CHRIST THEKING

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

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost June 27, 2021 10:30 Am Morning Worship

Prelude

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. — Ephesians 6

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

Preparation

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

Call to Worship

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

Call to Worship

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Congregation: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

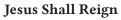
Leader: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Congregation: For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

All: O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you.

- Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12

Invocation



Music: John Hatton shall the 1.Je sus reign wher e'er sun end -2.To him shall less prayer be made, 3.Peo realms of ery tongue ple and ev -4.Bless ings bound wher e'er he reigns; a -_ 5.Let ev - ery crea ture rise and bring 8 does his suc ces sive jour nevs run: head; and prais - es throng to crown hís dwell with on his love sweet est song; his chains, the pris - 'ner leaps to lose King; ho nor and prais es to our 8 stretch his king-dom from shore shore, to name, like his sweet per fume, shall rise in - fant voic shall claim and pro es wea - ry the find e ter nal rest, gels des cend with songs gain, an а 8 till moons shall wax more. and wane no with ev - ery morn ing sac ri fice. their ear - ly bless ings his name. on the blest. and all sons of want are the and earth re peats loud а men! 8

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.

Words: Isaac Watts;

The church is marked by its singing, from Israel's deliverance through the Psalms to our worship today.

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.

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.

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: Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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,

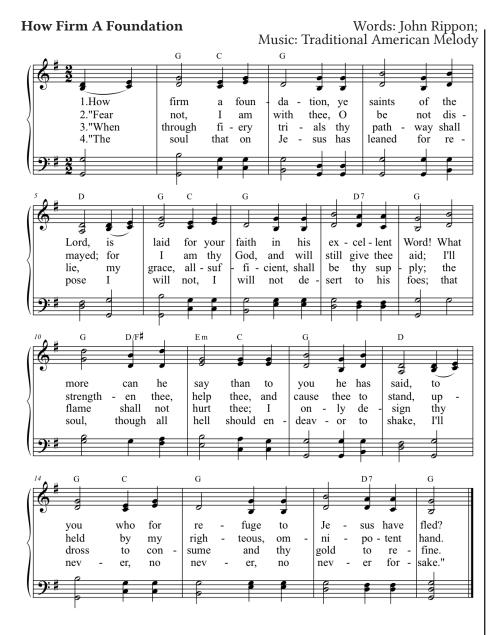
Congregation: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

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.

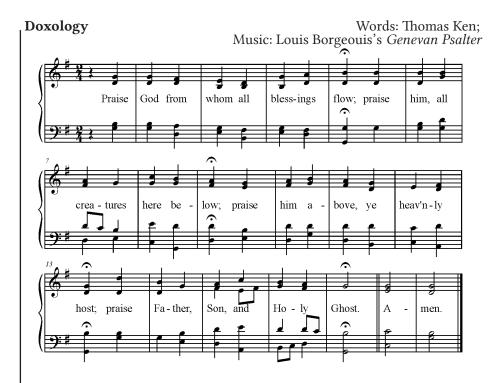
Congregation: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.



Offertory

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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.



Life Together

We share important announcements and prayer requests for our church community.

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.

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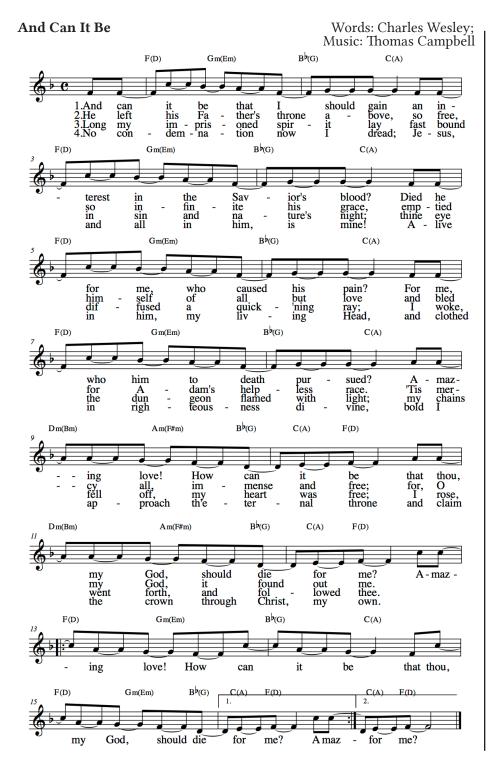
All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and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

Word for the Kids

Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you!



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 glutenfree bread on either aisle for those who desire such. Please hold the elements until all can partake together.

Scripture Reading

Reader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Lord's Supper

Invitation

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Words of Institution

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

Alecia Augspurg, Justin Augspurg, Andy Stuntz, Emily Stuntz

Rev. Clyde Godwin



Benediction

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We depart with this 'good word' of God's calling upon our lives in the world.

Welcome

Welcome visitors! We're glad you could join us online. Please fill out a digital visitor card at ctk-cambridge.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 the summer, we will be offering Adult Education, but our children's Sunday school gatherings are on hiatus until the Fall.

In our Adult Education class, we are studying the word Hesed (mercy) using Michael Card's book, *Inexpressible: Hesed and the Mystery of God's Lovingkindness*. Twice, Jesus quotes Hosea 6:6 in Matthew 9:13 and 12:7. Please note Jesus desires hesed. He wants us to receive mercy, love mercy, and give mercy. This study will take us deep into the heart of the Trinity. Jesus, our good shepherd, is pursuing us today with His goodness and hesed.

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.

 \cdot 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, 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

Men's Fellowship Groups: Church Office (office@ctkcambridge.org)

Women's Ministry: Martha Olson (women@ctkcambridge.org)

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

Vocational Fellowship Groups: Church Office (office@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.

LIFE TOGETHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Join us for our new, weekly noon-to-one Zoom prayer meeting every Friday. You are encouraged to pray with us and to fast. Fasting is optional. If you have not built this discipline of grace and gratitude into your life, this is a good place to start. Pray for CTK's praying, individually and corporately. More start up prayer meetings are coming to CTK because Jesus is coming with revival for all of us.

Join the Women's Ministry over the summer as they read and discuss Tish Warren's newest book, *Prayer in the Night*. Author Tish Warren (who wrote *Liturgy of the Ordinary*) is a former CTK member from some years ago. *Prayer in the Night* takes you through the prayers of compline and talks about the experience of mourning in suffering. Listen through audiobooks or grab a copy and join when you can over the summer. Let Martha Olson know if you need a copy of the book. Some of the meetings will be through zoom and others will be in person (place TBD). Guests are welcome, so invite a friend! The schedule is on the church website calendar, and please email office@ctkcambridge.org if you would like a copy of the book ordered for you.

CTK is looking to hire an A/V Coordinator to help oversee audio/visual operations on Sunday mornings and for occasional special events. Prior experience with sound equipment and/or livestreaming is welcome, but not required. Training will be provided. Contact office@ctkcambridge.org if interested.

We're having a party! **This August marks the 25th anniversary for Christ the King Presbyterian Church**, and we're excited to celebrate. We're looking for a small team of party-planners to help organize a fun event to celebrate the work the Lord has done in Cambridge over these last 25 years! If you're interested in helping or learning more, **please email laura@ctkcambridge.org by July 4th**.

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
- Tue, 7:30p :: **Women's Book Club** :: Online ctkcambridge.org/women
- Fri, 12p :: **Noontime Prayer** :: Online ctkcambridge.org/prayer

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