

CHRIST THE KING

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2019 10:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

Amanda Holley

The scale of the reversal cannot be exaggerated: when Jesus stands before Pilate for the last time, beaten, derided, robed in purple and crowned with thorns, he must seem from the vantage of all the noble wisdom of the empire and the age... merely absurd... But in the light of the resurrection, from the perspective of Christianity's inverted order of vision, the mockery now redounds upon all kings and emperors, whose finery and symbols of status are revealed to be nothing more than rags and brambles beside the majesty of God's Son, beside this servile shape in which God displays his infinite power to be where he will be; all the rulers of the earth cannot begin to surpass in grandeur this beauty of the God who ventures forth to make even the dust his glory.

— David Bentley Hart, *The Beauty of the Infinite*

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*

Preparation

We focus our hearts and minds in preparation to enter into the life-giving presence of God.

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.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Words: Reginald Heber;
Music: John B. Dykes

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 Ear - ly in the morn - 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 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y! God in three
 Cher - u - 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 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 Worship

God calls his people to assemble for worship; accordingly the church calls itself together.

Call to Worship

Kathryn Mogk

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates!

Congregation: And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Leader: Who is this King of glory?

Congregation: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates!

Congregation: And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Leader: Who is this King of glory?

All: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory! — *Psalm 24:1-10*

Invocation

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

Words and Music: Graham Kendrick
and Keith and Kristyn Getty

D A/D D G/D

1. My worth is not in what I own; not
2. My worth is not in skill or name; in
3. As sum - mer flow'rs we fade and die; fame,
4. I will not boast in wealth or might, or
5. Two won - ders here that I con - fess: my

3 D G D G/D D A /A#

in the strength of flesh and bone. But in the cost - ly wounds of
win or lose, in pride or shame. But in the blood of Christ that
youth and beau - ty hur - ry by. But life e - ter - nal calls to
hu - man wis - dom's fleet - ing light. But I will boast in know - ing
worth and my un - worth - i - ness. My va - lue fixed - my ran - som

6 B m G D 1,3. D 2,4.

love at the cross. 2. My
flowed at the cross.
us at the cross. 4. I
Christ at the cross.
paid at the cross.

11 G A B m G D/F# A

I re - joice in my Re - deem - er - Great est trea - sure, Well spring of my soul.

15 G A B m D/F# G A D

I will trust in him, no oth - er; my soul is sa - tis - fied in him a - lone.

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.

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.

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: Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

Congregation: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

Congregation: for his steadfast love endures forever.

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.

Let All Things Now Living

Words: Katherine K. Davis;
Music: Traditional Welsh Melody



1. Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2. His law he en - forc - es; the stars in their cours - es, the



God the Cre - a - tor tri - umphant - ly raise, who fash - ioned and
sun in its or - bit, o - be - dient - ly shine; the hills and the



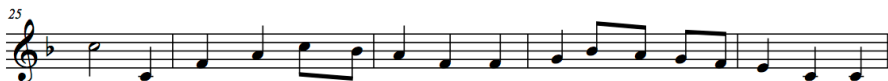
made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who guides us and
moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the deeps of the



leads to the end of our days. His ban - ners are o'er us, his
o - cean pro - claim him di - vine. We too should be voic - ing our



light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the
love and re - joic - ing, with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us



night, 'til shad - ows have van ished and dark - ness is ban ished, as
raise, 'til all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing to



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!

Receiving of New Members

Bryan and Maggie Collins, Morgan Crago, Emily Lanois, A.W. and Courtney Simmons, Megan Wanek, Anna Whitham, Michael Woody and Hanley Rice

Offertory

Kris Sachsenmeier

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. Some of us choose to put an offering in the plate, while others give online or by mail.

Doxology

Words: Thomas Ken;
Music: Louis Borgeouis's *Genevan Psalter*

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. A - men.

Baptism

Alice Jean and Henry Robert Denman

Pastoral Prayer

We cry out together for grace and mercy in a time of need.

