

CHRIST THE KING

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

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021
10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

*Dear refuge of my weary soul,
on Thee, when sorrows rise
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll,
my fainting hope relies
To Thee I tell each rising grief,
for Thou alone canst heal
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief,
for every pain I feel. — Anne Steele, Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul*

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: Let us worship God.

Congregation: He is our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust.

Leader: Let us confess with our mouths, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.

Congregation: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Leader: Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts,

Congregation: confessing him with our mouths, worshiping him in spirit and in truth. – *Psalm 91:2; Romans 10:9,13*

Invocation

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Words and Music: Martin Luther

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'A Mighty Fortress Is Our God'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The music is in 2/4 time. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the remaining lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the melody.

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

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fail - ing; our help er he a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre -
los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own
do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to tri - umph
bid eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through him who with us

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vail - - - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
choos - - - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
through us. The prince of dark - ness grim, we
sid - - - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

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seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great; and
Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name, from
trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure, for
mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill; God's

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armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - - - qual.
age to age the same, and he must win the bat - - - tle.
lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - - - er.

Call to Confession

Leader: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another. — based on *Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16*

Prayer of Confession

All: Almighty God, who freely pardons all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

— from the *Book of Common Prayer*

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: 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.

Psalm 130 (From Depths of Woe)

Words: Martin Luther;
Music: Christopher Miner

The musical score is written for piano and five voices. The piano part consists of two staves (treble and bass clef) in a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The vocal parts are arranged in five staves, each with its own lyrics. The lyrics are as follows:

1. From depths of woe I raise to thee the
2. To wash a way the crim-son stain, grace,
3. There fore my trust is in the Lord, and
4. What though I wait the live long night, and
5. Though great our sins and sore our woes his

voice of la - men - ta - tion; Lord, turn a gra-cious ear
grace a - lone a - vail eth; Our works, a - las! Are all
not in mine own mer - it; On him my soul shall rest,
'til the dawn ap - pear eth, My heart still trust-eth in
grace much more a - bound - eth; His help-ing love no lim -

Chord markings above the piano staff include D, A, Bm, G, and D.

6 A B m G

to me and hear my sup - pli - ca - tion; If
 in vain; in much the best life fail eth; No
 his word up - holds my faint - ing spi - rit; His
 his might; it doubt eth not nor fear - eth; Do
 - it knows, our up - most need it sound - eth. Our

9 G A B m

thou in - i - qui - ties dost mark, our se - cret sins and mis -
 man can glo - ry in thy sight, all must a - like con - fess
 promised mer - cy is my fort, my com - fort and my sweet
 thus, O ye of Is - rael's seed, ye of the Spi - rit born
 Shepherd good and true is he, who will at last his Is -

12 G G A

- deeds dark, Who shall stand be - fore
 thy might, Live a - lone by mer -
 sup - port; Wait for it with pa -
 in - deed; Wait 'til God ap - pear -
 - rael free All their sin and sor -

O who shall stand be - fore thee?
 And live a - lone by mer - cy,
 I wait for it with pa - tience,
 And wait 'til God ap - pear - eth,
 From all their sin and sor - row,

17 D G A D

thee? Who shall stand be - fore thee?
 - cy, Live a - lone by mer - cy.
 - tience, Wait for it with pa - tience.
 - eth, Wait 'til God ap - pear - eth.
 - row, All their sin and sor - row.

Who shall stand be - fore thee?
 Live a - lone by mer - cy.
 Wait for it with pa - tience.
 Wait 'til God ap - pear - eth.
 All their sin and sor - row.

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.

Baptism

Wesley Estelle Simmons

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

Behold Our God

Words and Music: Jonathan Baird,
Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird, and Stephen Altrogge

C Em C

1. Who has held the oceans in his hands? Who has numbered
2. Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question
3. Who has felt the nails up on his hands, bearing all the

4 Em F Am

ev - ery grain of sand? Kings and na - tions trem - ble at his voice.
an - y of his words? Who can teach the One who knows all things?
guilt of sin - ful man? God e - ter - nal, hum - bled to the grave,

7 Dm7 G

All cre - a - tion ri - ses to re - joice. Be -
Who can fath - om all his won - drous deeds?
Je - sus, Sav - ior, ris - en now to reign!

10 C G/B Am F C G

hold our God, seated on his throne. Come, let us a - dore him. Be -

14 C G/B Am F C G C

hold our King, nothing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore ____ him!

Scripture Reading

Joel 1

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Clyde Godwin

Lord's Supper

Invitation

Minister: Christ is spiritually present at this meal – at work through our confession. What do you believe?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen. – *Apostles' Creed*

Words of Institution

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-rant 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 mer-cy and par-don and right-eous-ness mine!

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)

College Students can join Reformed University Fellowships

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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:

As more people are able to attend in-person worship services, **we are planning to move to multiple Sunday services.** Please fill out the survey at ctkcambridge.org/survey to help us make informed decisions that will work for as many people as possible.

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 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. 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

Sun, 3p :: **Women's Backyard Gathering**

Mon, 7:30p :: **Women's Evening Bible Study** :: Online
ctkcambridge.org/women

Tue, 7a :: **Morning Prayer** :: Online
ctkcambridge.org/prayer

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