

CHRIST THE KING

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

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2020 10:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

It is tragic, therefore, that a gospel which promises justice, love and peace only by insisting that these are God's own gifts, which remain alien, foolish, and impossible except for grace alone, has continually been misconstrued and misappropriated as the goal and burden of human and Christian aspiration. Piously, or politically, we cripple ourselves with the need to bring about God's righteousness on earth, failing to hear what Jesus so vividly declares: that we need not shoulder that burden because the goal itself does not need to be accomplished. The goal is a fact, God's fact, the fact of grace and promise. No gap divides what God says from what God does.

— Alan E. Lewis, *Between Cross and Resurrection*

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.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Words: Reginald Heber;
Music: John B. Dykes



D Bm A D G D

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 A D A Bm A A E A-A7

Ear - ly in the morn - 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 D Bm A D G D Bm Bm/A

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 G D Em A D

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 Worship

Leader: Grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Congregation: Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."

Leader: And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds, and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.

Congregation: Until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. — *Ephesians 4:7-13*

Invocation

Call to Worship

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

Come, O Spirit

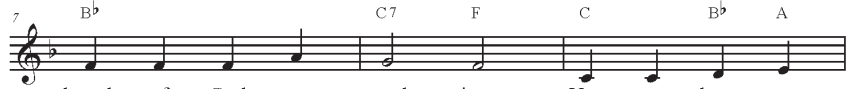
Words and Music: Isaac Wardell



1. Come, O Spir - it, com - fort true; help us by your
 2. All our know - ledge, all our sight, lies in dark - ness
 3. Come, our con - science to re - lieve from each sin re -
 4. All our rich - es, all our crowns, cast we now be -



plead - ing. Come and ev' - ry heart re - new,
 shroud - ed. All our lab - ors wrought in strife
 mem - bered. Come, our Sav - ior's blood to plead;
 fore thee. Scales re - mov - eth, chains un - bound,



breath of God pro - ceed - ing. You a - lone to
 hath our judg - ment cloud - ed. Oh, con - sume our
 na - ked we sur - ren - der. Sin hath left a
 bold - ly we im - plore thee: as you knit us



God can win us, Spir - it now work good with - in us.
 wrong de - si - res, Ho - ly Ghost, our souls in - spi - re.
 wound re - veal - ing; Spir - it, help us with your heal - ing.
 once to - geth - er, fast - en us to you for - ev - er.

Call to Confession

Leader: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. — *Hebrews 4:14-16*

Prayer of Confession

All: Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: we acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. — from John Calvin, *Geneva Liturgy of 1543*

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.

By Faith

Words and Music: Stuart Townend
and Keith and Kristyn Getty

(CAPO III) B^b(G) E^b(C) B^b(G)

1. By faith we see the hand of God in the
 2. By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth with the
 3. By faith the proph - ets saw a day when the
 4. By faith the church was called to go in the
 5. By faith this moun - tain shall be moved, and the

3 B^b(G) Gm7(E^m7) F(D) B^b(G)

light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign, in the
 of his prom - ise in their hearts of a
 longed for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear with the
 pow'r of the Spir - it to the lost, to de -
 pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre - vail, for we

5 E^b(C) F(D) B^b(G) Gm(E^m) F(D) E^b(C) F(D) Gm7(E^m7)

lives of those who prove his faith - ful - ness,
 ho - ly cit - y built by God's own hand,
 pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
 liv - er cap - tives and to preach good news
 know in Christ all things are pos - si - ble,

7 E^b(C) F(D) B^b(G) 1,3. E^b(C) B^b(G) 2,4.

who walk by faith and not by sight. We will
 a place where peace and just - ice reign.
 and rise tri - um - phant from the grave.
 in ev - 'ry cor - ner of the earth.
 to all who call up - on his name.

10 Gm(E^m) E^b(C) B^b(G) Gm(E^m) E^b(C)

stand as chil - dren of the Prom ise; we will fix our eyes on him, our

13 B^b(G) F(D) B^b(G) Gm(E^m) E^b(C) B^b(G) Dm(B^m) E^b(C)

soul's re - ward, 'til the race is fin ished and the work is done.

