

# CHRIST THE KING

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

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JULY 25, 2021 10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

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## **Prelude**

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us... — John 1*

*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

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.

## Come, People of the Risen King

Words and Music: Stuart Townend, Keith and Kristyn Getty

1. Come peo - ple of the Ris - en King, who de -  
2. Come those whose joy is morn - ing sun, and those  
3. Come young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and

3 light to bring him praise; Come all, and tune your  
weep - ing through the night; Come those who tell of  
wom - en of the faith; Come those with full or

6 hearts to sing to the Morn - ing Star of grace. From the  
bat - tles won, and those strug - gling in the fight. For his  
emp - ty hands - find the rich - es of his grace. O - ver

9 shift - ing shad - ows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to  
per - fect love will nev - er change, and his mer - cies nev - er  
all the world, his peo - ple sing - shore to shore we hear them

12 him, where stead - y arms of mer - cy reach, to  
cease, but fol - low us through all our days, with the  
call the truth that cries in ev - 'ry age, "Our

15 F2 C2 G F2/G G  
 gath - er chil - dren in. Re - joice, re - joice! Let ev-'ry tongue re -  
 cer - tain hope of peace.  
 God is all in all."

20 F2 C2/E G Am7 F2 C2/E Dm Gsus G C  
 joice! One heart, one voice, O church of Christ, re - joice!

**Before the Throne of God Above**

Words: Charitie Lees Bancroft;  
 Music: Vikki Cook

C F C  
 1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a  
 2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair and tells me  
 3. Be - hold him there, the ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect,

4 C Am Em F G  
 strong and per - fect plea, a Great High Priest whose name is  
 of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him  
 spot - less righ - teous - ness, the great, un - change - ab - le I

7 Am F F/G C  
 Love, who - ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is  
 there, who made an end of all my sin. Be - cause the  
 AM, the King of Glo - ry and of grace. One with him -

10 F G C F G  
 gra - ven on his hands; my name is writ - ten on his  
 sin - less Sa - vior died, my sin - ful soul is coun - ted  
 self I can - not die; my soul is pur - chased by his

13 Am F G Am  
 heart; I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can  
 free, for God, the just, is sat - is - fied to look on  
 blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my

16 F G Am F F/G C  
 bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
 him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.  
 Sa - vior and my God, with Christ my Sa - vior and my God.

### **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.

### **Call to Confession**

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. — *1 John 1:8-9*

### **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 Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. Just as a father has pity on his children, so the Lord has pity on those who fear him. 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. 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.**

# Amazing Grace

Words: John Newton;  
Music: Edwin O. Excell

The musical score is written for piano in G major and 3/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system (measures 1-5) includes four verses of lyrics. The second system (measures 6-11) continues the lyrics. The third system (measures 12-16) concludes the piece with a double bar line. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand.

1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a  
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my  
3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al -  
4. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing

wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am  
fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that grace ap -  
read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me safe thus  
as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's

found, was blind, but now I see.  
pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
far, and grace will lead me home.  
praise than when we've first be - gun.

## Offertory

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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.

## 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

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.

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**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

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.

### Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you!

# Who Is Like the Lord Our God?

Words: Wendell Kimbrough;  
Music: B. Benedict and W. Kimbrough

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Our Fa - ther, he lifts from the ash-es, he  
2. Though e - qual to God in his glo-ry, Christ  
3. O Saints, fix your eyes on the Sa - vior and

rais - es the poor and the lost; he seats them to dine at his  
Je - sus be - came like a slave; he hum - bled him self in o -  
count all your right-eous - ness lost. Be found in his love and his

ta - ble, to feast with - out mon - ey or cost. The  
be - dience to death, and the cross, and the grave. Vic -  
fa - vor, and share in his death on the cross. That

lonely he set - tles in fam ilies, the bar ren a moth er he  
tor - ious, he rose to the high est; in glo ry, the Sa - vior was  
all of his pow - er in vic - t'ry, im - part ed to you, may a -

makes; O hap - py the heart of the stran ger who's  
raised. His name a - bove all names ex - alt - ed; the  
bound; and shar - ing the suf - frings of Je - sus, you

wel - comed by this King of Grace. Who is like the Lord our God?  
heav - ens and earth sing his praise.  
share in his glo - ry and crown.

Who with glo - ry fills the sky? But hum - bles him - self with the

bro - ken to dwell, Who is like our God?

## Scripture Reading

Reader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

*Matthew 11:25-30*

## 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.

*Servers come forward. Grape juice is available in the center of each wine tray and a plate of gluten-free bread on either aisle for those who desire such. Please hold the elements until all can partake together.*

## Sermon

Rev. Clyde Godwin

## Lord's Supper

### *Invitation*

Minister: Why is the Son of God called “Jesus,” meaning “savior”?

**All: Because he saves us from our sins. Salvation cannot be found in anyone else; it is futile to look for any salvation elsewhere.**

*- Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 29*

### *Words of Institution*

### *Distributing of Elements*

### ***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*

## Deacons' Fund Offering

*Eric Kastelein, Lara Kastelein, Leonard Layne, Mike Poor*



# Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners

Words: J. Wilbur Chapman;  
Music: Roland H. Prichard

1. Je - sus! What a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! lov - er of my soul;  
2. Je - sus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide my self in him;  
3. Je - sus! what a help in sor - row! While the bil - lows o'er me roll;  
4. Je - sus! what a guide and keep - er! While the tem - pest still is high;  
5. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than all in him I find;

9 friends may tempt - ed, e - ven storms a - he hath fail me, tried, and when my grant ed foes as - sail me, some times fail - ing, heart is break - ing, night o'er me for give - ness, he, my strength, my com - fort, pi - lot, his, and he, my vic - t'ry helps my hears my he is

16 whole. wins. soul. cry. mine. Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend!