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.

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. *We encourage kids remaining in the service to use the Sermon Worksheet available at the front of the sanctuary.*

Dismissal of Children and Passing of the Peace

Holy Spirit

Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

D G D/F# G A G A

1.Holy Spirit, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new life in - to my will - ing
2.Holy Spirit, come a - bide with - in, may your joy be seen in all I
3.Holy Spirit, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing life to all that God has

4 D D G D/F# G A

soul. Let the pres - ence of the ris - en Lord come re -
do. Love e - nough to cov - er ev - 'ry sin, in each
made, show your pow - er once a - gain on earth, cause your

7 G A D

new my heart and make me whole.
thought and deed and at - ti - tude.
church to hun - ger for your ways.

9 G D/F# G A

Cause your word to come a - live in me;
Kind - ness to the great - est and the least,
Let the fra - grance of our pray'rs a - rise;

11 Bm D Em7 A Bm G

give me faith for what I can - not see, give me pas - sion for your
gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace. Turn my striv - ing in - to
lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice, that in u - ni - ty the

14 D/F# G A G A D

pu - ri - ty; Ho - ly Spir - it breathe new life in me.
works of grace; Breath of God show Christ in all I do.
face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

Scripture Reading

Romans 15:14-21 pages 949-50 in pew Bible

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gi Yoon-Huang

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

Rev. Rick Downs

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.

Elders are available to pray with anyone who desires it at the front of the sanctuary near either of the hallway exits.

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 and 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

All: Heavenly Father, we give you everlasting praise and thanks that you have given us, poor sinners, so great a benefit — that you have drawn us into the communion of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, whom you surrendered to death for us and whom you give to us as food and nourishment for eternal life. Grant us now this benefit, also: that you will never allow us to forget these truths, but rather, imprint them on our hearts, that we may grow and thrive victoriously in faith — a faith committed to all good works. In so doing may we order and direct our whole human life to the exaltation of your glory and the upbuilding of our neighbor, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and reigns with you eternally. Amen.

*Annelise Blomberg, Greg Russell, Kathryn Mogk, Niklas Blomberg,
Nora Watson, Ryan Grams, Sam Watson, T Downs*

Elders: Rick Downs and Nathan Carter

Arise, O God, and Shine

Words: William Hurn;
Music: Christopher Miner



1. A - rise, O God, and shine in all thy sav-ing
2. Bring dis-tant na-tions near to sing thy glo-rious
3. Put forth thy glo-rious pow'r, that ev-'ry-one may
4. To God, the on-ly wise, the one im-mor-tal



might, and pros-per each de - sign to spread thy glor-ious
praise; let ev-'ry peo-ple hear and learn thy ho-ly
see, and earth pre-sent her store in con-verts born to
King, let hal-le-lu-jahs rise from ev-'ry liv-ing



light; let heal-ing streams of mer-cy flow,
ways. Reign might-y God, as- sert thy cause
thee. God, our own God, his church will bless
thing; let all that breathe on ev-'ry coast



that all the earth thy truth may know.
and gov-ern by thy right - eous laws.
and fill the world with right - eous - - ness.
praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Benediction

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We depart with this 'good word' of God's calling upon our lives in the world.

Please join us in the social hall for refreshments immediately following the service.

WELCOME

Welcome visitors! We're glad you're here. Please fill out a digital visitor card at ctkcambridge.org/visit so we can get to know you better. Also, find out more about us by talking with one of the pastors or our lead greeter, who at the Welcome Table in the back Social Hall, or by contacting office@ctkcambridge.org.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

ADULT EDUCATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Every Sunday morning at 8:45am, Christ the King offers classes for adults, youth, and children. The topics of these classes reflect the desire of the church to equip its members with a better understanding of God's Word. Adult Education classes are taught in the social hall. Childcare and classes for children through Grade are held downstairs, and Middle/High School meets in the office in the balcony.