16 Cm7(A^m7) E^b(C) F(D) B^b(G)

We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

Offertory

Doxology

Words: Thomas Ken;
Music: Thomas Tallis

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise
him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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.

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

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.

Sermon

Galatians 3:1-14

Rev. Rick Downs

Deacons' Fund Offering

Arise, O God, and Shine

Words: William Hurn;
Music: Christopher Miner



1. A - rise, O God, and shine in all thy sav-ing
2. Bring dis-tant na-tions near to sing thy glo-rious
3. Put forth thy glo-rious pow'r, that ev-'ry-one may
4. To God, the on-ly wise, the one im-mor-tal



might, and pros-per each de - sign to spread thy glor-ious
praise; let ev-'ry peo-ple hear and learn thy ho-ly
see, and earth pre-sent her store in con-verts born to
King, let hal-le-lu-jahs rise from ev-'ry liv-ing



light; let heal-ing streams of mer-cy flow,
ways. Reign might-y God, as- sert thy cause
thee. God, our own God, his church will bless
thing; let all that breathe on ev-'ry coast



that all the earth thy truth may know.
and gov-ern by thy right-eous laws.
and fill the world with right-eous-ness.
praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

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 8:45a. During this hiatus from public gathering, we will be offering Adult Education Sundays at 8pm via Zoom:

Our Only Comfort: A Study of The Heidelberg Catechism. Since its publication in 1563, the Heidelberg Catechism has become one of the most widely circulated books in the world, and it's not hard to see why. Alongside its clear presentation of Christian doctrine, it's truly beloved for its pastoral spirit and its emphasis on the tremendous consolation and encouragement to be found in the gospel. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn and be refreshed - come join the discussion on Zoom! We recommend that you purchase Kevin DeYoung's excellent guide to the Catechism, *The Good News We Almost Forgot*.

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.

BU: nathan.dicks@ruf.org, Harvard: michael.whitham@ruf.org, or MIT: solomon.kim@ruf.org.

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.

The Adult Education class meets Sundays at 8pm via Zoom and is entitled **Our Only Comfort: A Study of The Heidelberg Catechism**. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn and be refreshed - come join the discussion! We recommend that you purchase Kevin DeYoung's excellent guide to the Catechism, *The Good News We Almost Forgot*. Please visit our website for details and links.

Despite all the books available digitally these days, sometimes it's nice to hold one while you read. Perhaps, there is a book you want to purchase for your household, but want to look at it first. **If you are interested in accessing or having books delivered to you from the CTK Lending Library during isolation**, please email Lara Kastelein (lara@ctkcambridge.org).

If children would like to share their completed Sunday morning coloring page with the congregation, email us a photo or scanned copy and we'll include it in the announcements slideshow that airs just prior to the livestream service.

The **Boston Fellows** is a nine-month fellowship for young professionals at CTK and other Boston churches to cultivate the worldview, in prayer and in the community of the local church, necessary for meaningful vocation, in a cohort of peers, spiritual leaders, and professional mentors. Applications are being accepted now for the 2020-21 cohort, which will begin in September. See www.BostonFellows.com to apply or for more information about the nine-month fellowship (or about the shorter, vocation-specific Boston Fellows industry cohorts), or contact Nathan Barczy at nathan@ctkcambridge.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mon, 6/1/20, 8p :: **Women's Evening Bible Study** :: Online
ctkcambridge.org/women
(Laura Martin, laura.a.martin87@gmail.com)

WEEKLY EVENTS AT CTK:

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

Sun, 8p :: **Adult Education** :: Online
ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation
(Nathan Barczy, nathan@ctkcambridge.org)

Tue, 7a :: **Morning Prayer** :: Online
ctkcambridge.org/prayer
(Laura Bullock, laura@ctkcambridge.org)

Fri, 4:30p :: **Theology Reading Group** :: Online
(Nathan Barczy, 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**

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