

CHRIST THE KING

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, ASCENSION SUNDAY
SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021 10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

Far from being a sign of acquiescence to the dominant order, repentance creates a haven of God's new world in the midst of the old and so makes the transformation of the old possible.
— Miroslav Volf, *End of Memory*

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.

Call to Worship

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

Call to Worship

Leonard Layne

Leader: Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day.

Congregation: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

Leader: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,

Congregation: And he is to be held in awe above all gods.

Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

All: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place. — 1 Chronicles 16:23-27

Invocation

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.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Words: Edward Mote;
Music: William Bradbury

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are as follows:

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than
2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup -
4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O

Je - sus' blood and righ - teousness; I dare not trust the
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
port me in the whel - ming flood; when all a - round my
may I then in him be found; dressed in his righ - teous -

sweet - est frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil. On
soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne.

Chord markings above the staff indicate the following sequence: E, B, A, B, E, B, E.

10 E A E

Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is

Detailed description: This system contains the first three measures of the piece. The key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. Chord symbols E, A, and E are placed above the first, second, and third measures respectively.

13 B C#m B E

sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Detailed description: This system contains the next three measures. Chord symbols B, C#m, B, and E are placed above the first, second, third, and fourth measures respectively. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Come, Oh Redeemer, Come

Words and Music: Fernando Ortega

Em D C

Fa - ther en - throned on high, ho - ly, ho - ly,
 Lord save us from the dark of our stri - ving,
 Look now up - on our need; Lord, be with us.

Detailed description: This system contains the first three measures of the piece. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. Chord symbols Em, D, and C are placed above the first, second, and third measures respectively.

5 Em D 1. Em

an - cient, e - ter - nal light, hear our prayer.
 faith - less and troub - led hearts, weighed
 Heal us and make us free from our

Detailed description: This system contains measures 4, 5, and 6. Chord symbols Em, D, and Em are placed above the first, second, and third measures respectively. A first ending bracket is shown above the final measure.

10 2, 3. Em Am Em

down. Come, oh Re - deem - er, come, grant us mer - cy.
 sin.

Detailed description: This system contains measures 7, 8, and 9. Chord symbols Em, Am, and Em are placed above the first, second, and third measures respectively. A second ending bracket is shown above the first measure.

15 Am D Em

Come, oh Re - deem - er, come, grant us peace.

Detailed description: This system contains the final three measures of the piece. Chord symbols Am, D, and Em are placed above the first, second, and third measures respectively. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!
O Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared. — *Psalms 130:1-4*

Prayer of Confession

All: Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of our youth or our transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember us, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord! Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon our guilt, for it is great. Turn to us and be gracious to us, for we are lonely and afflicted. The troubles of our hearts are enlarged; bring us out of our distresses. Consider our affliction and our trouble, and forgive all our sins. Amen. — *Psalms 25:6-8, 11, 16-18*

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.

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: 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.

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Words: John Newton;
 Music: *Darmstadt Gesangbuch*

1. Let us love and sing and won - der, let us praise the
 2. Let us love the Lord who bought us, pit - ied us when
 3. Let us sing, though fierce temp - ta - tions threat - en hard to
 4. Let us won - der; grace and jus - tice join and point to
 5. Let us praise, and join the cho - rus of the saints en -

4 Sav - ior's name! He has hushed the law's loud thun - der,
 en - e - mies, called us by his grace, and taught us,
 bear us down! For the Lord, our strong sal - va - tion,
 mer - cy's store; when through grace in Christ our trust is,
 throned on high; here they trust - ed him be - fore us,

7 he has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame; he has washed us
 gave us ears and gave us eyes; he has washed us
 holds in view the con - qu'ror's crown; he who washed us
 jus - tice smiles and asks no more; he who washed us
 now their prais - es fill the sky; you have washed us

10 with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.
 with his blood, he pre - sents our souls to God.
 with his blood, soon will bring us home to God.
 with his blood, has se - cured our way to God.
 with your blood; you are wor - thy, Lamb of God.

