mine to live won through your self - less love! This the



pow'r of the cross. Christ be - came sin for us. Took the

pow'r of the cross. Son of God slain for us. What a



blame, bore the wrath, we stand for - giv - en at the cross.

name, what a cost, we stand for - giv - en at the cross.

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 so we can get to know you better. Find out more about us by contacting 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:

We currently have **two Adult Education classes running online**. One is being taught by Dana Russell and Nathan Carter from 8-9p that considers how parents may start or strengthen the practice of family worship in the home. The other is taught by Nathan Barczy from 7-8p 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 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.
- 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).

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.

For additional communication and socializing during this period of social distancing, **join us on our Slack space**: ctk-cambridge.slack.com. Email 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 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)

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 Barczy (nbarczy@gmail.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 & Jenn Marlow (benhoover34@gmail.com)

THURSDAYS (cont'd)

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

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)

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)

College Students can join Reformed University Fellowships on nearby campuses.

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

Overseas Partner Liaison: Miriam Kreher (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.

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 7-8p 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 for links.

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 for more information and resources, and email 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). More information to follow.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

Fri, 4/10, 7:30p :: **Good Friday Service** :: bit.ly/CTK-Video

Sun, 4/12, 6a :: **Easter Sunrise Service** :: bit.ly/CTK-Video

WEEKLY EVENTS AT CTK:

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

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

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

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

DAILY PRAYER ONLINE:

Visit 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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