

CHRIST THE KING

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020
10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

It is clear that a church that goes on singing 'happy songs' in the face of raw reality is doing something very different from what the Bible itself does... We have thought that acknowledgment of negativity was somehow an act of unfaith, as though the very speech about it conceded too much about God's 'loss of control'... but for the trusting community, [the use of psalms of lament] is an act of bold faith... [O]n the one hand, because it insists that the world must be experienced as it really is and not in some pretended way. On the other hand... it insists that all such experiences of disorder are a proper subject for discourse with God. There is nothing out of bounds, nothing precluded or inappropriate... everything must be brought to speech, and everything brought to speech must be addressed to God, who is the final reference for all of life.

— Walter Brueggemann, *Message of the Psalms*

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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Words and Music: Martin Luther

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help er he a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre -
los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own
do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to tri - umph
bid eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through him who with us

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vail - - - - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
choos - - - - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
through us. The prince of dark - ness grim, we
sid - - - - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

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seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great; and
 Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill; God's

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armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - - - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - - - tle.
 lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - - - er.

Call to Confession

Leader: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. — *Hebrews 4:14-16*

Prayer of Confession

All: Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen. — from the *Book of Common Prayer*

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: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Congregation: the Maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

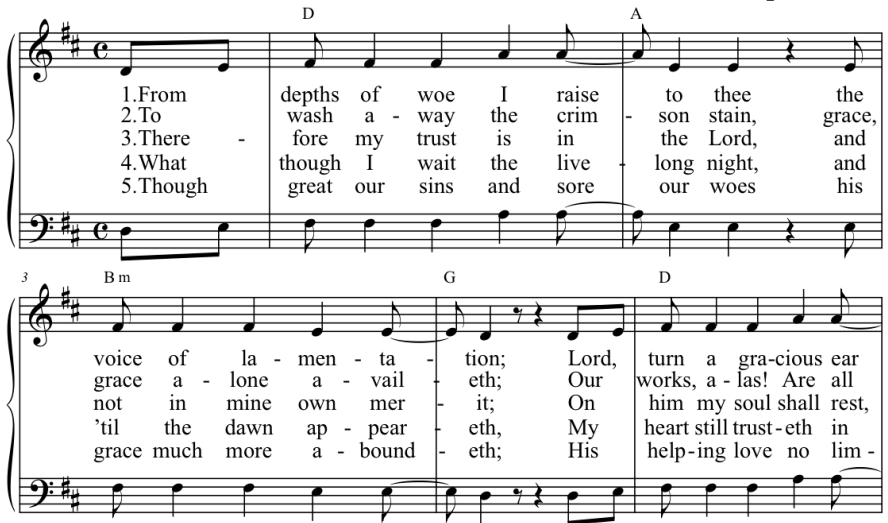
Congregation: and our mouths will declare your praise.

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.

Psalm 130 (From Depths of Woe)

Words: Martin Luther;
Music: Christopher Miner



1. From depths of woe I raise to thee the
2. To wash a - way the crim - son stain, grace,
3. There - fore my trust is in the Lord, and
4. What though I wait the live long night, and
5. Though great our sins and sore our woes great his

3 B m G D
voice of la - men - ta - tion; Lord, turn a gra-cious ear
grace a - lone a - vail - eth; Our works, a - las! Are all
not in mine own mer - it; On him my soul shall rest,
'til the dawn ap - pear eth, My heart still trust-eth in
grace much more a - bound - eth; His help-ing love no lim -

6 A Bm G

to me and hear my sup - pli - ca - tion; If
 in vain; in much the best life fail - eth; No
 his word up - holds my faint - ing spi - rit; His
 his might; it doubt eth not nor fear - eth; Do
 - it knows, our up - most need it sound - eth. Our

9 G A Bm

thou in - i - qui - ties dost mark, our se - cret sins and mis -
 man can glo - ry in thy sight, all must a - like con - fess
 promised mer - cy is my fort, my com - fort and my sweet
 thus, O ye of Is - rael's seed, ye of the Spi - rit born
 Shepherd good and true is he, who will at last his Is -

12 G G A

- deeds dark, Who shall stand be - fore
 thy might, Live a - lone by mer -
 sup - port; Wait for it with pa -
 in - deed; Wait 'til God ap - pear -
 - rael free All their sin and sor -

O who shall stand be - fore thee?
 And live a - lone by mer - cy
 I wait for it with pa - tience,
 And wait 'til God ap - pear - eth,
 From all their sin and sor - row,

17 D G A D

thee? Who shall stand be - fore thee?
 - cy, Live a - lone by mer - cy.
 - tience, Wait for it with pa - tience.
 - eth, Wait 'til God ap - pear - eth.
 - row, All their sin and sor - row.