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.

Life Together

We share important announcements and prayer requests for our church community.

Pastoral Prayer

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

Offertory

Doxology

Words: Thomas Ken;
Music: Louis Borgeouis's *Genevan Psalter*

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. A - men.

Life Together

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.

Word for the Kids

Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.
Congregation: **And also with you!**

Jesus, Strong and Kind

Words and Music: C. Buchanan,
M. Farren, J. Robinson, and R Thompson

C C/E F C Am Gsus C

1. Je - sus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.
2. Je - sus said if I am weak, I should come to him.
3. Je - sus said that if I fear, I should come to him.
4. Je - sus said if I am lost, he will come to me.

5 C C/E F C Am Gsus C

No one else can sat - is - fy. I should come to him.
No one else can be my strength. I should come to ____
No one else can be my shield. I should come to ____
And he showed me on that cross, he will come to ____

9 C^{2, 3, 4} F C Gsus C F C

him.
him.
me.
For the Lord is good and faith - ful. He will keep us day and

13 Gsus G C/E F C G Am F Gsus C

night. We can al - ways run to Je - sus, Je - sus, strong and kind.

Scripture Reading

Joel 2:1-17

Reader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Clyde Godwin

Passing of the Peace

We remind each other of the peace given us in the gospel – peace first between us and God, leading to reconciled relationships with each other. *Please remain in your pews.*

Scripture Reading

The public reading of God's Word is integral whenever God's people gather to worship. The first step to faith is listening to his Word.

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

Lord's Supper

God meets us not only in hearing the Word, but also in visible, tangible form – uniting us with himself spiritually by faith in Christ.

Lord's Supper

Invitation

Minister: Who is the Redeemer?

All: The only Redeemer is the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, in whom God became man and bore the penalty for sin himself.

- New City Catechism Q&A 20

Words of Institution

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be unafraid of the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is clear, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer for Those Desiring to Trust in Jesus Christ for the First Time

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed. And I know that through you I am more loved & accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and providing forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord and desire to live a life of loving and serving you. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Our Great God

Words and Music: Fernando Ortega and Mac Powell



1. E - ter - nal God, un - chang - ing, mys - te - ri - ous and un -
2. Lord, we are weak and frail, help - less in the
3. Let ev - 'ry crea - ture in the sea and ev - 'ry fly - ing



known; your bound - less love, un - fail - - ing,
storm. Sur - round us with your an - - - gels,
bird, let ev - 'ry moun - tain, ev - 'ry field and



grace and mer - cy shown. Bright ser - a - phim in
hold us in your arms. Our cold and ruth - less
val - ley of the earth let all the moons and



cease - less flight a - round your glo - ri - ous throne; they
en - e - my, his plea - sure is our harm. Rise
all the stars in all the u - ni - verse sing



raise their voic - es day and night in praise to you a -
up, O Lord, and he will flee be - fore our sov - 'reign
prais - es to the liv - ing God who rules them by his



lone. Hal - le - lu - - - jah! Glo - ry be to our great
God.
Word.



God! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo ry be to our great God!

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. 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).

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

Men's Fellowship Groups: Church Office (office@ctkcambridge.org)

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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.

LIFE TOGETHER

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

Men, this one's for you! Join us for a **men's ministry hangout on Saturday, May 22 from 2-4pm at Tyler Holley's home in Wakefield**. Lawn games will abound (feel free to bring one to share!) Please email office@ctkcambridge.org to sign up for a time slot and get other information. The sign up is intended to make sure the event stays within state guidelines. Hope to see you there!

On **Pentecost Sunday, May 23, at 2pm**, one of the churches in our area, Pentecostal Tabernacle, will be holding a short outdoor worship service and time of fellowship at Dana Park (70 Magazine St., Cambridge). Members of other congregations are welcome to join! Email elder Rick Olson (rickeolson@gmail.com) if you want to join a group of people from CTK who are planning to attend.

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

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