23 Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, he is with me to the end.

## Benediction

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We depart with this 'good word' of God's calling upon our lives in the world.

*Please join us outside for refreshments immediately following the service, as weather permits.*

# WELCOME

**Welcome visitors!** We're glad you could join us online. Please fill out a digital visitor card at [ctkcambridge.org/visit](http://ctkcambridge.org/visit) so we can get to know you better. Find out more about us by contacting [office@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:office@ctkcambridge.org). For more information on CTK's response to the coronavirus, visit [ctkcambridge.org/coronavirus](http://ctkcambridge.org/coronavirus).

## SUNDAYS

### ADULT EDUCATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Typically, Christ the King offers classes for adults, youth, and children every Sunday morning. During the summer, we will be offering Adult Education, but our children's Sunday school gatherings are on hiatus until the Fall.

In our Adult Education class, we are studying the word *Hesed* (mercy) using Michael Card's book, *Inexpressible: Hesed and the Mystery of God's Lovingkindness*. Twice, Jesus quotes Hosea 6:6 in Matthew 9:13 and 12:7. Please note Jesus desires *hesed*. He wants us to receive mercy, love mercy, and give mercy. This study will take us deep into the heart of the Trinity. Jesus, our good shepherd, is pursuing us today with His goodness and *hesed*.

### 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](http://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](http://biblegateway.com).
- Discuss the service and sermon as a family using the worship guide (at [ctkcambridge.org/worship-kids](http://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](http://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, and Quincy. We also have sister congregations worshipping in East Boston (in Portuguese), Newton, Hanover, West Roxbury, and Somerville. See [ctkboston.org](http://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](http://ctkcambridge.org/community-groups) for a full listing with contact information.

## FELLOWSHIP GROUPS AND MINISTRIES

**Men's Fellowship Groups:** Church Office ([office@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:office@ctkcambridge.org))

**Women's Ministry:** Martha Olson ([women@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:women@ctkcambridge.org))

**Youth Community Group:** Dana Russell ([dana@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:dana@ctkcambridge.org))

**Vocational Fellowship Groups:** Church Office ([office@ctkcambridge.org](mailto: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](http://ctkcambridge.org/songs).

For **online giving**, visit [ctkcambridge.org/giving](http://ctkcambridge.org/giving).

**Sermon recordings and Adult Ed classes** can be found on the website at [ctkcambridge.org/sermons](http://ctkcambridge.org/sermons) and [ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation](http://ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation), respectively.

For recommended **daily Bible reading plans** selected by pastoral staff, visit [ctkcambridge.org/daily-bible-readings](http://ctkcambridge.org/daily-bible-readings).

To sign up for the **CTK Reader**, our weekly e-newsletter, visit [ctkcambridge.org/reader](http://ctkcambridge.org/reader).

# LIFE TOGETHER

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The **Women's Ministry book group's next meeting is Tuesday, July 27th at 7:30p**, hosted in Kelly Sawyer's backyard. This summer, they are reading Tish Warren's newest book, *Prayer in the Night*. Author Tish Warren (who wrote *Liturgy of the Ordinary*) is a former CTK member from some years ago. *Prayer in the Night* takes you through the prayers of compline and talks about the experience of mourning in suffering. Guests are welcome, so invite a friend!

**Save the date for a summer work day at the church building, Saturday August 14th** from 9am-noon! Come for 30 minutes or the whole 3 hours and help out with some gardening, cleaning, landscaping, and small projects around the building. ("Supervising"/socializing also allowed.) Let us know if you can make it or if you have any questions: [deacons@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:deacons@ctkcambridge.org).

**As we are reopening, the staff at CTK want to take this opportunity to thoughtfully rebuild our volunteer teams.** As such, we will not automatically assume that members will be serving in the roles they previously did. In the coming months, we will be discussing as a community how best to use our individual gifts to serve the church, and we ask you to prayerfully consider how you feel called and gifted. In the meantime, there are certain teams that are in need of volunteers. In particular, **we are in need of communion servers** each week. All adult members of Christ the King are encouraged to serve in this way, and most did prior to the pandemic. If you are willing to serve in this way, please email [laura@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:laura@ctkcambridge.org).

**CTK Cambridge is hiring a part-time (8 hours/wk) Youth Worker for the 2021-2022 academic year.** The Youth Worker will lead three youth meetings per month, build discipleship relationships with students, and train youth ministry volunteers. Qualifications: a love for kids in grades 6-12 and a passion to teach the gospel in age-appropriate ways. Prior teaching experience in a Christian setting is preferred. Applications can be sent to [office@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:office@ctkcambridge.org). Please spread the word!

## THIS WEEK AT CTK:

*For more details, see [ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events](http://ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events), or email [office@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:office@ctkcambridge.org)*

Sun, 9a :: **Adult Education** :: Online  
[ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation](http://ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation)

Tue, 7a :: **Morning Prayer** :: Online  
[ctkcambridge.org/prayer](http://ctkcambridge.org/prayer)

Tue, 7:30p :: **Women's Book Club** :: Online  
[ctkcambridge.org/women](http://ctkcambridge.org/women)

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