

CHRIST THE KING

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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

The bleak landscapes of Gethsemane and Golgotha map out the strange topography of God's inner life. At the real heart of things are kenosis, crucifixion, resurrection - in other words, tragedy and its transfiguration. Christian hope is not a cosmic optimism, not a denial of tragedy. It is the vision of a lamb standing amid the ruins of history, 'looking as if it had been slain'.

— Benjamin Myers, *Christ the Stranger*

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

Leonard Layne

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Congregation: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice
and be glad in it.

Leader: Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success!

Congregation: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We
bless you from the house of the Lord.

Leader: The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

All: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love
endures forever! — *Psalm 118:20-29*

Invocation

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.

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.

He Is Exalted

Words and Music: Twila Paris

(Capo III) F(D) B \flat (G) C(A)

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high, I will praise him.

5 F(D) B \flat (G) C(A) B \flat (G) C(A) Dsus(Bsus) D(B)

He is exalted, for ever exalted, and I will praise his name!

11 Gm(Em)Dm(Bm) C(A) F(D) Am(F#m) B \flat (G) F(D) Gm(Em)Dm(Bm)

He is the Lord, for ever his truth shall reign. Heaven and

16 C(A) F(D) Am(F#m) B \flat (G) F(D) Gm(Em) Dm(Bm)

earth rejoice in his holy name. He is exalted, the

20 E \flat (C) B \flat (G) F(D)

King is exalted on high!

Jesus, I Come

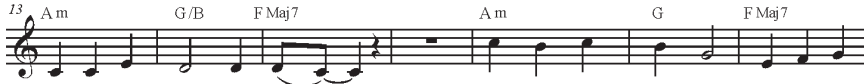
Words: William Sleeper;
Music: Greg Thompson



1. Out of my bon - dage, sor-row and night, Je-sus, I come;
2. Out of my shame - ful fail-ure and loss, Je-sus, I come;
3. Out of un - rest and ar - ro-gant pride, Je-sus, I come;
4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Je-sus, I come;



Je-sus, I come in - to thy free - dom, gladness, and light
Je-sus, I come in - to the glo - rious gain of thy cross,
Je-sus, I come. In - to thy bless - ed will to a - bide,
Je-sus, I come. In - to the joy and light of thy home,



Je-sus, I come to thee. Out of my sick-ness in - to thy
Je-sus, I come to thee. Out of earth's sor-rows in - to thy
Je-sus, I come to thee. Out of my - self to dwell in thy
Je-sus, I come to thee. Out of the depths of ru - in un -



health, out of my want - ing and in - to thy wealth, out of my
balm, out of life's storms and in - to thy calm, out of dis -
love, out of des - pair in - to raptures a - bove, up - ward for -
told, in - to the peace of thy shel-ter-ing fold, ev - er thy



sin and in - to thy - self, Je sus, I come to thee.
tress in - to jub-i - lant psalm, Je sus, I come to thee.
ev - er on wings like a dove, Je sus, I come to thee.
glo - rious face to be - hold, Je sus, I come to 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: Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment. — *Psalm 51:1-4*

Prayer of Confession

All: Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

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: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 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.

Man of Sorrows! What a Name

Words and Music: Phillip P. Bliss

G Em B7 C G

1.Man of Sor - rows! what a Name for the Son of
2.Bear - ing shame and scoff - ing rude, in my place con -
3.Guilt - y, vile, and help less, we; spot less Lamb of
4.Lift - ed up was he to die, "It is fin - ished!"
5.When he comes, our glo rious King, all his ran - somed

7 D G G C

God, who came ru ined sin - ners to re - claim: Hal le -
demned he stood, sealed my par - don with his blood: Hal le -
God was he; full a - tone - ment! can it be? Hal le -
was his cry; now in heav'n ex - alt - ed high: Hal le -
home to bring, then a - new this song we'll sing: Hal le -

13 Em Am C G

lu - - - jah! What a Sav - ior!
lu - - - jah! What a Sav - ior!
lu - - - jah! What a Sav - ior!
lu - - - jah! What a Sav - ior!
lu - - - jah! What a Sav - ior!

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: 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.

Life Together

We share important announcements and prayer requests for our church community.

Prayers of the People

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.

