

CHRIST THE KING

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020
10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

It is completely incomprehensible to us how God can reveal himself and to some extent make himself known in created beings: eternity in time, immensity in space, infinity in finite, immutability in change, being in becoming, the all, as it were, in that which is nothing. This mystery cannot be comprehended; it can only be gratefully acknowledged.

— Herman Bavinck, *Reformed Dogmatics*

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*

Call to Worship

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Congregation: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

Leader: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Congregation: For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

All: O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you.

— *Psalms 84:1-4, 10-12*

Invocation

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

Words: Isaac Watts;
Music: W.H. Monk

1. I sing the almighty pow'r of God that made the mountains
2. I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with
3. There's not a plant or flow'r below but makes your glories

rise, that spread the flowing seas a broad and
food; he formed the creatures with his word, and
known; And clouds arise and tempests blow by

built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom
then pronounced them good. Lord, how your wonders
or - der from your throne; While all that borders

that ordained the sun to rule the day; the
are displayed where e'er I turn my eye, If
life from you is ev - er in your care, and

moon shines full at his command and all the stars obey.
I survey the ground I tread or gaze up - on the sky!
ev - 'ry - where that man can be, you, God, are present there.

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: 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: We know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. For through the law we died to the law, so that we might live to God. 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.

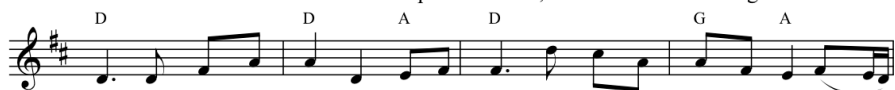
Congregation: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

The Love of Christ is Rich and Free

Words: William Gadsby;
Music: Sandra McCracken



1.The love of Christ is rich and free; fixed on his own e - ter - nal -
3.Love has re - deemed his sheep with blood, and lovewill bring them safe to



ly; nor earth, nor hell, can it re - move; long as he lives, his own he'll
God; Love calls them all from death to life; and love will fin - ish all their



love. 2.His lov - ing heart en - gaged to be their ev - er -
strife. 4.He loves through ev - ery chang - ing scene, nor aught from



last - ing Sur - e - ty; 'twas love that took their cause in hand, and love main
him can Zi - on wean; not all the wanderings of her heart can make his



tains it to the end. Love can - not from its post with - draw; nor
love for her de - part.



death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law, can turn the Sure ty's heart a - way; he'll



love his own to end - less day. 5.At death, be - yond the grave, he'll



love; in endless bliss, his own shall prove the blazing glo - ry of that



love which ne - ver could from them re - move, which ne - ver



could from them re - - - - move.

Offertory

Doxology

Words: Thomas Ken;
Music: Thomas Tallis

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.

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.

A Word for the Kids

Speak, O Lord

Words and Music: Keith Getty
and Stuart Townend



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food of your
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of your



ho - ly word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and
mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the
plans for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will



fash - ion us in your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be
ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
e - chodown through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on your



seen to - day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
eyes to see your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
prom - is - es; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.



Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all your
Words of pow'r that can nev - - er fail; let their
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built and the



pur - - - pos - es, for your glo - ry.
truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
earth is filled with your glo - ry.

Sermon

Psalm 139

Rev. Omar Ortiz

Lord's Supper

Invitation

Minister: What do you believe?

All: Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, he was buried, and he was raised on the third day.
- from 1 Corinthians 15:3b-4a

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Cornerstone

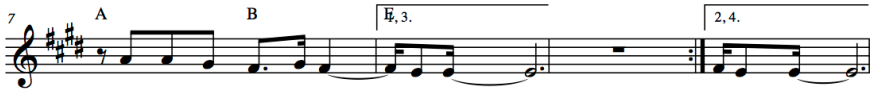
Words and Music: J. Myrin, R. Morgan,
E. Lijero, E. Mote, and W. Bradbury



1. My hope is built on noth - ing less, than Je - sus' blood and
2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -
3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in



right - eous - ness. I dare not trust the sweet - est frame,
chang - ing grace. In ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale,
whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way,
him be found; dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone,



but whol - ly trust in Je - sus' Name. the veil.
my an - chorholds within and stay. the throne.
he then is all my hope and stay. the throne.
faultless to stand be - fore



Christ a - lone, Cor - ner - stone, Weak made strong in the Sav - ior's love,



Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all.

Benediction

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.

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:

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 NIrV 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).

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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, groups are meeting virtually. Please visit ctkcambridge.org/community-groups for a full listing with contact information.

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. Nathan Barczy (nathan@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)

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MIT: solomon.kim@ruf.org.

Meals Ministry: Erin Ward (meals@ctkcambridge.org)

Overseas Partner Liaison: Morgan Crago (missions@ctkcambridge.org)

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

After two decades of faithful service at CTK, **our beloved pastor Rick Downs stepped away as senior pastor at the end of August.** To learn more about this transition and what comes next for CTK, please visit ctkcambridge.org/transition.

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.

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.

Newcomers! Welcome to CTK! We know this is a strange time to be joining a new church and we want to encourage you to get connected insofar as you are able. We have weekly Community Groups, most of which meet online. We will also have a newcomers class called Discovering CTK later in the fall. For more information on these or other ways to get involved, please email office@ctkcambridge.org.

WEEKLY EVENTS AT CTK:

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

Sun, 9a :: **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, 5p :: **Theology Reading Group** :: Mystic River State Reservation
(Nathan Barczy, nathan@ctkcambridge.org)

DAILY PRAYER ONLINE:

Visit ctkboston.org/prayer for more information

Mon, Wed, 6:30a :: **Morning Prayer**

Tue, Thu, 8a :: **Morning Prayer**

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