Flood and Cup, Sword and Stone, Flame and Tree: Images of Salvation Through Judgment in Scripture. Water can drown or cleanse; fire can consume or purify; we find our greatest blessing at the foot of a cursed tree. From November 10 through the Advent season, come join us as we explore symbols of salvation through the judgment of a God who brings his people through flood and flame (Isaiah 43).

CHILDREN DURING THE SERVICE

Children are always welcome in our service. Parents may opt to bring children to the programs below or to the social hall as needed where audio of the service plays and an area is partitioned for nursing mothers. For more information, please see ctkcambridge.org/kids or email dana@ctkcambridge.org.

Nursery (0–3 years): Our nursery rooms provide safe care and are open throughout the service. Infants and 1s are upstairs and 2s and 3s are in the basement (exit through the right-side door for all rooms). Please sign your child in at one of the check-in stations in the infant room or basement and be sure to bring your security tag with you when picking up your child.

Children's Worship (4 years–Grade 2): Children are dismissed before the sermon to classes designed to engage God in a manner more suitable to young hearts and minds. Please sign-in children then drop off in room 3 & 4; pick-up from adjoining rooms with your parent tag.

Children/Youth (Grade 3 & up): Our older children attend the entire service, and a worksheet is provided to aid in the instruction during the sermon.

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 bit.ly/CTKCambridgeOffering for general offerings and bit.ly/CTKCambridgeDeacons for Deacons' Fund giving. Questions? Email giving@ctkboston.org.

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 with notes from our pastors, church announcements, and community classifieds, visit ctkcambridge.org/reader.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Christ the King is a multi-congregational church with an English-speaking congregation that meets in Cambridge on Sunday mornings (ctkcambridge.org) and a mostly Brazilian congregation meeting in Portuguese in Cambridge on Sunday afternoons, as well as congregations that meet in Dorchester, Pembroke, Roslindale, Jamaica Plain, Somerville, and Wakefield (ctkboston.org).

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community groups are central to our life together at CTK, and we encourage people to join a group near where they live, to gather over a meal and study, pray, and serve one another and our neighborhoods.

MONDAYS

CAMBRIDGE :: NORTH CAMBRIDGE :: 6P
Rick & T Downs (cardadowns@gmail.com)
SOMERVILLE :: UNION SQ. :: 7P
Tyler & Amanda Holley (tylerbholley@gmail.com)

TUESDAYS

ALLSTON :: BRIGHTON :: BROOKLINE :: 7:30P
James & Sarah Goodman (ssgoodman617@gmail.com)

WEDNESDAYS

SOMERVILLE :: UNION/SPRING HILL :: 6P
Nathan & Leann Barczy (nbarczy@gmail.com)
WATERTOWN :: 6P
Matt & Cat Sherrill (sherrillmatt@hotmail.com)
BOSTON :: NORTH END/BEACON HILL :: 7P
Taylor & Audra Wallace (wallacetaylor89@gmail.com)
CAMBRIDGE :: CENTRAL SQ./RIVERSIDE :: 7:30P
Mike & Shannon Poor (pcpoor@hotmail.com)

THURSDAYS

CAMBRIDGE :: MIT/KENDALL SQ. :: 6P
Ben Hoover & Jennifer Marlow
(benhoover34@gmail.com)
SOMERVILLE :: PORTER/DAVIS SQ. :: 6:30P
Jeremy & Adrienne Mullen (jmullen79@gmail.com)
SOMERVILLE :: DAVIS/POWDERHOUSE SQ. :: 7P
Sam & Steffi Beswick (sam.beswick@auckland.ac.nz)
MALDEN :: 7P
Andy & Emily Stuntz (astuntz@gmail.com)
CAMBRIDGE :: CENTRAL/INMAN SQ. :: 7:30P
Susanne van Veluw (susannevanveluw@gmail.com)

FRIDAYS

WATERTOWN :: 1st and 3rd Fridays :: 6:30P
Sean & Nicole O'Hern (scohern@gmail.com)

SATURDAYS

ARLINGTON :: LEXINGTON :: 5P
Lindsay Hardy (linsrbins@gmail.com)
*Meets every other Saturday, rotating location

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS AND MINISTRIES

Men's Fellowship Groups: Rev. Rick Downs (rickdowns@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)

College Students can join Reformed University Fellowships on nearby campuses.

