

# CHRIST THE KING

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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 22, 2021 10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

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## **Prelude**

*Should the law against her roar,  
Jesus blood still speaks with power,  
'All her debts were cast on Me,  
And she must and shall go free.'* — William Gadsby, *Mercy Speaks By Jesus' Blood*

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**

Nathan Carter

Leader: O God, you are our God, earnestly we seek you;

**Congregation: Our souls thirst for you, our flesh faints for you,**

**All: In a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

Leader: We have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and your glory.

**Congregation: Because your steadfast love is better than life, our lips will praise you.**

Leader: We will bless you as long as we live, and in your name we will lift up our hands.

**All: Our souls will be satisfied as with fat and rich food; and our mouths will praise you with joyful lips. — Psalm 63:1-5**

### **Invocation**

# Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Words: Walter C. Smith;  
Music: Welsh hymn melody

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.

1.Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly  
 2.Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as  
 3.To all life thou giv - est, to both great and  
 4.Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa ther - of

5.wise, in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our  
 light, nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in  
 small; in all life thou liv - est, the true life of  
 light, thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their

9.eyes, most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of  
 might; thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a -  
 all; we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the  
 sight; all praise we would ren - der, O help us to

13.Days, al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 bove, thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 tree, and wi - ther and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 see 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

### **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: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 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. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. — *1 John 1:5-10*

### **Prayer of Confession**

All: Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you, if you dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen. – from John Knox, *Liturgy of 1560*

### **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.

## Arise, My Soul, Arise

Words: Charles Wesley, Kevin Twit;  
Music: Kevin Twit



1. A - rise my soul, a-rise, shake off your guilt - y fears;  
2. He ev - er lives a-bove for me to in - tercede,  
3. Five bleed - ing wounds he bears, re - ceived on Cal - vary,  
4. My God is re - conciled, his pard 'ning voice I hear;



the bleed - ing sac - ri - fice on my be-half ap - pears.  
his all re - deem - ing love, his precious blood to plead.  
They pour ef - fec - tual prayers; they strongly plead for me.  
He owns me for his child; I can no long - er fear;



Be - fore the throne my sure - ty stands, be - fore the throne  
His blood a - toned for ev - 'ry race, his blood a - toned  
For - give him, O for - give, they cry, For - give him, O  
With con - fi - dence I now draw nigh, With con - fi - dence

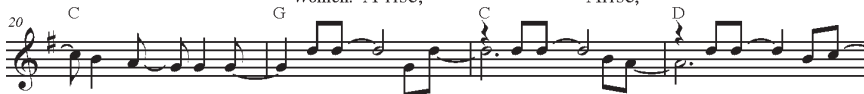


my sure - ty stands. My name is writ - ten on his hands.  
for ev - 'ry race, and sprin - kles now the throne of grace.  
for give, they cry, Nor let that ran - somed sin - ner die!  
I now draw nigh, and "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther!" cry.



Men: A rise, Arise, Arise, Arise

Women: A rise, Arise, Arise, Arise



mysoul, a-rise. Arise, Arise, Arise, Arise, Arise, Arise,



mysoul, a rise. Shake off your guilt - y fears and rise.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.**

### Receiving of New Members

*Abram Poor, Leila Poor, Ruthie Sherrill, Hazel Thrasher, Miriam Ward*

### Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you!**

# In Christ Alone

Words and Music: Keith Getty  
and Stuart Townend

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, he is my  
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of  
 3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, Light of the  
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id -  
 God in help - less babe. This gift of love and right eous -  
 world by dark - ness slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious  
 pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal

ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of  
 ness, scorned by the ones he came to save. Till on that  
 day, up from the grave he rose a - gain! And as he  
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings  
 cross, as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -  
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on  
 hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from his

cease, my Com - fort - er, my all in all, here in the  
 fied; for ev - 'ry sin on him was laid. Here in the  
 me; for I am his and he is mine, bought with the  
 hand; till he re - turns or calls me home, here in the

love of Christ I stand.  
 death of Christ I live.  
 pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