Dismissal of Children and Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you!

Be Still, My Soul

Words: Katherine von Schlegel;

Music: Jean Sibelius

(Capo III) F(D) C(A) F(D) C7(A7) C(A) B♭(G) C(A) F(D) F(D) C(A) F(D)

1. Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; bear pa-tient -
 2. Be still, my soul; your God will un-der take to guide the
 3. Be still, my soul; the hour is has-t'ning on when we shall

6 C7(A7) C(A) B♭(G) F(D) F(D) Dm(Bm)

ly the cross of grief or pain; leave to your God to
 fu-ture as he has the past. Your hope, your con-fi-
 be for-ev-er with the Lord, when dis-ap-point-ment,

11 F(D) C(A) Gm(Em) F(D)Gm(Em) F(D) B♭(G)

or-der and pro-vide; in ev-'ry change he faith-ful will re-
 pendence let noth-ing shake; all now mys-te-rious shall be bright at
 grief, and fear are gone, sor-row for-got, love's pur-est joys re-

16 A(F#) F(D) C(A) Dm(Bm) F(D) C(A) Gm(Em)

main. Be still, my soul; your best your heav'n-ly Friend
 last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
 stored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,

21 F(D) Gm(Em) F(D) B♭(G) C7(A7) F(D)

through thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.
 his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be-low.
 all safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 4:23-5:12

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

Deacons' Fund Offering

Ryan Grams, Martha Olson, Rick Olson, Rachel Thrasher

O God, Beyond All Praising

Words: Michael Perry;
Music: Gustav Holst

1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to -
2. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we
4 day and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-
bring, that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our
8 pay; for we can on-ly won-der at ev-ery gift you
King; and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or
12 send, at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out
ill, we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you
16 end; we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your
still; to mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your
20 word, we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.
ways, and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

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. Currently, we are offering Adult Education on Zoom, but our children's Sunday school gatherings are on hiatus.

In our Adult Education classes, we've been tracking with the themes of Micah 6:8, "to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." In the coming weeks, we'll be doing a study on *Generous Justice*, using Tim Keller's book of the same name.

FOR FAMILIES

Nursery

- Open during the service for up to 8 registered participants ages 6 months (and sitting) to 3 years, with a waitlist available. The room is behind the sanctuary through the doors on the right.
- Please contact Lara Kastelein (lara@ctkcambridge.org) with questions or to cancel if registered and unable to make it.

Children's Worship

- Children 4–5 years are dismissed from the service prior to the sermon to a class that teaches about worship suited to their age. Parents must escort kids to class in order to check them in and pick them up after the service.
- Class capacity is 10 registered students, with a waitlist available. Parents may sign up children for class when registering for the service.
- Please contact Dana Russell (dana@ctkcambridge.org) with any questions or to cancel if registered and unable to make it.

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 may complete one of the worship activities available at ctkcambridge.org/worship-kids or in the church foyer along with 'Pew Pouches' containing writing and drawing supplies.

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 parts of the service as a family using the worship guide (ctkcambridge.org/worship-kids). 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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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.

LIFE TOGETHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Registration Reminder: We continue to ask that folks please register to attend on Sunday mornings. Whether you choose distanced or open, registering allows staff to know how many seats of each type we need.

Children's Worship is now open for children 4 and 5 years! Our maximum capacity right now is 10 registered students (with a waitlist available). Kids will be dismissed from the service prior to the sermon and parents must escort children to class in order to check them in. Please contact Dana Russell (dana@ctkcambridge.org) with any questions.

We're excited to announce that we've hired **Ariana Smartt as the new Youth Intern at CTK**. Ariana is a sophomore undergrad and a leader in Harvard's RUF ministry. She's looking forward to getting to know and serve CTK's youth!

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 is now open at ctkcambridge.org/discovering-ctk.

Save the Date: Put Saturday, **October 16th on the calendar for CTK's Great Pumpkin Event**. A church-wide pumpkin carving and decorating event. All are welcome for food, fun, contests and prizes! Details to come.

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

Thu, 9:30a :: **Women's Morning Bible Study** :: Social Hall
ctkcambridge.org/women

Thu, 8:15p :: **Evening Prayer** :: Online
ctkcambridge.org/prayer

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