# CHRIST THEKING

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

# Sunday, May 2, 2021 10:30 am Morning Worship

#### **Prelude**

Dear refuge of my weary soul,
on Thee, when sorrows rise
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll,
my fainting hope relies
To Thee I tell each rising grief,
for Thou alone canst heal
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief,
for every pain I feel. — Anne Steele, Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

#### 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.

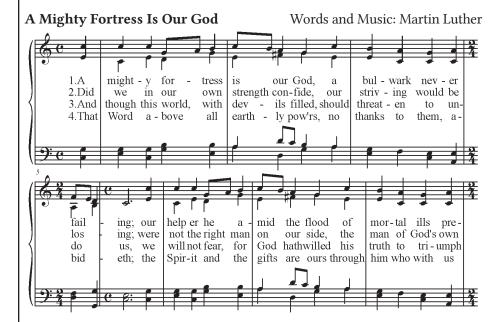
Leader: Let us confess with our mouths, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.

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: 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: Almighty God, who freely pardons all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

- from the *Book of Common Prayer* 

#### **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: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

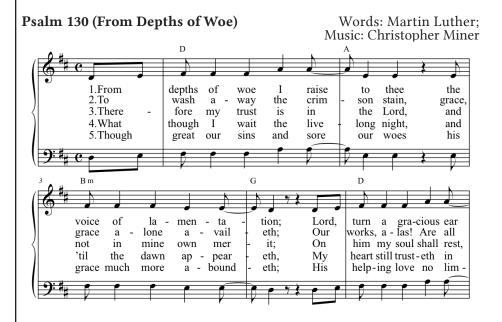
Congregation: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

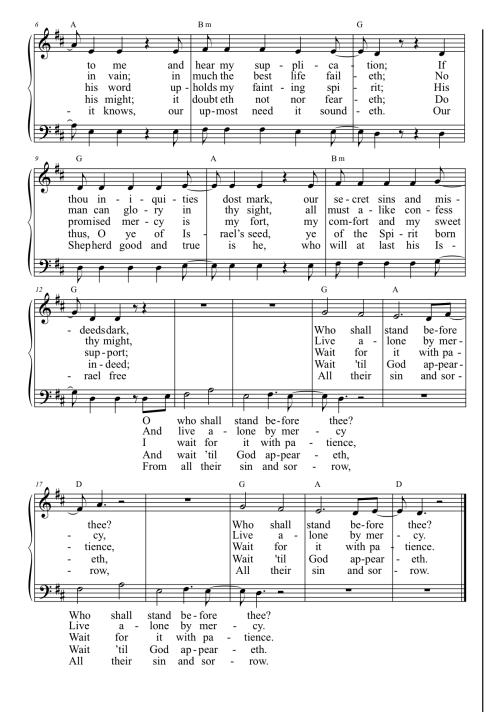
Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

Congregation: for his steadfast love endures forever.

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

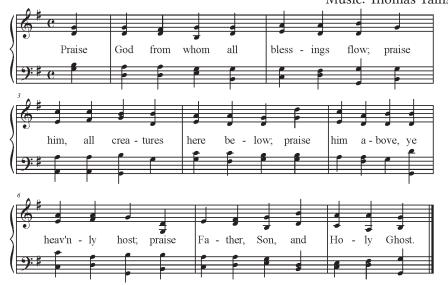
Congregation: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.





## Doxology

Words: Thomas Ken; Music: Thomas Tallis



**Baptism** 

Wesley Estelle Simmons

## **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**

Joel 1

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

Sermon

Rev. Clyde Godwin

## Lord's Supper

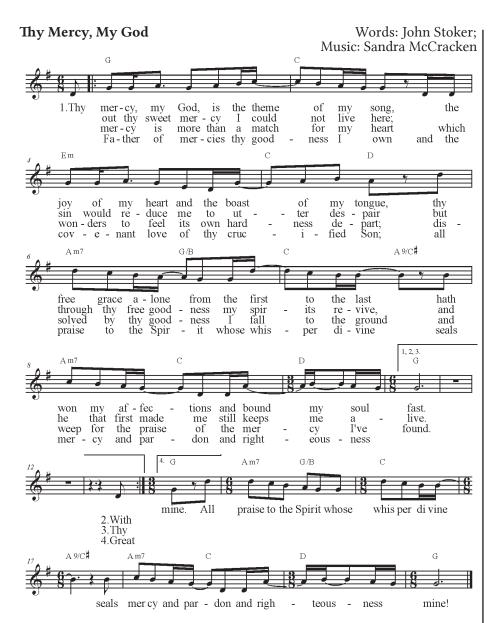
Invitation

Minister: Christ is spiritually present at this meal – at work through our confession. What do you believe?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen. – Apostles' Creed

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:

The elders and others are team-teaching an Adult Education class on **Christ in the Psalms** through the end of May. They're exploring some of the traditional "messianic" psalms, as well as questions raised by the psalmist that can only be answered in Christ. Come and see the promised Savior in the songbook and prayer book of scripture.

## 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).

CTK is a member of Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). Scripture texts are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version™, ©2001 Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers, Wheaton, IL 60187, CCLI #912939.

# WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Christ the King is a multi-congregational church worshipping in Cambridge, Dorchester, 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: Church Office (office@ctkcambridge.org)

Women's Ministry: Laura Martin (laura.a.martin87@gmail.com)

Youth Community Group: Dana Russell (dana@ctkcambridge.org)

Vocational Fellowship Groups: Church Office (office@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 more people are able to attend in-person worship services, **we are planning to move to multiple Sunday services**. Please fill out the survey at ctkcambridge.org/survey to help us make informed decisions that will work for as many people as possible.

The **CTK Diaconate is in need of more deacons**. We usually call for officer nominations at the end of each year, but in light of the current need, we are issuing that call for deacon nominations now through the end of May. If you are a member of CTK and want to nominate someone for deacon, or deacons' assistant, please follow these steps:

- 1. Read 1 Timothy 3:8-13 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 to office@ctkcambridge.org

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! **Women's Ministry will be hosting another backyard gathering** on Sunday, May 2 for casual fellowship and (hopefully) spring sunshine - this time in the yard of Katie Jentoft. Please email office@ctkcambridge. org for the sign-up sheet and for location details. The sign up is intended to make sure the events stay within city/state guidelines. Hope to see you there!

Now that the sanctuary renovations are complete, the deacons are continuing to plan other repairs and improvements to our church building--and we welcome your input and help! We are holding **monthly Zoom meetings to plan and prioritize building work, and anyone in the congregation is welcome to join the discussion** (either once or every month). The next meeting is Tuesday, May 11th from 7-8:30pm on Zoom, and topics will include:

- selecting a design for a balcony rail extension to improve safety in the sanctuary,
- refining the scope of exterior masonry repairs for later this year, and
- prioritizing potential HVAC improvements throughout the building.

For the Zoom link, or if you're unable to join the meetings but have thoughts or questions about the building, email us any time at deacons@ctkcambridge.org.

The **CTK softball team** is looking for recruits. If you'd be interested in helping out, please fill out the survey at bit.ly/ctk-softball.

## 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

Sun, 3p :: Women's Backyard Gathering

Mon, 7:30p :: Women's Evening Bible Study :: Online ctkcambridge.org/women

Tue, 7a :: Morning Prayer :: Online

ctkcambridge.org/prayer