CHRIST THEKING

So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. -1 John 4:16a

Sunday, October 27, 2019 10:00 am Morning Worship

The litmus test of our love for God is our love of neighbor.

— Brennan Manning, The Wisdom of Tenderness

It may be possible for each to think too much of his own potential glory hereafter; it is hardly possible for him to think too often or too deeply about that of his neighbor. The load, or weight, or burden of my neighbor's glory should be laid daily on my back, a load so heavy that only humility can carry it, and the backs of the proud will be broken...

It is in light of these overwhelming possibilities, it is with the awe and the circumspection proper to them, that we should conduct all our dealings with one another, all friendships, all loves, all play, all politics. There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations — these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub and exploit... Next to the Blessed Sacrament itself, your neighbor is the holiest object presented to your senses.

— C.S. Lewis, The Weight of Glory

Kris Sachsenmeier

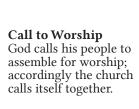
Prayer (Collect) of Preparation:

Prelude

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. 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.





Come, Thou Almighty King





Call to Worship

Rev. Nathan Dicks

Leader: O God, you are our God, earnestly we seek you;

Congregation: Our souls thirst for you, our flesh faints for you,

All: In a dry and weary land where there is no water.

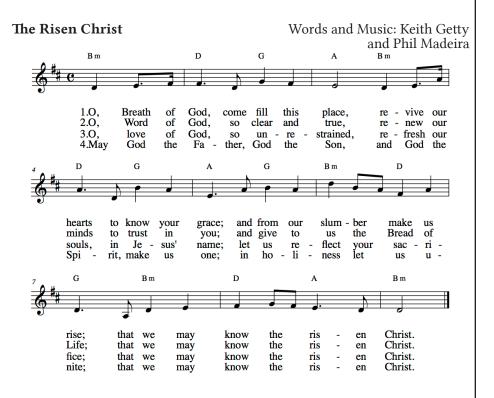
Leader: We have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and your glory.

Congregation: Because your steadfast love is better than life, our lips will praise you.

Leader: We will bless you as long as we live, and in your name we will lift up our hands.

All: Our souls will be satisfied as with fat and rich food; and our mouths will praise you with joyful lips. — *Psalm 63:1-5*

Invocation



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: To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by walking in his laws. — $Daniel\ 9:9-10$

Prayer of Confession

All: Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are embarrassed to come before you, for we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways, for we have rebelled against your wisdom and we have gotten into trouble, for we have rejected your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether. To you belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face. O Lord, great God, all holy, filled with awe, Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, incline your ear to our troubles. Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy. On the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen. — based on Daniel 9.4-19

Declaration of Absolution

Leader: We know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. For through the law we died to the law, so that we might live to 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: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

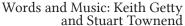
Congregation: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

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

Amanda Holley

Offertory

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. Some of us choose to put an offering in the plate, while others give online or by mail.



Baptism

Mary Elaine MacKay

Pastoral Prayer We cry out together for

grace and mercy in a time of need.

Passing of the Peace

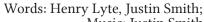
We remind each other of the peace given us in the gospel – peace first between us and God, leading to reconciled relationships with each other. We encourage kids remaining in the service to use the Sermon Worksheet available at the front of the sanctuary.

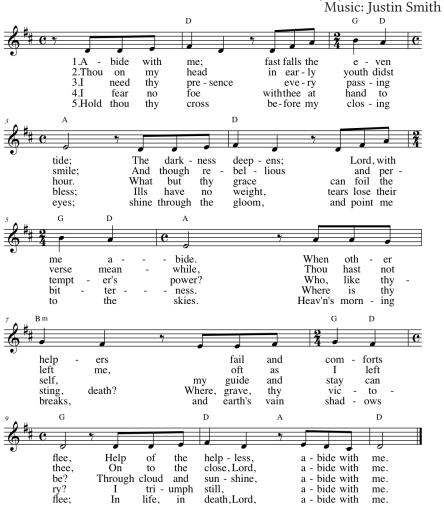
Pastoral Prayer

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.

Dismissal of Children and Passing of the Peace







Scripture Reading

Marty West

Romans 13:1-14 page 948 in pew Bible

Reader: So faith comes from hearing,

Congregation: and hearing through the word of Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Rick Downs

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.

