CHRIST THEKING

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021 10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

[T]he individual who will not or cannot join with others in saying 'We' does not know the meaning of 'I'. — W.H. Auden, Forewords and Afterwords

What life have you, if you have not life together? There is no life that is not in community, And no community not lived in praise of God. — T.S. Eliot, 'The Rock'

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: Let us worship God.

Congregation: He is our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust.

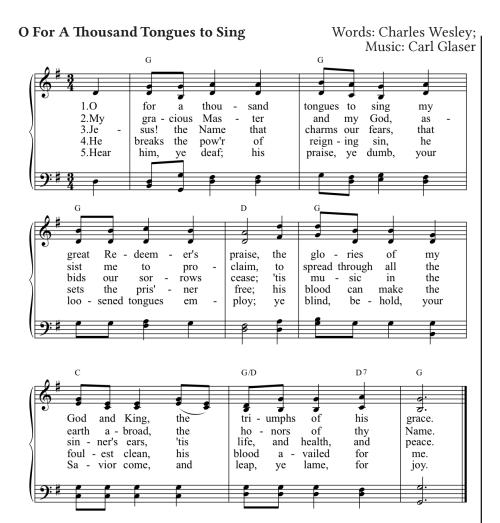
Leader: Let us confess with our mouths, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.

Congregation: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Leader: Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts,

Congregation: confessing him with our mouths, worshiping him in spirit and in truth. — Psalm 91:2; Romans 10:9,13

Invocation



Call to Confession

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!
O Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared. — Psalm 130:1-4

Prayer of Confession

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen. – from the Book of Common Prayer

Declaration of Absolution

Leader: The Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. Just as a father has pity on his children, so the Lord has pity on those who fear him. 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. 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,

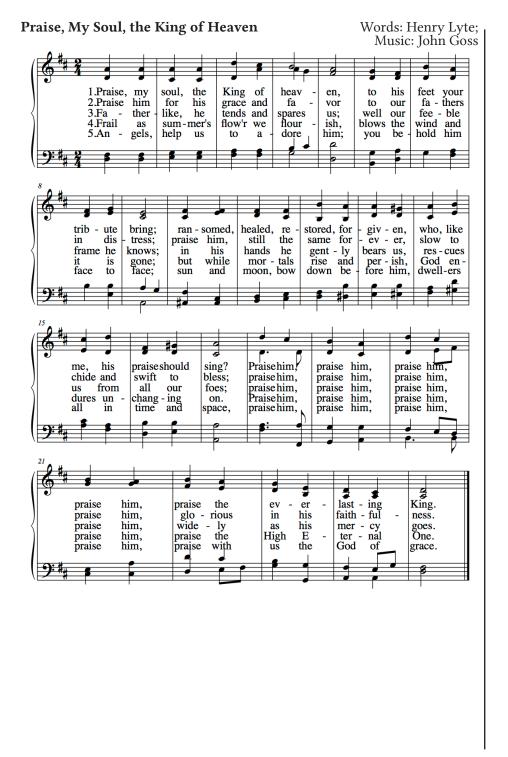
Congregation: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

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

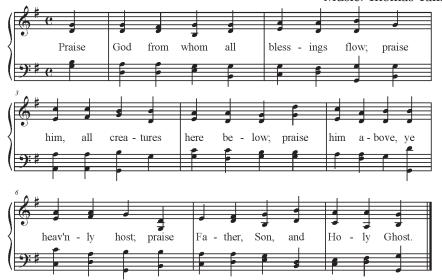
Congregation: for his steadfast love endures forever.

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.





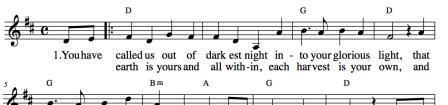


Pastoral Prayer

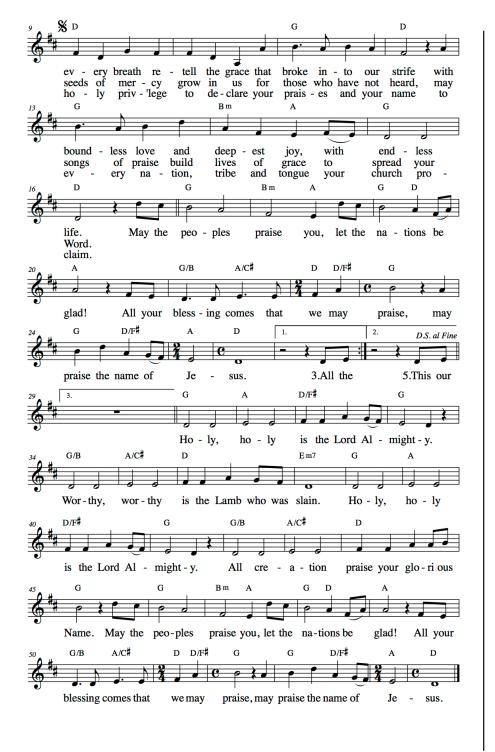
All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

A Word for the Kids

May the Peoples Praise You Words and Music: Keith and Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend, Ed Cash, and David Zimmer



we may sing the won-ders of the ris - en Christ. 2.May our from your hand we give to you, to make Christ known. 4.May the



Reader: This is the word of the LORD. Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Omar Ortiz

Lord's Supper

Invitation

Minister: What do you believe?

All: Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, he was buried, and he was raised on the third day.

- from 1 Corinthians 15:3b-4a

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving



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.
- \cdot 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).

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 Barczi (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 Barczi (nathan@ctkcambridge.org)

College Students can join Reformed University Fellowships

BÜ: nathan.dicks@ruf.org,

Harvard: michael.whitham@ruf.org,

MIT: solomon.kim@ruf.org.

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 ctk-cambridge.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:

As we announced last week, the interim to whom the elders have issued a call has been delayed in coming to Cambridge until March. In the coming months, **Omar Ortiz, the Director of the CTK Church Planting Center, has agreed to step in as acting interim pastor**. He will preach at Cambridge through the next two months and will also pick up some of Nathan's responsibilities as Nathan transitions to CTK Newton. Other weekly responsibilities, such as teaching Adult Education, will be assumed by the elders. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to transition@ctkcambridge. org.

An announcement from the Pastoral Search Committee: The most important thing we can do in our congregational search for a pastor is pray. The PSC can spend hours over meetings, making profiles, discussing issues, vetting candidates, but without prayer from the church, it is for naught. Paula Sachsenmeier and Laura Bullock from the PSC will be visiting each community group in the next few weeks to help start the church in regular corporate prayer. Please make every effort to attend your community group when they are scheduled to visit. If you are not part of one, please contact the church office to see about other opportunities for a time of prayer.

Women's AM Bible study started a new study on Wednesday January 20th. This semester they will be going through a Nancy Guthrie study entitled "Saints and Scoundrels". They will be meeting on most Wednesday mornings, 9-10:30am. Contact Kelly Sawyer to get the study materials: bostonkelly@gmail.com.

While we won't be able to have our traditional Winter Getaway this year, we would still like to find creative ways to safely gather and enjoy some fellowship and fun. To that end, staff would like to coordinate some winter "Getaway-ish" events during February, but we need your help! A few possible event ideas are

- Cross-country skiing outing
- A winter hike or snowshoeing
- Games over Zoom or Discord

If you would like to help with any of these events or have ideas for other possible outings, please contact laura@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

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