

CHRIST THE KING

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020
10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

*A current tendency is to interpret the incarnation to mean embracing the world just as it is, because the Son of God hallowed the world by becoming flesh - incarnatus est. This, however, can easily become a sentimental evasion of the tension between the world as it is and the world as it ought to be - the life of the world to come, the world that God is going to bring into being... The incarnation of the Son of God should not be understood as the divine benediction on all that is. It was an incarnation unto the cross, and therefore an incarnation that sets a question mark over against the way things are. — Fleming Rutledge, *The Crucifixion**

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: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

Congregation: Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

Leader: In Christ was life, and the life was the light of men.

Congregation: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

Leader: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

Congregation: And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor...

Leader: Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

Congregation: Christ has become to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

Leader: Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord!

Congregation: Give glory to the only wise God forevermore through Jesus Christ! – from *Isaiah 9:2,6; John 1:4,9; 1 Cor. 1:20,30-31; Romans 16:27*

Invocation

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus Words: Charles Wesley and Mark Hunt;
Music: Rowland H. Prichard

1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy
2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day - spring from on
3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries and
4. Born thy peo - ple to de liv - er, born a child and

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peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re lease us;
high, ap - pear, come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se,
knew no end; by his life he brings us glad - ness,
yet a king, born to reign in us for ev - er,

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let us find our rest in thee. Is - rael's strength and
 of thy birth we long to hear! O'er the hills the
 our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend. Leav - ing rich - es
 now thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By thine own e -

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con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
 an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:
 with - out num - ber, born with in a cat - tle stall;
 ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

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dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - - tion,
 "Go to him, your prais - es bring - ing;
 this the ev - er - last - ing won - der,
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it,

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joy of ev - - 'ry long - ing heart.
 Christ the Lord has come to earth."
 Christ was born the Lord of all.
 raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Call to Confession

Leader: “Come now, let us reason together,” says the Lord:
“though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.” — *Isaiah 1:18*

Prayer of Confession

All: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen. — from the *Book of Common Worship*

Declaration of Absolution

Leader: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit. God does not despise a broken and a contrite heart. Jesus said: “Whoever comes to me I will never drive away.” The Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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.

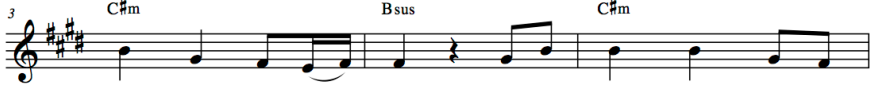
Congregation: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Words and Music: Matt Papa,
Matt Boswell, and Michael Bleecker



1. Come be - hold the won drous mys - tery, in the
 2. Come be - hold the won drous mys - tery; He the
 3. Come be - hold the won drous mys - tery; Christ the
 4. Come be - hold the won drous mys - tery; slain by



dawn - ing of the King. He, the theme of heav-en's
 per - fect Son of Man, In his liv - ing, in his
 Lord up - on the tree. In the stead of ru - ined
 death, the God of life. But no grave could e'er re -



pris - es, robbed in frail hu - man - i - ty. In our
 suf - fering, nev - er trace nor stain of sin. See the
 sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - tor - y! See the
 strain him; praise the Lord, he is a - live! What a



long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has
 true and bet - ter A - dam, come to save the hell - bound
 price of our re - demp - tion, see the Fath - er's plan un -
 fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un - wav - er - ing our



come! Look to Christ who con - de - scend - ed, took on
 man, Christ the great and sure ful - fill - ment of the
 fold, bring - ing man - y sons to glo - ry; grace un -
 hope. Christ in pow - er re - sur - rect - ed, as we