Elders are available to pray with anyone who desires it at the front of the sanctuary near either of the hallway exits.

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

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



Benediction

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

WELCOME

Welcome visitors! We're glad you're here. Please fill out a digital visitor card at ctkcambridge.org/visit so we can get to know you better. Also, find out more about us by talking with one of the pastors or our lead greeter, who at the Welcome Table in the back Social Hall, or by contacting office@ctkcambridge.org.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Adult Education & Sunday School Classes

Every Sunday morning at 8:45am, Christ the King offers classes for adults, youth, and children. The topics of these classes reflect the desire of the church to equip its members with a better understanding of God's Word. Adult Education classes are taught in the social hall. Childcare and classes for children through Grade are held downstairs, and Middle/High School meets in the office in the balcony.

On Sunday, November 3, there will be a Q&A during the Adult Education hour regarding the Ministry Safe training. This will be a time of open conversation to process the training content as a congregation with the leadership. If the Ministry Safe videos have prompted any questions regarding church policies and practices, or more generally how we are to interact with these issues as disciples of Christ, you can send those questions to rickdowns@ctkcambridge.org, drop an anonymous index card in the red church library card box in the Social Hall, or bring the question with you on November 3.

CHILDREN DURING THE SERVICE

Children are always welcome in our service. Parents may opt to bring children to the programs below or to the social hall as needed where audio of the service plays and an area is partitioned for nursing mothers. For more information, please see ctkcambridge.org/kids or email dana@ctkcambridge.org.

Nursery (0-3 years): Our nursery rooms provide safe care and are open throughout the service. Infants and non-walkers are upstairs and our 1s, 2s and 3s rooms are in the basement (exit through the right-side door for all rooms). Please sign your child in at one of the check-in stations in the infant room or basement and be sure to bring your security tag with you when picking up your child.

Children's Worship (4 years–Grade 2): Children are dismissed before the sermon to classes designed to engage God in a manner more suitable to young hearts and minds. Please sign-in children then drop off in room 3 & 4; pick-up from adjoining rooms with your parent tag.

Children/Youth (Grade 3 & up): Our older children attend the entire service, and a worksheet is provided to aid in the instruction during the sermon.

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 bit.ly/CTKCambridgeOffering for general offerings and bit.ly/CTKCambridgeDeacons for Deacons' Fund giving. Questions? Email giving@ctkboston.org.

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 with notes from our pastors, church announcements, and community classifieds, visit ctkcambridge.org/reader.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Christ the King is a multi-congregational church with an English-speaking congregation that meets in Cambridge on Sunday mornings (ctkcambridge.org) and a mostly Brazilian congregation meeting in Portuguese in Cambridge on Sunday afternoons, as well as congregations that meet in Dorchester, Pembroke, Roslindale, Jamaica Plain, Somerville, and Wakefield (ctkboston.org).

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community groups are central to our life together at CTK, and we encourage people to join a group near where they live, to gather over a meal and study, pray, and serve one another and our neighborhoods.

MONDAYS

CAMBRIDGE :: NORTH CAMBRIDGE :: 6P Rick & T Downs (cardadowns@gmail.com)

SOMERVILLE :: UNION SO. :: 7P

Tyler & Amanda Holley (tylerbholley@gmail.com)

TUESDAYS

ALLSTON :: BRIGHTON :: BROOKLINE :: 7:30P James & Sarah Goodman (sarahgoodma@gmail.com)

WEDNESDAYS

SOMERVILLE :: UNION SQ. :: 6P

Nathan & Leann Barczi (nbarczi@gmail.com)

WATERTOWN :: 6P

Matt & Cat Sherrill (sherrillmatt@hotmail.com)

BOSTON:: NORTH END/BEACON HILL:: 7P

Taylor & Audra Wallace (wallacetaylor89@gmail.com)

CAMBRIDGE :: CENTRAL SQ./RIVERSIDE :: 7:30P

Mike & Shannon Poor (pcpoor@hotmail.com)

THURSDAYS

CAMBRIDGE :: MIT/KENDALL SQ. :: 6P

Ben Hoover & Jennifer Marlow

(benhoover34@gmail.com)