Who shall stand be - fore thee?
 Live a - lone by mer - cy.
 Wait for it with pa - tience.
 Wait 'til God ap - pear - eth.
 All their sin and sor - row.

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.

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

My Soul Finds Rest In God Alone

Words and Music: Stuart Townend
and Aaron Keyes, based on Psalm 62



1. My soul finds rest in God alone, my rock and my sal - va - tion, a
2. Find rest, my soul, in God alone a - mid the world's temp - ta - tions. When
3. I'll set my gaze on God alone and trust in him complete - ly, with



for tress strong a - gainst my foes, and I will not be shak - en. Though
e - vil seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my sal - va - tion. Though
ev - ry day pour out my soul, and he will prove his mer - cy. Though



lips may bless and hearts may curse, and lies, like ar - rows, pierce me, I'll
rich - es come and rich - es go, don't set your heart up - on them. The
life is but a fleet - ing breath, a sigh too brief to meas - ure, my



fix my heart on righ - teous - ness; I'll look to him who hears
fields of hope in which I sow are har - vest - ed in heav -
King has crushed the curse of death, and I am his for - ev -



me. O praise him, hal le - lu - jah, my De - light and my Re - ward. Ever
en.
er.



last - ing, nev - er - fail - ing; my Re - deem - er, my God.

Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 13:7-22; 18:9-15, 31-33

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Nathan Barczi

Lord's Supper

Invitation

Minister: Why is the Son of God called “Jesus,” meaning “savior”?

All: Because he saves us from our sins. Salvation cannot be found in anyone else; it is futile to look for any salvation elsewhere.

- Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 29

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Be Thou My Vision

Words and Music: Ancient Irish Hymn



1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3. Be thou my breast plate, my sword for the fight.
 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
 5. High king of hea - ven, my vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 Be thou my dig - ni - ty, be thou my might.
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!



Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 Thou my great Fa - ther, and I thy true son;
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r.
 Thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pre - sence my light.
 Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
 Raise thou me hea - venward, O pow'r of my pow'r.
 high king of hea - ven, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O ru - ler of all.

Benediction

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. 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.
- 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.
- Discuss the service and sermon as a family using the worship guide (at 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. 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 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

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)

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

Youth Community Group: Dana Russell (dana@ctkcambridge.org)

Vocational Fellowship Groups: Rev. Nathan Barczy (nathan@ctkcambridge.org)

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Meals Ministry: Erin Ward (meals@ctkcambridge.org)

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The members of Christ the King Presbyterian Church are called to a **Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 22, 2020 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM**, preceded by a **prayer meeting that will begin at 6:30 PM**. This meeting will be held virtually.

Business to be conducted at the November 22 meeting:

1. Elect a pastoral search committee for the purpose of recommending a pastoral candidate for Cambridge
2. Elect church officers – the slate of candidates to be elected will be shared upon approval by the Session
3. Share information with the church

Nominations are now being accepted for the Pastoral Search Committee and are due TODAY. Please email your nominee and if they agree to the nomination, please send their name to transition@ctkcambridge.org. For more information and to learn about the roles and responsibilities of the committee, please visit ctkcambridge.org/transition.

Are you a musician interested in sharing your gifts during this unique season? Here are a few ways you can help out!

- Join the rotation of musicians helping to lead music on Sunday mornings.
- Participate in CTK's annual Christmas Concert, this year taking place online on Saturday, December 12.
- Lend your voice to the Online Advent A Cappella Choir, which will provide special music for a Sunday service in December.

To learn more about any of these opportunities, please email amanda@ctkcambridge.org.

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

Sun, 7p :: **Finance Presentation Q&A** :: Online
email office@ctkcambridge.org for link

Mon, 7:30p :: **Women's Evening Bible Study** :: Online
ctkcambridge.org/women

Tue, 7a :: **Morning Prayer** :: Online
ctkcambridge.org/prayer

Wed, 9a :: **Women's Morning Bible Study** :: Online
ctkcambridge.org/women

Fri, 4p :: **Theology Reading Group** :: Online

To contact staff or officers, please visit ctkcambridge.org/staff-officers