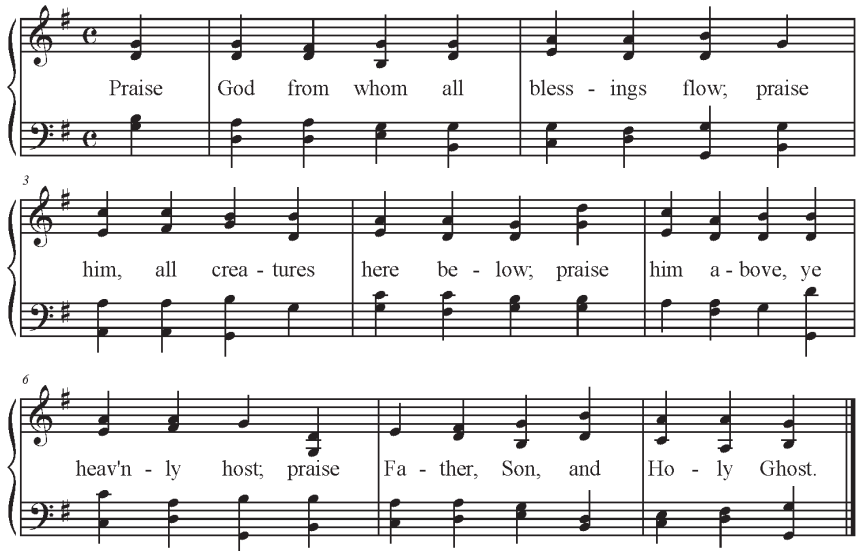


flesh to ran - som us.
 law; in him we stand.
 meas - ured love un - told!
 will be when he comes.

Offertory

Doxology

Words: Thomas Ken;
Music: Thomas Tallis



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.

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.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

O Savior of Our Fallen Race

Words: 6th Century Latin hymn;
Music: Keith Getty

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a corresponding lyric line. Chord symbols are placed above the staff lines. The lyrics are arranged in four parts: 1. O Sav - ior of our fall - en race, O; 2. Re - mind us Lord of life and grace how; 3. For from the Fa - ther's throne you came, his; 4. Fo Sav - ior of our fall - en race, the. The second system continues with: 2. Bright-ness of the Fa - ther's face, O Son who shared the Fa - ther's might be - once, to save our fall - en race, you put our hu - man ves - ture on and ba - nished child - ren to re - claim; and earth and sea and sky re - vere the world will see your ra - diant face, for you who came to us be - fore will. The third system continues with: 4. fore the world knew day or night, O Je - sus ver - y Light of Light, our came to us as Mar - y's son. To - day, as year by year, its light brings love of him who sent you here; and we are ju - bi - lant to - day, for come a - gain and all re - store. Let songs of praise your name a - dorn, O. The fourth system continues with: 6. con - stant star in sin's deep night, now in our world a pro - mise bright, one you have washed our guilt a - way, O Christ, Re - deem - er, vir - gin - born, whom. The fifth system continues with: 7. hear the prayers your peo - ple pray through - pre - cious truth out - shines the sun: Sal - hear the glad new song we sing on with the Fa - ther we a - dore and. The sixth system continues with: 8. out the world this ho - ly - day. va - tion comes from you a - - lone. this the birth of Christ our King! Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:5-25, 57-66

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Nathan Barczi

Lord's Supper

Invitation

Minister: : Who is the Redeemer?

All: The only Redeemer is the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, in whom God became man and bore the penalty for sin himself.
- New City Catechism Q&A 20

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Deacons' Fund Offering

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Words: Edward Mote;
Music: William Bradbury

The musical score is written for piano in 3/4 time with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff. Chord symbols (E, B, A) are placed above the notes in the treble staff to indicate accompaniment.

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than
2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup -
4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O

Je - sus' blood and righ - teousness; I dare not trust the
rest on his un - chang ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
port me in the whelming flood; when all a - round my
may I then in him be found; dressed in his righ - teous -

sweet - est frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil. On
soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne.

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E A E

Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is

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B C#m B E

sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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:

On Saturday, December 12, CTK is glad to let Starlight ministries use our church for their **Annual Christmas Banquet**. Starlight ministries is a branch of the Emmanuel Gospel Center and works to alleviate homelessness in Boston, and we have helped with their Christmas events in the past. Given the current situation, this will be a drop-by event where guests can come get a packaged meal and a gift. Starlight staff will use our kitchen to cook the food, but will need some help packing things and greeting the guests! Please consider signing up for some of the volunteer slots. You can contact office@ctkcambridge.org for the sign-up sheet.

Celebrate the Advent season with singing at **CTK's Eighth Annual Christmas Concert**, this year online! Come join CTK's talented musicians for an evening of festive performances and rousing caroling on Saturday, December 12, at 6:30pm. Stay tuned for links and other information, and contact amanda@ctkcambridge.org with questions.

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

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