

# CHRIST THE KING

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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
OCTOBER 24, 2021 10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

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## Prelude

*So if it seems to you that you have understood the divine Scriptures, or any part of them, in such a way that by this understanding you do not build up this twin love of God and neighbor, then you have not yet understood them. — Augustine of Hippo, On Christian Teaching*

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

Kris Sachsenmeier

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

## 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.

## 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 -

5  
 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

10  
 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

15  
 now to his tem - ple draw near,  
 how thy de - sires e'er have been  
 what the Al - might - y will do,  
 sound from his peo - ple a - gain;

19  
 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.

# I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)

Words and Music: J. Kauflin,  
M. Merker, K. Getty, S. Townend

1. Out of the depths I cry to you; in dark-est plac-es I will  
2. Were you to count my sin-ful ways, how could I come be fore your

call; in-cline your ear to me a - new, and her my cry for mer-cy,  
throne? Yet full for - give-ness meets my gaze; I stand re-deemed by grace a -

1. Lord. 2. Were I will wait for you, I will wait for you; on your  
- - - lone.

word I will re - ly. I will wait for you, sure-ly wait for you, till my

soul is sat-is - fied. 3. So put your hope in God a -  
4. Now he has come to make a

lone; take cour-age in his power to save, com-pletely and for-ev-er  
way, and God him-self has paid the price, that all who trust in him to -

won by Christ's e - merg-ing from the grave. I will fied. I will  
day find heal-ing in his sac - ri - fice.

wait for you, I will wait for you, through the storm and through the

night. I will wait for you, surely wait for you, for your love is my de-light.

### **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: But when he came to himself, he said... I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants." And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." And they began to celebrate. — *Luke 15:17-24*

### **Prayer of Confession**

All: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen. — from the *Book of Common Worship*

### **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: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. Whoever believes in him is not condemned. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of 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.**

# Our Great God

Words and Music: Fernando Ortega and Mac Powell

1. E - ter - nal God, un - chang - ing, mys - te - ri - ous and un -  
2. Lord, we are weak and frail, help - less in the  
3. Let ev - 'ry crea - ture in the sea and ev - 'ry fly - ing

5 known; your bound - less love, un - fail - - ing,  
storm. Sur - round us with your an - - - gels,  
bird, let ev - 'ry moun - tain, ev - 'ry field and

8 grace and mer - cy shown. Bright ser - a - phim in  
hold us in your arms. Our cold and ruth - less  
val - ley of the earth let all the moons and

11 cease - less flight a - round your glo - ri - ous throne; they  
en - e - my, his plea - sure is our harm. Rise  
all the stars in all the u - ni - verse sing

14 raise their voic - es day and night in praise to you a -  
up, O Lord, and he will flee be - fore our sov - 'reign  
prais - es to the liv - ing God who rules them by his

17 lone. Hal - le - lu - - - jah! Glo - ry be to our great  
God.  
Word.

21 God! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry be to our great God!

Chord markings: B $\flat$ , F m, F m7, B $\flat$ , G m, E $\flat$ , B $\flat$ , F m, E $\flat$ , B $\flat$ , F m, E $\flat$ , B $\flat$ .

## 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: Louis Borgeouis'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.

### 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!

# Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm,  
Laura Bullock, Amanda Holley;  
Music: William M. Runyan

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words on multiple lines. Chord symbols are placed above the staff lines. The lyrics are: 1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God our Fa - ther; 2. Though we bear bur - dens, we hope in thy prom - ise; 3. Thy love is stead - fast, un - ceas - ing, a - bun - dant. there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est Though in dis - tress, fix our eyes yet a - bove. Whe - ther in Thou, Lord, art good, and our trust is in thee. Seek - ing thy not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast joy or in grief, we bear wit - ness to thy great strength, we a - wait thy sal - va - tion, thou our in - been thou for - ev - er wilt be. faith - ful - ness, mer cy, and love. Great is thy faith ful ness! Great is thy her - i - tence e - ter - nal - ly. faith ful ness! Morn ing by morn ing new mer cies I see; all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid ed - Great is thy faith ful ness, Lord, un - to me!

## 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*

*Alecia Augspurg, Justin Augspurg, Leif Jentoft, Laura Martin*



# Thy Mercy, My God

Words: John Stoker;  
Music: Sandra McCracken



1. Thy mer-cy, my God, is the theme of my song, the  
out thy sweet mer-cy I could not live here;  
mer-cy is more than a match for my heart which  
Fa-ther of mer-cies thy good-ness I own and the



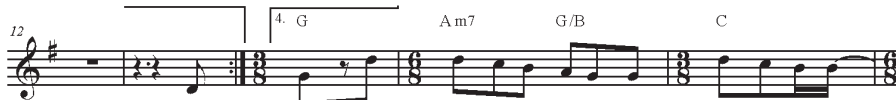
joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue, thy  
sin would re-duce me to ut-ter des-pair, but  
won-ders to feel its own hard-ness de-part; dis-  
cov-e-rant love of thy cruc-i-fied Son; all



free grace a-lone from the first to the last hath  
through thy free good-ness my spir-its re-vive, and  
solved by thy good-ness I fall to the ground and  
praise to the Spir-it whose whis-per di-vine seals



won my af-fec-tions and bound my soul fast.  
he that first made me still keeps me a-live.  
weep for the praise of the mer-cy I've found.  
mer-cy and par-don and right-eous-ness



mine. All praise to the Spirit whose whis-per di-vine

2. With  
3. Thy  
4. Great



seals mer-cy and par-don and right-eous-ness mine!

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

In the Adult education class, we have been pursuing the themes of Micah 6:8 - act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly. During the summer, we went through Michael Card's wonderful study on Heseid (mercy) and Morgan Crago led us through an insightful study of racism in the Presbyterian Church. In our current class, we are using Tim Keller's book *Generous Justice* to pursue what it means to act justly.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://biblegateway.com).
- Discuss the parts of the service as a family using the worship guide ([ctkcambridge.org/worship-kids](http://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](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:

**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. **Registering by Friday is most helpful.**

When registering for the service, you may also **register children for either nursery** (ages 6 months through 3 years) **or children's worship** (age 4 and Kindergarten). Space is limited, but wait lists are available.

## 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, 9:30a :: **Women's Morning Bible Study** :: Social Hall  
[ctkcambridge.org/women](http://ctkcambridge.org/women)

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