CHRIST THEKING

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

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST July 25, 2021 10:30 am Morning Worship

Prelude

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us... — John 1

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

- Hebrews 4

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

Call to Worship

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

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.

Call to Worship

Leonard Layne

Leader: Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day.

Congregation: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

Leader: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,

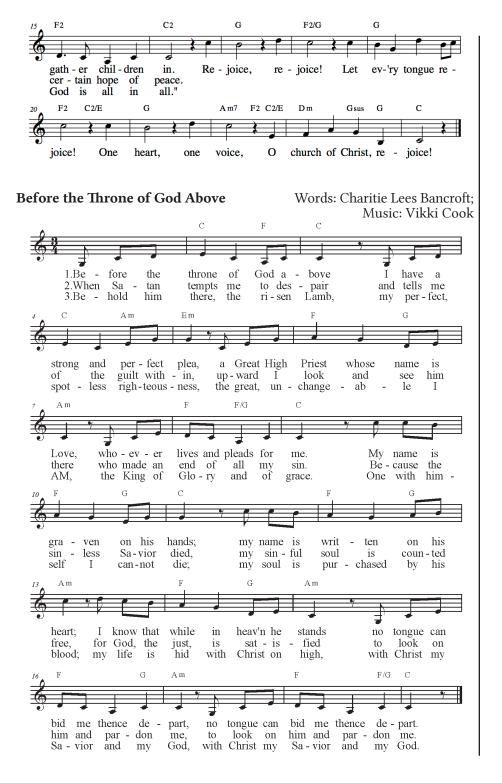
Congregation: And he is to be held in awe above all gods.

Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

All: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place. — 1 Chronicles 16:23-27

Invocation

Come, People of the Risen King Words and Music: Stuart Townend. Keith and Kristyn Getty C2 F2 1.Come of peo those ple the Ris en King, who de -2.Come whose joy is morn ing sun, and those 3.Come and old from young ev 'ry land, men and C2/E G C2 F2 Come light to bring him praise: all. and tune your ing through weep the night; Come those who tell of wom of the faith; those with full en Come or F2 A m7 F2 C2 Star of sing to the Morn - ing grace. From the hearts to and those strug - gling the fight. For his bat tles won, in find rich - es emp ty hands the his grace. O - ver F2 C2/E F2 C2/E shad - ows the earth, will lift shift - ing of we our eves to per - fect love will nev - er change, and his mer cies nev er his peo - ple all the world, sing shore to shore we hear them G C2 F2 A m7 where him. stead y arms of cv reach. to mer with the cease. but fol low us through all our days. call the that cries "Our truth in 'ry age,



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: 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. -1 John 1:8-9

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 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,

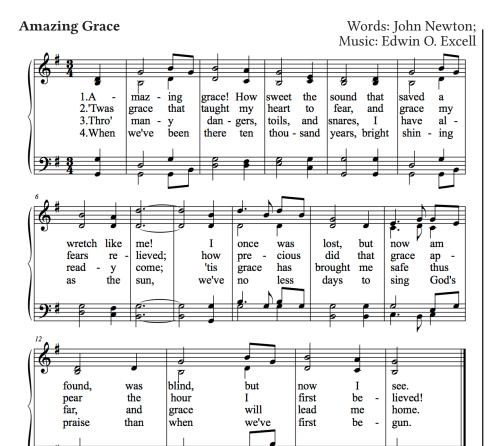
Congregation: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

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.



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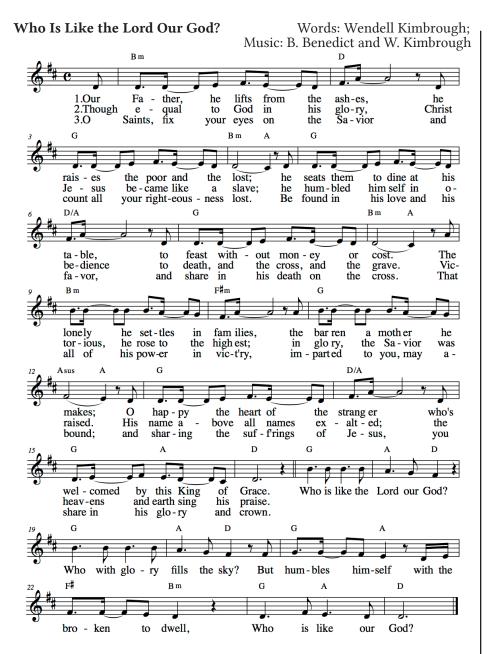
All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and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

Matthew 11:25-30

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

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.

Sermon

Rev. Clyde Godwin

Lord's Supper

Invitation

Minister: Why is the Son of God called "Jesus," meaning "savior"?

All: Because he saves us from our sins. Salvation cannot be found in anyone else; it is futile to look for any salvation elsewhere.

- Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 29

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

Deacons' Fund Offering



Benediction

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

Please join us outside for refreshments immediately following the service, as weather permits.

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.
- · 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.
- \cdot 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)

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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.

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LIFE TOGETHER

Announcements:

The **Women's Ministry book group's next meeting is Tuesday, July 27th at 7:30p**, hosted in Kelly Sawyer's backyard. This summer, they are reading 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. Guests are welcome, so invite a friend!

Save the date for a summer work day at the church building, Saturday August 14th from 9am-noon! Come for 30 minutes or the whole 3 hours and help out with some gardening, cleaning, landscaping, and small projects around the building. ("Supervising"/socializing also allowed.) Let us know if you can make it or if you have any questions: deacons@ctkcambridge.org.

As we are reopening, the staff at CTK want to take this opportunity to thoughtfully rebuild our volunteer teams. As such, we will not automatically assume that members will be serving in the roles they previously did. In the coming months, we will be discussing as a community how best to use our individual gifts to serve the church, and we ask you to prayerfully consider how you feel called and gifted. In the meantime, there are certain teams that are in need of volunteers. In particular, we are in need of communion servers each week. All adult members of Christ the King are encouraged to serve in this way, and most did prior to the pandemic. If you are willing to serve in this way, please email laura@ctkcambridge.org.

CTK Cambridge is hiring a part-time (8 hours/wk) Youth Worker for the 2021-2022 academic year. The Youth Worker will lead three youth meetings per month, build discipleship relationships with students, and train youth ministry volunteers. Qualifications: a love for kids in grades 6–12 and a passion to teach the gospel in age-appropriate ways. Prior teaching experience in a Christian setting is preferred. Applications can be sent to office@ctkcambridge.org. Please spread the word!

THIS WEEK AT CTK:

 $For more \ details, see \ ctk cambridge.org/weekly-events, or \ email \ of fice @ctk cambridge.org/weekly-events \\$

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

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