## Scripture Reading

*Matthew 11:25-30, 1 John 1:5-2:2*

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

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

## Word for the Kids

## 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***

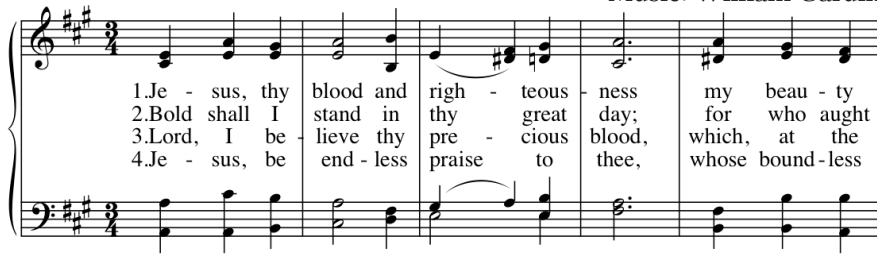
*Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed. And I know that through you I am more loved & accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and providing forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised 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*



# Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Words: Nikolaus von Zinzendorf;  
Translated by John Wesley;  
Music: William Gardiner



1. Je - sus, thy blood and righ - teous - ness my beau - ty;  
2. Bold shall I stand in thy great day; for who aught  
3. Lord, I be - lieve thy pre - cious blood, which, at the  
4. Je - sus, be end - less praise to thee, whose bound - less



are, my glo - rious dress; 'midst flam - ing worlds, in  
to my charge shall lay? Ful - ly ab - solved through  
mer - cy - seat of God, for - ev - er doth for  
mer - cy hath for me - for me a full a -



these ar - rayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.  
these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.  
sin - ners plead, for me, e'en for my soul, was shed.  
tone - ment made, an ev - er - last - ing ran - som paid.

## 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.
- For non-readers, place your arms around your child and point to the words in the bulletin as they are read.
- During the sermon, kids might complete one of the worship activities provided at [ctkcambridge.org/worship-kids](http://ctkcambridge.org/worship-kids) or available in the church foyer along with "Pew Pouches" containing writing and drawing supplies.

#### 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))

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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 **CTK Cambridge congregation is called to an informational meeting TONIGHT Sunday, August 22 from 7-8:30pm** via Zoom. There will be an optional time of prayer starting at 6:30p for those who are able to make it. The agenda for the meeting will be as follows:

- 7-7:30 PM :: Presenting the 2021-2022 budget with Q&A
- 7:30-8 PM :: Plans to close the CTK network with Q&A
- 8-8:30 PM :: The decision to end our relationship with McGowan and Associates\*\* with Q&A  
*\*\*more information about this decision can be found at [ctkcambridge.org/transition](http://ctkcambridge.org/transition)*

It's time for a **church directory update**, and this time around, we're using a new online format. If you need any help logging in to update your directory profile, or if you need an invitation to join the directory, please email [laura@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:laura@ctkcambridge.org). A few notes on privacy:

- When signing up for the directory, **you can choose what information to share** (your photo, your phone, your email, and/or your address, or any combination thereof).
- **Only you can share your information** and/or your household's information in the directory. Church staff can invite you to join, but we cannot publicly post your information.
- There will be a link to the directory on the website, but **anyone who is not invited to the directory by staff will not have access to the directory** and will not be able to see it.

**The middle school youth are invited to a cookout at the Goodman home** in Newton on Sunday, August 29 from 4:30-6:30p. Please RSVP to Lydia Carter for directions and more info.

**Discovering CTK** is a class for those interested in learning more about our church and denomination (PCA) and what it means to become a member. The next class will be offered the first weekend in October. Registration will open soon, but in the meantime, please email [laura@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:laura@ctkcambridge.org) with any questions.

## 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)

Thu, 8:15p :: **Evening Prayer** :: Online  
[ctkcambridge.org/prayer](http://ctkcambridge.org/prayer)

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