

CHRIST THE KING

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021
10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

My identity does not begin when I begin to understand myself. There is something previous to what I think about myself, and it is what God thinks of me. That means that everything I think and feel is by nature a response, and the one to whom I respond is God. I never speak the first word. I never make the first move.

— Eugene H. Peterson, *Run with the Horses: The Quest for Life at Its Best*

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: Seek the Lord while he may be found;

Congregation: Call upon him while he is near;

Leader: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

Congregation: Let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,

All: And to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. — *Isaiah 55:6, 7*

Invocation

Holy, Holy, Holy

Words: Reginald Heber;
Music: John B. Dykes

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part features a steady bass line of chords in the left hand and a more melodic line in the right hand. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, with the first line being a refrain and the subsequent lines providing different verses. The score includes chord symbols above the vocal line and measure numbers (5, 9, 14) at the beginning of their respective systems.

1. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

5 Ear - ly in the mom - ing our song shall rise to thee;
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glas - sy sea;
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

9 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y! God in three
Cher u - bim and ser - aphim fal - ling down be - fore thee, who wert and
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee, per - fect in
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y! God in three

14 per - sons, bles - sed Tri - ni - ty!
art and ev - er - more shall be.
pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
per - sons bles - sed Tri - ni - ty!

Call to Confession

Leader: For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, "In repentance and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength."
— *Isaiah 30:15*

Prayer of Confession

All: Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you, if you dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen. — from John Knox, *Liturgy of 1560*

Declaration of Absolution

Leader: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. Whoever believes in him is not condemned. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 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.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm,
Laura Bullock, Amanda Holley;
Music: William M. Runyan

D Gmaj7 Em Dsus D

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God our Fa - ther;
2. Though we bear bur - dens, we hope in thy prom - ise.
3. Thy love is stead - fast, un - ceas - ing, a - bun - dant.

G D/F# E Asus A

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est
Though in dis - tress, fix our eyes yet a - bove. Whe - ther in
Thou, Lord, art good, and our trust is in thee. Seek - ing thy

D/F# G D G E

not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast
joy or in grief, we bear wit - ness to thy great
strength, we a - wait thy sal - va - tion, thou our in -

D/A A D A D B

been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love. Great is thy faith ful ness! Great is thy
her - i - tence e - ter - nal - ly.

Em A D/F# A/E E Asus A

faith ful ness! Morn - ing by morn - ing new mercies I see; all I have

D/F# G D G E D/A A

need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed - Great is thy faith ful ness, Lord, un - to

D

me!

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.

The musical score is written in G major and 3/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system (measures 1-6) has lyrics: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all". The second system (measures 7-12) has lyrics: "crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly". The third system (measures 13-18) has lyrics: "host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men." The piano accompaniment features a simple harmonic structure with chords in the right hand and a steady bass line in the left hand.

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

Be Still, My Soul

Words: Katherine von Schlegel;
Music: Jean Sibelius

(Capo III) F(D) C(A) F(D) C7(A7) C(A) B^b(G) C(A) F(D) F(D) C(A) F(D)

1. Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; bear pa-tient-ly the cross of grief or pain; leave to your God to rule the world;
 2. Be still, my soul; your God will un-der-take to guide the way; 2. Be still, my soul; your God will un-der-take to guide the way;
 3. Be still, my soul; the hour is has-t'ning on when we shall have a King to praise and adore, the long-expected Son of David.

6 C7(A7) C(A) B^b(G) F(D) F(D) Dm(Bm)

ly the cross of grief or pain; leave to your God to rule the world;
 fu-ture as he has the past. Your hope, your God to con-fide in;
 be for-ev-er with the Lord, when dis-ap-point-ment, shall be our portion.

11 F(D) C(A) Gm(Em) F(D)Gm(Em) F(D) B^b(G)

or-der and pro-vidence; in ev-'ry change he faith-ful will re-duce let noth-ing shake; all now mys-te-rious shall be-bright at grief, and fear are gone, sor-row for-got, love's pur-est joys re-veal.

16 A(F#) F(D) C(A) Dm(Bm) F(D) C(A)Gm(Em)

main. Be still, my soul; your best your heav'n-ly Friend last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know stored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,

21 F(D) Gm(Em) F(D) B^b(G) C7(A7) F(D)

through thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end. his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be-low. all safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 22:1-14

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Matt Owens

Lord's Supper

Invitation

Minister: What do you believe?

All: Jesus Christ is the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through him. - based on *John 14:6*

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Deacons' Fund Offering

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Words: George Matheson;
Music: Christopher Miner

(Capo IV) B(G) F#(D) E(C) B(G)

1. O Love that will not let me go, I
2. O Light that foll - ow'st all my way, I
3. O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I
4. O Cross that lift - est up my head, I

4 G#m(Em) B(G) E(C) F#(D) B(G) F#(D)

rest my wear - y soul in thee; I give thee back the
yield my flick 'ring torch to thee; my heart re - stores its
can - not close my heart to thee; I trace the rain - bow
dare not ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's

7 E(C) B(G) G#m(Em) B(G)

life I owe, that in thine o - cean
bor - rowed ray, that in thy sun - shine's
through the rain, and feel the prom - ise
glo - ry dead, and from the ground there

9 E(C) F#(D) C#m(Am) G#m(Em) F#(D)

depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.
blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.
is not vain, that morn shall tear - less be.
bloss - oms red life that shall end - less be.

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:

The elders and others are team-teaching an Adult Education class on **Christ in the Psalms** through the end of May. They're 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 songbook and prayer 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, 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: Church Office (office@ctkcambridge.org)

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

Youth Community Group: Dana Russell (dana@ctkcambridge.org)

Vocational Fellowship Groups: Church Office (office@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 **CTK Diaconate is in need of more deacons**. We usually call for officer nominations at the end of each year, but in light of the current need, we are issuing that call for deacon nominations now through the end of May. If you are a member of CTK and want to nominate someone for deacon, or deacons' assistant, please follow these steps:

1. Read 1 Timothy 3:8-13 for biblical qualifications.
2. Approach your nominee and ask that you pray together for wisdom.
3. With the approval of the nominee, please submit the nomination to office@ctkcambridge.org

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! Women's Ministry will be hosting another backyard gathering on Sunday, May 2 for casual fellowship and (hopefully) spring sunshine - this time in the yard of Katie Jentoft. Please email office@ctkcambridge.org for the sign-up sheet and for location details. The sign up is intended to make sure the events stay within city/state guidelines. Hope to see you there!

Now that the sanctuary renovations are complete, the deacons are continuing to plan other repairs and improvements to our church building--and we welcome your input and help! We are holding **monthly Zoom meetings to plan and prioritize building work, and anyone in the congregation is welcome to join the discussion** (either once or every month). The next meeting is Tuesday, May 11th from 7-8:30pm here on Zoom, and topics will include:

- selecting a design for a balcony rail extension to improve safety in the sanctuary,
- refining the scope of exterior masonry repairs for later this year, and
- prioritizing potential HVAC improvements throughout the building.

For the Zoom link, or if you're unable to join the meetings but have thoughts or questions about the building, email us any time at deacons@ctkcambridge.org.

The **CTK softball team** is looking for recruits, as well as some brainstormers for a team name and t-shirt design. If you'd be interested in helping out, please fill out the survey at bit.ly/ctk-softball.

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