CHRIST THEKING

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021 10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

[I]n worship... the church enacts its story: the story of God creating a world and ordaining reality, of a world that turned against its Creator and against reality, and the story of God caring and coming to rescue the world, to restore it and make it new... This is the story that shapes the church and forms it into a community of the kingdom, a people with the resources to live according to reality — true to the rule of God. When the church lives by its story, its presence in the world is one of political depth, a depth pointing to the world's ultimate destiny in a recreated cosmos. — Robert E. Webber and Rodney Clapp, The People of the Truth

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: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

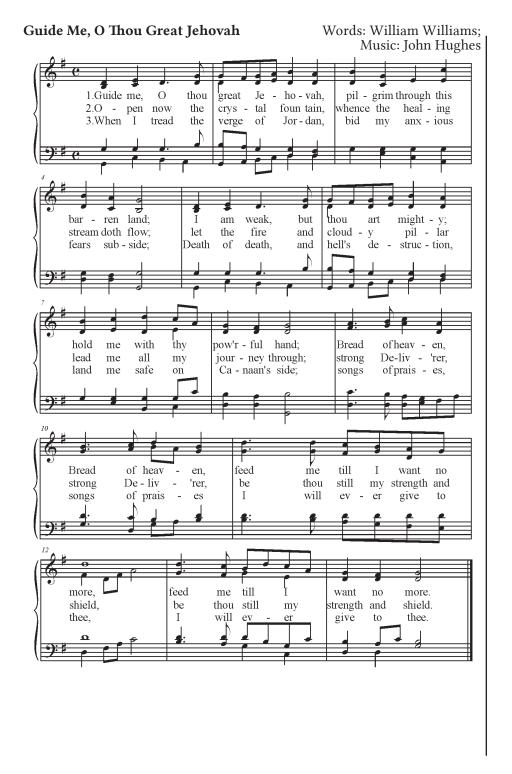
Congregation: Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!

Leader: Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to the LORD, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Congregation: Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

- from Psalm 34:8; Isaiah 55:1-2,6-7

Invocation



Call to Confession

Leader: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. — *Psalm 32:1-5*

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: 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,

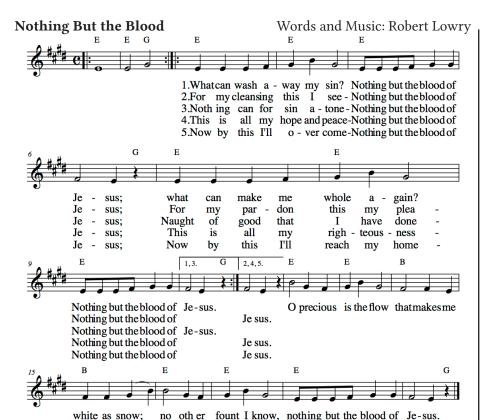
Congregation: the Maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

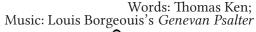
Congregation: and our mouths will declare your praise.

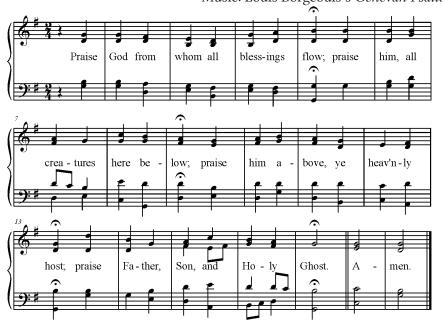
Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

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









Receiving of New Members

Evan Bauer, Andrea Bootsma, Suzanne Hammer, Jens and Amy Praestgaard, Dudley Williams III

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



Scripture Reading

Luke 6:20-26

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

Sermon Rev. Omar Ortiz

Lord's Supper

Invitation

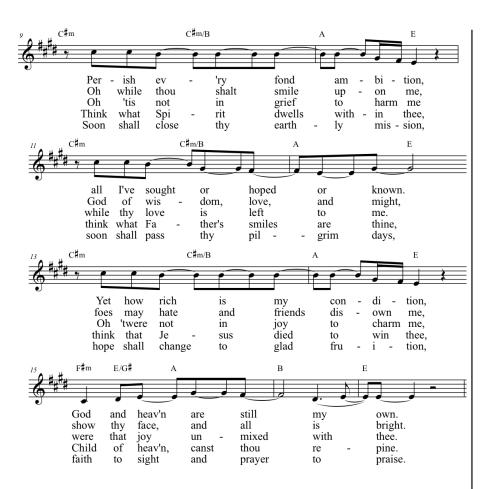
All: Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: [Christ] was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory. - 1 Timothy 3:16

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Deacons' Fund Offering





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

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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.

The Pastoral Search Committee is well on its way, but for all its considerations and deliberations, we need prayer more than anything. Paula Sachsenmeier and Laura Bullock have started Prayer Visits with our Community Groups to encourage all of us to join in regular prayer for the pastor and path God has in mind for our church family. Please make every effort to attend your Community Group's scheduled visit. And if you're not part of one, now would be a great time to do so! But if not, there will also be a prayer visit event on Zoom on February 23rd for those who aren't in a community group. Let's turn Psalm 127:1 into a prayer of dependence on God and anticipation of His faithfulness, by crying out: 'MAY the LORD build OUR house...!'

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

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