

CHRIST THE KING

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019 10:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

Leonard Layne

[Jesus'] concern is not for a 'better law' than that of the Pharisees. It is one and the same, it is the law which must remain and be carried out in every letter until the end of the world, which must be fulfilled to the letter. His concern really is for a 'better righteousness.' Those who do not have this better righteousness will not enter the kingdom of heaven. This will be because they have dispensed themselves from following Jesus, who referred them back to the law. But no one is able to achieve this better righteousness except those addressed here, those called by Christ. Christ's call, Christ himself, is required for that better righteousness.

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Discipleship*

Preparation

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

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*

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.

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

Words: Charles Wesley;
Music: Carl Glaser

1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 3. Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears, that
 4. He breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, he
 5. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your

great Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis mu - sic in the
 sets the pris' - ner free; his blood can make the
 loo - sened tongues em - ploy; ye blind, be - hold, your

God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace.
 earth a - broad, the ho - nors of thy Name.
 sin - ner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
 foul - est clean, his blood a - vailed for me.
 Sa - vior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Call to Worship

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

Call to Worship

Catherine Cook

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Congregation: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success!

Congregation: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord.

Leader: The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

All: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! — *Psalm 118:20-29*

Invocation

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word

Words: Martin Luther;
Music: *Geistliche Lieder*

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 1. Lord, keep us steady in your Word; 2. Lord Jesus Christ, your power make known, 3. O Comforter of priceless worth, curb those who by deceit or sword for you are Lord of lords a lone; send peace and unity on earth; would wrest the kingdom from your Son defend your holy Church, that we support us in our final strife and bring to nought all he has done. may sing your praise triumphant ly. and lead us out of death to life.

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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*

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.

Prayer of Confession

All: Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are embarrassed to come before you, for we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways, for we have rebelled against your wisdom and we have gotten into trouble, for we have rejected your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether. To you belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face. O Lord, great God, all holy, filled with awe, Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, incline your ear to our troubles. Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy. On the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen. — based on *Daniel 9.4-19*

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: 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: 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.

How Firm A Foundation

Words: John Rippon;
Music: Traditional American Melody

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis-
3. "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall
4. "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re -

5 Lord, is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What
mayed; for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll
lie, my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply; the
pose I will not, I will not de - sert to his foes; that

10 more can he say than to you he has said, to
strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, up -
flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign thy
soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake, I'll

14 you who for re - fuge to Je - sus have fled?
held by my righ - teous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
dross to con - sume and thy gold to re - fine.
nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake."

Offertory

I Wonder As I Wander
Laura Bullock

J.J. Niles

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: 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. Sing his prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia!
 hum - ble - ness! 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!
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Pastoral Prayer

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

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.

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.

Dismissal of Children and Passing of the Peace

Thou Lovely Source of True Delight

Words: Anne Steele;
Music: Kevin Twit

E B m/E

1. Thou love - ly source of true de - light whom
2. Thy glo - ry o'er cre - a - tion shines, but
3. 'Tis here, when - e'er my com - forts droop and
4. But ah! Too soon the pleas - ing scene is
5. Je - sus, my Lord, my life, my light, oh
6. Then shall my soul with rap - ture trace the

3 A E

I un - seen a - dore, un -
in thy sa - cred Word, I
sin and sor - row rise, thy
cloud - ed o'er with pain. My
come with bliss - ful ray, break
won - ders of thy love. But the

5 Dadd9 A/C#

veil thy beau - ties to my sight, that
read in fair - er, bright - er lines my
love with cheer - ing beams of hope my
gloom - y fears rise dark be - tween, and
ra - diant through the shades of night and
full of glo - ries of thy face are

7 E B m

I might love thee more, oh that
bleed - ing, dy - - - ing Lord, see my
faint - ing heart sup - plies, oh my
I a - gain com - plain, oh, and
chase my fears a - way, won't you
on - ly known a - bove; they are

9 Dadd9 A E

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chase my fears a - way.
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Scripture Reading

Psalm 119:1-16 page 512 in pew Bible

Reader: So faith comes from hearing,

Congregation: and hearing through the word of Christ.

Selah Russell

Sermon

Rev. Rick Downs

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. 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: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

All: He was with God in the beginning.

Minister: Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

All: In him was life, and that life was the light of men.

Minister: The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

All: This was the true light that gives light to every man who comes into the world.

Minister: He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

All: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible.

Minister: For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

All: He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
– from *John 1:1-5,9-10; Colossians 1:16-17*

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

*Catherine Cook, Dana Russell, Greg Russell, Justin Augspurg
Rachel Thrasher, Ryan Grams, Stephen Thrasher, T Downs*

Elders: Tim Carter and Rick Downs

Deacons' Fund Offering

Across the Lands

Words and Music: Keith Getty
and Stuart Townend



1. You're the Word of God the Fa-ther, from be - fore the world be -
2. Yet you left the gaze of an-gels, came to seek and save the
3. With a shout you rose vic - to - rious, wrest - ing vic - t'ry from the



gan; ev - 'ry star and ev - 'ry pla - net has been
lost, and ex - changed the joy of heav - en for the
grave, and as - cend - ed in - to heav - en lead - ing



fash - ioned by your hand. All cre - a - tion holds to -
an - guish of a cross. With a prayer you fed the
cap - tives in your wake. Now you stand be - fore the



geth - er by the pow - er of your voice; let the
hun - gry, with a word you stilled the sea. Yet how
Fa - ther in - ter - ced - ing for your own. From each



skies de - clare your glo - ry, let the land and seas re -
si - lent - ly you suf - fered that the guilt - y may go
tribe and tongue and na - tion you are lead - ing sin - ners



joice!
free. You're the au - thor of cre - a - tion, you're the Lord of ev - 'ry
home.



man; and your cry of love rings out a - cross the lands.

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.

Adult Education and children's Sunday school will **resume on Sunday, January 5th**. See you in the new year!

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 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

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 Barczi (nbarczi@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 Barczi (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.

CTK All-Church Gathering and Congregational Meeting on Saturday, January 11 2-4p. This year, consider your holiday baking a practice round for the main event...**The First Annual CTK Cupcake Challenge** will be held on Saturday, January 11 at 2p in the social hall. No need to bake to join the fun. We'll also have a coffee bar and a hot chocolate bar. Come in and warm up before the Congregational Meeting at 2:30p and Worship Service and Officer Installation Service at 3p. For more details visit ctkboston.org/news-events

Registration is now open for the 2020 CTK Getaway, taking place January 31 thru February 2! Our speaker this year will be Jeff Monk from the Boston Center for Biblical Counseling. Visit ctkcambridge.org/getaway for more information and to register!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sat, 1/11, 2p :: **Congregational Meeting** :: Sanctuary
<https://www.ctkboston.org/news-events>
(Sarah Goodman, sarahgoodman@ctkboston.org)
- Sun, 1/12, 12p :: **Second Sunday Eat & Meet** :: Social Hall
ctkcambridge.org/eat-and-meet
(Laura Bullock, laura@ctkcambridge.org)
- Fri, 1/24, 5:30p :: **Fourth Fridays** :: Beat Brew Hall
ctkcambridge.org/fourth-fridays
(Susanne van Veluw, susannevanveluw@gmail.com)
- Sat, 1/25, 8a :: **Men's Breakfast** :: Social Hall
ctkcambridge.org/mens-breakfast
(Rick Downs, rickdowns@ctkcambridge.org)
- 1/31-2/2/2020 :: **CTK Getaway** :: Camp Brookwoods
ctkcambridge.org/getaway
(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 Barczy, nathan@ctkcambridge.org)

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