SOMERVILLE :: PORTER/DAVIS SQ. :: 6:30P

Jeremy & Adrienne Mullen (jmullen79@gmail.com)

SOMERVILLE :: DAVIS :: POWDERHOUSE :: 7P

Sam & Steffi Beswick (sam.beswick@auckland.ac.nz)

MALDEN:: 7P

Andy & Emily Stuntz (astuntz@gmail.com)

CAMBRIDGE :: CENTRAL/INMAN SQ. :: 7:30P

Alex & Megan MacKay (ajmack@gmail.com)

FRIDAYS

WATERTOWN :: 1st and 3rd Fridays :: 6:30P Sean & Nicole O'Hern (scohern@gmail.com)

SATURDAYS

BELMONT :: LEXINGTON :: NEWTON :: 5P

Marty & Grace West (martin_west@gse.harvard.edu)

*Meets every other Saturday, rotating location

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS AND MINISTRIES

 $\textbf{Men's Fellowship Groups}: Rev.\ Rick\ Downs\ (rickdowns@ctkcambridge.org)$

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 on nearby campuses.

BU: nathan.dicks@ruf.org, Harvard: michael.whitham@ruf.org, or MIT: solomon.kim@ruf.org.

Meals Ministry: Erin Ward (meals@ctkcambridge.org)

Overseas Partner Liaison: Miriam Kreher (mkreher13@gmail.com)

Members and regular attenders have a variety of opportunities to **serve on Sunday mornings**. To learn more about ways to serve our congregation, please visit ctkcambridge.org/serve-church.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Sunday, November 3, marks the end of Daylight Saving. Don't forget to turn your clocks back!

A reminder to all members who serve in the nursery, who lead Children's worship, or who teach Sunday school, please complete the MinistrySafe training by October 31st. If you have any questions or concerns, or if you don't serve in those capacities but would still be interested in participating in the training, please contact dana@ctkcambridge.org.

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Making Room at Thanksgiving: In an effort to ensure that no one at CTK is without a place to go this Thanksgiving, we are looking for people who have room at their tables. Also, if you are someone who is currently without a place to share the meal, we would be happy to connect you with someone who would love for you to join them. For more information, please email office@ctkcambridge.org.

Calling All Singers! We are putting together an a cappella choir to sing several Advent selections during the service on Sunday, December 8. The first rehearsal will take place on Saturday morning, November 9, at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. If you are interested in lending your voice, please email amanda@ctkcambridge.org.

SPECIAL EVENT:

CTK's sister church, Christ the Redeemer Quincy, is hosting a weekend seminar based on *The Praying Life* by Paul Miller. Many of us are quietly defeated in our private prayer lives. We've tried praying, but it just doesn't seem to work. So we feel a combination of frustration and guilt. In this seminar, we will learn step-bystep how to begin a private life of prayer in fellowship with our heavenly Father.

The event will be held at Union Congregational Church, 136 Rawson Rd., Quincy, MA. The two sessions will be Friday, 11/15 at 5:30p (dinner included) and Saturday, 11/16 at 9a (breakfast included). Registration is \$20 and includes materials and meals. Register at ctrquincy.org/events/the-praying-life-seminar.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sun, 11/10, 12p :: Second Sunday Eat & Meet :: Social Hall ctkcambridge.org/eat-and-meet (Laura Bullock, laura@ctkcambridge.org)

Sat, 11/23, 8a :: Men's Breakfast :: Social Hall ctkcambridge.org/mens-breakfast Rick Downs (rickdowns@ctkcambridge.org)

WEEKLY EVENTS AT CTK:

For more details, see ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events

Tuesday, 6:30a :: Morning Prayer :: Social Hall (Laura Bullock, laura@ctkcambridge.org)

Thursday, 9:30a :: Women's Bible Study :: Social Hall (Kelly Sawyer, bostonkelly@gmail.com)

Friday, 12p :: Men's Fellowship Group :: Harvard Sq. (Mike Poor, pcpoor@hotmail.com)

Friday, 4p :: Theology Reading Group :: The Field Pub (Nathan Barczi, nathan@ctkcambridge.org)

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