

# CHRIST THE KING

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020  
10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

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## **Prelude**

*Thus faith believes God to be truthful; hope waits for him to show us truth at the right occasion. Faith believes God to be our Father; hope waits for him ever to act as such toward us. Faith believes eternal life has been given us; hope waits for it sometime to be revealed. Faith is the foundation on which hope leans; hope nourishes faith and sustains it. For as no one can expect from God anything unless he has previously believed God's promises, so on the other hand ought we by patiently hoping and waiting to sustain and cherish the weakness of our faith, lest it wearily fall. — John Calvin*

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: Seek the Lord while he may be found;

Congregation: Call upon him while he is near;

Leader: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

Congregation: Let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,

All: And to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. — *Isaiah 55:6, 7*

## Invocation

### Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Words: Joachim Neander;  
Music: *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*

1.Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2.Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly  
3.Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -  
4.Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me a -

a - - - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
reign - - - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so  
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here  
dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - - - tion! All ye who hear,  
gent - ly sus - tain - - - eth! Hast thou not seen  
dai - ly at - tend thee. Pon - der a - new  
prais - es be - fore him. Let the A - men

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10  
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now to his tem - ple draw near,  
 how thy de - sires e'er have been  
 what the Al - mighty - y will do,  
 sound from his peo - ple a - gain;

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join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 gran - ted in what he or - dain - - - eth?  
 if with his love he be - friend thee.  
 glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

## Call to Confession

Leader: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
 whose sin is covered.  
 Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,  
 and in whose spirit there is no deceit.  
 For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
 through my groaning all day long.  
 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
 my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.  
 I acknowledged my sin to you,  
 and I did not cover my iniquity;  
 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"  
 and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. — *Psalms 32:1-5*

## 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

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: 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.**

# 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!

# Offertory

## Doxology

Words: Thomas Ken;  
Music: Louis Bourgeois's *Genevan Psalter*

Praise God from whom all blessings 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.

The musical score is written in G major and 3/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system contains six measures of music. The second system starts at measure 7 and contains six measures. The third system starts at measure 13 and contains six measures, ending with a double bar line. The piano accompaniment is simple, using chords and single notes to support the vocal line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

## 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

# I Hunger and I Thirst

Words: John S.B. Monsell;  
Music: Kathryn Balanza

C G/B Am F G

1. I hun-ger and I thirst; Je - sus, my man - na be; ye  
2. Thou true life-giv-ing Vine, let me thy sweet-ness prove; re -  
3. For still the des-ert lies my thirst-ing soul be - fore; O

4 Am G/B C F G C

liv - ing wa - ters, burst out of the rock for me. Thou  
new my life with thine, re - fresh my soul with love. Rough  
liv - ing wa - ters rise with - in me ev - er - more. For

6 F C Am2 G

bruised and bro - ken Bread, my life-long needs sup-ply; as  
paths my feet have trod, since first their course be-gan; feed  
still the des - ert lies my thirst-ing soul be-fore; O

8 Am G/B C F G C

liv - ing souls are fed, O feed me, or I die.  
me, thou Bread of God, help me, thou Son of Man.  
liv - ing wa - ters rise with - in me ev - er - more.

Sermon

1 Samuel 21

Rev. Nathan Barczi

## Lord's Supper

### *Invitation*

Minister: What do you believe?

**All: There is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. - from 1 Corinthians 8:6**

### *Words of Institution*

### *Prayer of Thanksgiving*



# Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Words: William Williams;  
Music: John Hughes

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun tain, whence the heal - ing  
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

4  
bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

7  
hold me with thy pow'r - ful hand; Bread of heav - en,  
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong De - liv - 'rer,  
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

10  
Bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no  
strong De - liv - 'rer, be thou still my strength and  
songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to

12  
more, shield, feed me till I want no more.  
thee, be thou still my strength and shield.  
I will ev - er give to thee.

## Benediction

# 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 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](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 NIrV 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).

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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](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

*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](mailto:nathan@ctkcambridge.org))

**Women's Ministry:** Laura Martin ([laura.a.martin87@gmail.com](mailto:laura.a.martin87@gmail.com))

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

**Vocational Fellowship Groups:** Rev. Nathan Barczy ([nathan@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:nathan@ctkcambridge.org))

**College Students** can join Reformed University Fellowships

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MIT: [solomon.kim@ruf.org](mailto:solomon.kim@ruf.org).

**Meals Ministry:** Erin Ward ([meals@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:meals@ctkcambridge.org))

**Overseas Partner Liaison:** Morgan Crago ([missions@ctkcambridge.org](mailto: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](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).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**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](mailto:office@ctkcambridge.org).

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](http://ctkcambridge.org/transition).

**On Sunday, Sept 20, the women of the church are invited to a BYOLunch picnic after church in Sennott Park** around noon. This is a great opportunity to meet someone new, connect with a leader of one of the upcoming Fall Bible studies, and enjoy this lovely September weather. If you're not able to attend but want to get involved, please reach out to Laura Martin at [lauraamartin87@gmail.com](mailto:lauraamartin87@gmail.com). Whether you're new or have been at CTK for awhile, we would love to get to know you and help connect (and reconnect!) you with other women at the church.

**The morning Women's Bible Study will be starting again on Wednesday, September 23, from 9-10:30a.** We will begin a new study by Nancy Guthrie, "God does his best work with Empty." The study includes a personal bible study to complete independently, and we will meet remotely on Zoom to hear from Nancy and to discuss the passages and pray for one another. Please let Kelly Sawyer ([Bostonkelly@gmail.com](mailto:Bostonkelly@gmail.com)) know if you are interested, so you can receive the information and zoom login. Please come and join us!

**The evening women's Bible study will resume on Monday, September 21** to start a new study of 1 Timothy and Titus by John Stott. The study will meet every-other Monday evening at 7:30PM on Zoom. Contact Katie Jentoft ([katie.jentoft@gmail.com](mailto:katie.jentoft@gmail.com)) or Emily Stuntz ([emily.debaun@gmail.com](mailto:emily.debaun@gmail.com)) for more information on the study and getting the materials.

## WEEKLY EVENTS 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)

Fri, 5p :: **Theology Reading Group** :: Mystic River State Reservation

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