

# CHRIST THE KING

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

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
NOVEMBER 7, 2021 10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

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## Prelude

*Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;  
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered.  
For our atonement, while we nothing heeded,  
God interceded. — Johann Heermann, Ah, Holy Jesus*

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

Catherine Cook

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**Congregation: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;

**Congregation: We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

**Congregation: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. — Psalm 100**

## 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.

## Come, Thou Almighty King

Words: Anonymous ca. 1757;  
Music: Felice de Giardini

1. Come, thou al - might - y - King, help us thy  
 2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy  
 3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred  
 4. To the great one in Three e - ter - nal

5 name to sing, help us to praise. Fa - ther, all  
 might - y sword, our prayer at - tend. Come, and thy  
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour. Thou who al -  
 prais - es be, hence ev - er - more. His sov - ereign

10 glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
 peo - ple bless, and give thy Word suc - cess;  
 might - y art, now rule in ev - 'ry heart,  
 maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

13 come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
 Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.  
 and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

# Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word

Words: Martin Luther;  
Music: *Geistliche Lieder*

Em G Cmaj7

Musical staff for measures 1-3. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (half).

1.Lord, keep us stead - fast in your Word;  
2.Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known,  
3.O Com - fort - er of price - less worth,

4 Em G Bsus B7

Musical staff for measures 4-7. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (half).

Curb those who by de ceit or sword  
for you are Lord of lords a lone;  
send peace and u ni ty on earth;

8 Cmaj7 Em7 Em/A

Musical staff for measures 8-11. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (half).

would wrest the king dom from your Son  
de - fend your ho ly Church, that we  
sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

12 Cmaj7 D B7 Em

Musical staff for measures 12-15. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (half).

and bring to nought all he has done.  
may sing your praise tri - um - phant - ly.  
and lead us out of death to life.

### **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: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another. — based on *Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16*

### **Prayer of Confession**

All: Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of our youth or our transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember us, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord! Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon our guilt, for it is great. Turn to us and be gracious to us, for we are lonely and afflicted. The troubles of our hearts are enlarged; bring us out of our distresses. Consider our affliction and our trouble, and forgive all our sins. Amen. — *Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18*

### **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: Christians, what do you believe?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sits on the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

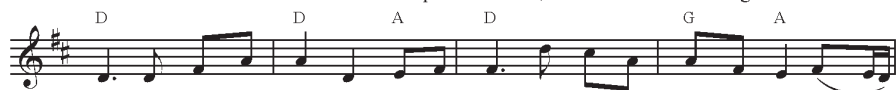
I believe in the Holy Spirit;  
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen. — *Apostles' Creed*

# 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 love will 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 wan - derings 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 end less bliss, his own shall prove the blaz ing glo - ry of that



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



could from them re - - - - - move.

## 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: St. Francis of Assisi;  
Music: Jonathan Gilley

1. All ye who are of ten-der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers  
2. Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor ship him with  
take your part, hum - ble - ness! Sing his prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia!  
O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Ye who long pain and sor - row bear, praise God and on him  
Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spir - it,  
cast your care! O praise him! O praise him! Al - le -  
Three in One, O praise him! O praise him! Al - le -  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## 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

## Dismissal of Children and Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you!

**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.

## The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Words: Henry W. Baker;  
Music: Traditional Irish Melody

1. The King of love my shep - herd is, whose  
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my  
3. Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but  
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with  
5. Thou spreadst a ta - ble in my sight; thine  
6. And so, through all the length of days, thy

6 good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
ran - somed soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
yet in love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
thee, dear Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my  
unc - tion grace be - stow - eth; and, oh, what trans - port  
good - ness fail - eth nev - er. Good Shep - herd, may I

12 I am his and he is mine for ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.  
of de - light from thy pure cha - lice flow - eth!  
sing thy praise with - in thy house for ev - er.

## 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 as liturgy begins.*

*We ask that those in the balcony come forward first; those seated in the outer pews can then come forward, starting from the back rows; finally, those in the center pews can come forward, starting from the back row.*

*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.*

## Scripture Reading

*John 10:1-21*

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

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

Rev. Nathan Dicks

## Lord's Supper

*Invitation*

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and death?

**All: That I with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ; who, with his precious blood, has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, and therefore, by his Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto him.**  
– *Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1*

*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*



# O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Words: George Matheson;  
Music: Christopher Miner

(Capo IV)      B(G)      F#(D)      E(C)      B(G)

1. O Love that will not let me go, I  
2. O Light that foll - ow'st all my way, I  
3. O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I  
4. O Cross that lift - est up my head, I

4      G#m(Em)      B(G)      E(C)      F#(D)      B(G)      F#(D)

rest my wear - y soul in thee; I give thee back the  
yield my flick 'ring torch to thee; my heart re - stores its  
can - not close my heart to thee; I trace the rain - bow  
dare not ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's

7      E(C)      B(G)      G#m(Em)      B(G)

life I owe, that in thine o - cean  
bor - rowed ray, that in thy sun - shine's  
through the rain, and feel the prom - ise  
glo - ry dead, and from the ground there

9      E(C)      F#(D)      C#m(Am)      G#m(Em)      F#(D)

depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.  
blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.  
is not vain, that morn shall tear - less be.  
bloss - oms red life that shall end - less be.

## 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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**Youth Ministry:** Ariana Smartt ([ariana@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:ariana@ctkcambridge.org))

**Vocational 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.

If you're new to the church or looking for a way to plug in, **Community Groups are integral to our life together here at CTK.** To find a group near you or one that meets at a convenient time for you, you can either check our website or email our admin ([laura@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:laura@ctkcambridge.org)) for help connecting.

Save the Date: Women, join us for our annual **CTK Women's Christmas Brunch on Saturday, December 4th.** More details to come soon!

**Calling all musicians!** Are you interested in sharing your gifts this Advent season? Here are a few ways you can help out! To learn more about any of these opportunities, please email [amanda@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:amanda@ctkcambridge.org).

- Join the rotation of musicians helping to lead music on Sunday mornings.
- Lend your voice to the Advent A Cappella Choir, which will provide special music during the Sunday service on December 5.
- Participate in CTK's annual Christmas Concert, which will take place in person and on livestream on Saturday, December 11. We're looking in particular for people to join in a brass ensemble, a string ensemble, and/or a choral ensemble!

## 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)

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