

# CHRIST THE KING

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

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
NOVEMBER 14, 2021 10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

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## Prelude

*The demand that Christians learn to forgive presupposes that we are a people who have first been forgiven. 'Seventy-seven times' echoes Leviticus 25:8 and the establishment of the jubilee. The forgiveness to be exercised in the church is possible because the jubilee has come in Jesus. Accordingly, the forgiveness that marks the church is a politics that offers an alternative to the politics based on envy, hatred, and revenge. This is the politics that Jesus taught when teaching us to pray by asking that our debts be forgiven as we forgive our debtors... We must remember, if we are to be peacemakers capable of confronting one another with our sins, that we have first been forgiven and we are, therefore, members of a community of the forgiven.*

— Stanley Hauerwas, *Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible*

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

Tim Dietz

Leader: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,  
and giving life to those in the tomb.

**All: The Sun of Righteousness is gloriously risen, giving light to  
those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.**

Leader: The Lord will guide our feet into the way of peace, having taken  
away the sin of world.

**All: Christ will open the kingdom of heaven to all who believe in  
his Name, saying, 'Come, O blessed of my Father; inherit the king-  
dom prepared for you.'**

## 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, People of the Risen King

Words and Music: Stuart Townend,  
Keith and Kristyn Getty

1. Come peo - ple of the Ris - en King, who de -  
 2. Come those whose joy is morn - ing sun, and those  
 3. Come young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and

light to bring him praise; Come all, and tune your  
 weep - ing through the night; Come those who tell of  
 wom - en of the faith; Come those with full or

hearts to sing to the Morn - ing Star of grace. From the  
 bat - tles won, and those strug - gling in the fight. For his  
 emp - ty hands - find the rich - es of his grace. O - ver

shift - ing shad - ows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to  
 per - fect love will nev - er change, and his mer - cies nev - er  
 all the world, his peo - ple sing - shore to shore we hear them

him, where stead - y arms of mer - cy reach, to  
 cease, but fol - low us through all our days, with the  
 call the truth that cries in ev - 'ry age, "Our

gath - er chil - dren in. Re - joice, re - joice! Let ev - 'ry tongue re -  
 cer - tain hope of peace.  
 God is all in all."

joyce! One heart, one voice, O church of Christ, re - joice!

# Holy, Holy, Holy

Words: Reginald Heber;  
Music: John B. Dykes

D Bm A D G D

1. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

5 A D A Bm A A E A-A7

Ear - ly in the mom - ing our song shall rise to thee;  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glas - sy sea;  
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

9 D Bm A D G D Bm Bm/A

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y! God in three  
Cheru - bim and ser - aphim fal - ling down be - fore thee, who wert and  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee, per - fect in  
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y! God in three

14 G D Em A D

per - sons, bles - sed Tri - ni - ty!  
art and ev - er - more shall be.  
pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.  
per - sons bles - sed Tri - ni - ty!

### **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: 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: 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: Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, but as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. 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*

# Father, Long Before Creation

Words: Chinese hymn,  
trans. by Francis Jones;  
Music: Andrew Osenga



1. Fa - ther, long be - fore cre - a - tion, thou hadst cho - sen  
2. Though the world may change its fash - ion, yet our God is  
3. God's com - pas - sion is my sto - ry, is my boast ing  
4. Lov - ing Fa - ther now be - fore thee we will ev - er



us in love, and that love so deep, so mov - ing  
e'er the same; his com - pas - sion and his cov - nant  
all the day; mer - cy free and nev - er fail - ing  
praise thy love, and our songs will sound un - ceas - ing



draws us close to Christ a - bove. Still it keeps us,  
through all a - ges will re - main. God's own chil - dren,  
moves my will, di - rects my way. God so loved us,  
'til we reach our home a - bove, giv - ing glo - ry,



still it keeps us firm - ly fixed in Christ a - lone.  
God's own chil - dren must for - ev - er praise his name.  
God so loved us that his on - ly Son he gave.  
giv - ing glo - ry to our God and to the Lamb.

## Offertory

### Offertory

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.

### Life Together

### Prayers of the People

**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!

# My Heart Is Filled

Words and Music: Keith Getty  
and Stuart Townend

1. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to  
2. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to  
3. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to

3 him who bore my pain; who plumbed the depths of  
him who walks be - side, who floods my weak - ness -  
him who reigns a - bove, whose wis - dom is my

6 my dis - grace and gave me life a - gain; who  
es with strength and caus - es fear to fly. Whose  
per - fect peace, whose ev' - ry thought is love. For

9 crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me in his  
ev' - ry pro - mise is e - nough for ev' - ry step I  
ev' - ry day I have on earth is gi - ven by the

12 light and wrote his law of right - eous - ness with  
take, sus - tain - ing me with arms of love and  
King, so I will give my life, my all, to

15 pow'r u - pon my heart.  
crown - - - ing me with grace.  
love and fol - - - low him.

## 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 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.*

## 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.

### *Distributing of Elements*

### *Words of Institution*

#### **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*



# For All the Saints

Words: William H. How;  
Music: Christopher Miner

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1. For all the saints who from their  
2. Thou wast their rock, their for-ress,  
3. O may thy sol-diers faith-ful,  
4. The gol-den eve-ning bright-ens  
5. But lo! There breaks a yet more  
6. From earth's wide bounds, from o-cean's

G D A

la-bors rest, who thee by faith be-fore the  
and their might; thou, Lord, their Cap-tain in the  
true, and bold, fight as the saints who no-bly  
in the west; soon, soon to faith-ful war-riors  
glo-rious day; the saints tri-um-phant rise in  
far-thest coast, through-gates of pearl streams in the

G D A

world con-fess thy name, O Je-sus, be for-  
well-fought fight; thou, in the dark-ness drear, their  
fought of old, and win with them the vic-tor's  
comes their rest; sweet is the calm of par-a-  
bright ar-ray; the King of glo-ry pass-es  
count-less host, sing-ing to Fa-ther, Son, and

Bm A G D A

*Last time to coda*

ev-er blessed, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu.  
one true light, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu.  
crown of gold, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu.  
dise the blest, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu.  
on his way, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu.  
Ho-ly Ghost, al-le-lu-ia, al-le

Coda

10 A D

lu - - - - - ia.

## Benediction

Minister: And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen. — 1 Peter 5:10-11

All: Amen.

## Benediction

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))

**Women's Ministry:** Martha Olson ([women@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:women@ctkcambridge.org))

**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.

Save the Date: Women, join us for our **annual CTK Women's Christmas Brunch on Saturday, December 4th at 10a**. 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)

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

Thu, 7p :: **Women's Evening Bible Study** :: Social Hall  
[ctkcambridge.org/women](http://ctkcambridge.org/women)

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