

CHRIST THE KING

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

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 8, 2021 10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

As if we ought to think of Christ, standing afar off and not rather dwelling in us! For we await salvation from him not because he appears to us afar off, but because he makes us, ingrafted into his body, participants not only in all his benefits but also in himself... if you contemplate yourself, that is sure damnation. But since Christ has been so imparted to you with all his benefits that all his things are made yours, that you are made a member of him, indeed one with him, his righteousness overwhelms your sins; his salvation wipes out your condemnation; with his worthiness he intercedes that your unworthiness may not come before God's sight. Surely this is so: We ought not to separate Christ from ourselves or ourselves from him. Rather we ought to hold fast bravely with both hands to that fellowship by which he has bound himself to us. — John Calvin, Institutes of the Christian Religion

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

Kris Sachsenmeier

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

Congregation: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Leader: Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

Congregation: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

Leader: He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in.

All: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of men! For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things. — *Psalms 107:1-9*

Invocation

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

Words: Charles Wesley;
Music: Carl Glaser

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.

Musical notation for the first system, featuring a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff.

1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
3. Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears, that
4. He breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, he
5. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your

Musical notation for the second system, continuing the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff.

great Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis mu - sic in the
sets the pris' - ner free; his blood can make the
loo - sened tongues em - ploy; ye blind, be - hold, your

Musical notation for the third system, concluding the piece. The melody and bass line are shown, with a final cadence. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff.

God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace.
earth a - broad, the ho - nors of thy Name.
sin - ner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
foul - est clean, his blood a - vailed for me.
Sa - vior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

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: 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: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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.

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Words: Trevor Francis;
Music: Thomas Williams

1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, vast, un - mea - sured,
2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, spread his praise from
3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, love of ev - 'ry

bound less, free; rol - ling as a might - y o - cean
shore to shore; how he lov - eth, e - ver lov - eth,
love the best; 'tis an o - cean vast of bles - sing,

in its full - ness o - ver me. Un - der - neath me,
chang - eth ne - ver, ne - ver - more; how he watch - es
'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest; O the deep, deep

all a - round me, is the cur - rent of thy love;
o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
love of Je - sus, 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;

lead ing on - ward, lead - ing homeward, to thy glo - rious rest a - bove.
how for them he in - ter - ce - deth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.
and it lifts me up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to thee.

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: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be
low; al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise him above, ye heav'nly
host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; al-le-lu-ia, al-le-
lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

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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Missionary Update

Matt Irvine

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!

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.

Abide With Me

Words: Henry Lyte, Justin Smith;
Music: Justin Smith

The musical score for 'Abide With Me' is written in G major and 3/4 time. It consists of six staves of music with corresponding lyrics. The lyrics are: 1. Abide with me; fast falls the even tide; The darkness deep-ens; Lord, with smile; And though re-bel-ious and per-hour. What but thy grace can foil the bless; Ills have no weight, tears lose their eyes; shine through the gloom, and point me me a - - - bide. When oth - er verse mean - while, Thou hast not tempt - er's power? Who, like thy bit - ter - - - ness. Where is thy to the skies. Heav'n's morn - ing help - ers fail and com - forts left me, oft as I left self, my guide and stay can sting, death? Where, grave, thy vic - to - breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows

1. A - bide with me; fast falls the e - ven
2. Thou on my head in ear - ly youth didst
3. I need thy pre - sence eve - ry pass - ing
4. I fear no foe with thee at hand to
5. Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing

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tide; The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with
smile; And though re - bel - lious and per -
hour. What but thy grace can foil the
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eyes; shine through the gloom, and point me

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G D A
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verse mean - while, Thou hast not
tempt - er's power? Who, like thy -
bit - ter - - - ness. Where is thy
to the skies. Heav'n's morn - ing

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sting, death? Where, grave, thy vic - to -
breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows

9
G D A D
flee, Help of the help - less, a - bide with me.
thee, On to the close, Lord, a - bide with me.
be? Through cloud and sun - shine, a - bide with me.
ry? I tri - umph still, a - bide with me.
flee; In life, in death, Lord, a - bide with me.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 11:25-30; Hebrews 7:15-25

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

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: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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

Eric Kastelein, Lara Kastelein, Rachel Thrasher, Tyler Holley

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Words: Samuel Medley;
Music: John Hatton

D A7 D G A D A/E E A

1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives;
 2. He lives tri - um - phant from the grave,
 3. He lives to bless me with his love,
 4. He lives, my kind, wise, hea - ven-ly friend,
 5. He lives, all glo - ry to his name!

D G D Em D A

what joy this blessed as - sur - ance gives.
 he lives e - ter - nal - ly to save,
 he lives to plead for me a - bove,
 he lives and loves me to the end;
 He lives, my Sa - vior, still the same.

D A7 D G Em A

He lives, he lives, who once was dead.
 he lives e - xal - ted throned a - bove,
 He lives my hun - gry soul to feed,
 he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
 What joy this blessed as - sur - ance gives,

D G A D Em D A7 D

He lives, my ev - - - er - liv - ing Head.
 he lives to rule his church in love.
 he lives to help in time of need.
 he lives, my Pro - phet, Priest, and King.
 I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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 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 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.
- 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, 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)

Women's Ministry: Martha Olson (women@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:

Save the Date! **CTK's 25th Anniversary party will be Saturday, September 18th from 5-8p.** More details coming, but please mark your calendars!

Join us for a summer work day at the church building this 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.

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.

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. Please spread the word!

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

Tue, 7:30p :: **Women's Book Club** :: Online
ctkcambridge.org/women

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For questions about the CTK Pastoral Search Committee, please visit ctkcambridge.org/psc or email psc@ctkcambridge.org

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