BU: nathan.dicks@ruf.org, Harvard: michael.whitham@ruf.org, or MIT: solomon.kim@ruf.org.

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

Overseas Partner Liaison: Miriam Kreher (mkreher13@gmail.com)

Members and regular attenders have a variety of opportunities to **serve on Sunday mornings**. To learn more about ways to serve our congregation, please visit ctkcambridge.org/serve-church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Nominations for CTK Officers are now being received. If you are a member of CTK and want to nominate someone for elder, deacon, or deacon assistant, please follow these steps:

1. Read 1 Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:5-9 for biblical qualifications.
2. Approach your nominee and ask that you pray together for wisdom.
3. With the approval of the nominee, please submit the nomination via office@ctkcambridge.org.

Making Room at Thanksgiving: In an effort to ensure that no one at CTK is without a place to go this Thanksgiving, we are looking for people who have room at their tables. Also, if you are someone who is currently without a place to share the meal, we would be happy to connect you with someone who would love for you to join them. Please email office@ctkcambridge.org.

Celebrate the Advent season at CTK's **Seventh Annual Christmas Concert!** Come join CTK's talented musicians for an evening of festive performances and rousing caroling on Saturday, December 7 at 6:30p. Please invite neighbors, co-workers, and other friends! Contact amanda@ctkcambridge.org for more information.

The **Women's Christmas Brunch** will be on Saturday, December 14 at 10a in the social hall. Childcare will be provided, and friends, neighbors, and colleagues are welcome! We're looking for volunteers to help with set-up, music, scripture reading, and clean-up - please email meredithkwyse@gmail.com if you can help.

It's coming up on that time of year again... **we're recruiting for the CTK Snow Team.** What's the CTK Snow Team? I'm glad you asked. It's an elite crew of volunteers who receive emails about opportunities to serve our city by shoveling the front of the church. No prior experience required, just a willingness to receive emails and help out as your schedule permits. If this sounds exciting to you, please contact laura@ctkcambridge.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sat, 12/7, 6:30p :: **Christmas Concert** :: Sanctuary
ctkcambridge.org/christmas-concert
(Amanda Holley, amanda@ctkcambridge.org)

Sun, 12/8, 12p :: **Second Sunday Eat & Meet** :: Social Hall
ctkcambridge.org/eat-and-meet
(Laura Bullock, laura@ctkcambridge.org)

Sat, 12/14, 10a :: **Women's Christmas Brunch** :: Social Hall
ctkcambridge.org/christmas-brunch
(Meredith Wyse, meredithkwyse@gmail.com)

Tue, 12/24, 6p :: **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**
ctkcambridge.org/christmas-eve

SAVE THE DATE:

1/31-2/2/2020 :: **CTK Getaway** :: Camp Brookwoods
ctkcambridge.org/getaway-2019
(Laura Bullock, laura@ctkcambridge.org)

WEEKLY EVENTS AT CTK:

For more details, see ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events

Tuesday, 6:30a :: **Morning Prayer** :: Social Hall
(Laura Bullock, laura@ctkcambridge.org)

Thursday, 9:30a :: **Women's Bible Study** :: Social Hall
(Kelly Sawyer, bostonkelly@gmail.com)

Friday, 12p :: **Men's Fellowship Group** :: Harvard Sq.
(Mike Poor, pcpoor@hotmail.com)

Friday, 4p :: **Theology Reading Group** :: The Field Pub
(Nathan Barczi, nathan@ctkcambridge.org)

Please contact the following staff members by calling our office at (617) 354-8341 or by email:

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Music Director	Amanda Holley	amanda@ctkcambridge.org
Bookkeeper	Laura Cheng	bookkeeper@ctkboston.org

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