# CHRIST THEKING

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

Second Sunday in Lent March 13, 2022 10:30 Am Morning Worship

#### Prelude Preparation We focus our hearts and minds in preparation to The essence of the Christian religion consists in the reality that the creation of the Father, enter into the life-giving ruined by sin, is restored in the death of the Son of God, and re-created by the grace of the Holy presence of God. Spirit into a kingdom of God. - Herman Bavinck, Reformed Dogmatics 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 Bob Sawyer Call to Worship God calls his people to Leader: Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. assemble for worship; accordingly the church calls itself together. 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

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 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: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. - *Psalm 130:1-4*

#### **Prayer of Confession**

All: Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of our youth or our transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember us, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord! Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon our guilt, for it is great. Turn to us and be gracious to us, for we are lonely and afflicted. The troubles of our hearts are enlarged; bring us out of our distresses. Consider our affliction and our trouble, and forgive all our sins. Amen. — Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18

#### **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,

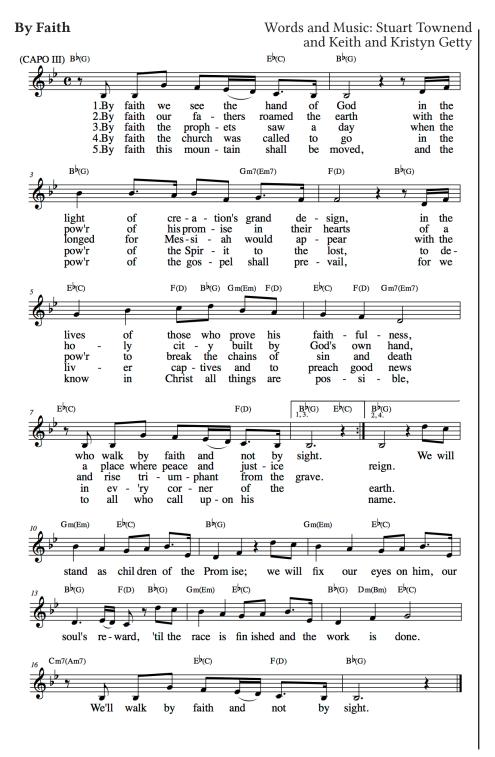
Congregation: the Maker of heaven and earth.

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.



#### 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.

#### Life Together

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

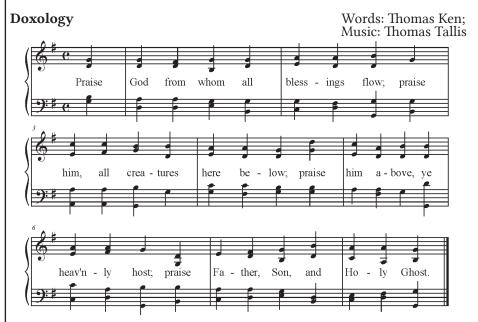
#### **Prayers of the People**

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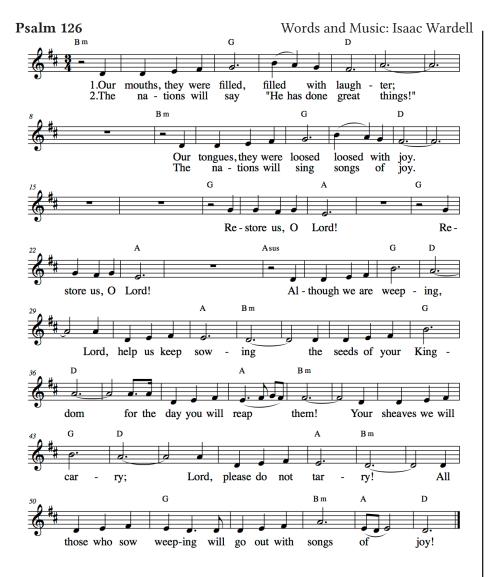
All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and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

#### Word for the Kids

#### Dismissal of Children and Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you!



#### **Scripture Reading**

Ezra 3:8-13, p390 in pew Bible

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 as liturgy begins.

We ask that those in the balcony come forward first; those seated in the outer pews can then come forward, starting from the back rows; finally, those in the center pews can come forward, starting from the back row.

Grape juice is available in the center of each wine tray and gluten-free wafers are in the center of each bread tray for those who desire such. Please hold the elements until all can partake together.

#### Sermon

#### Lord's Supper

Invitation

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

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

And 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

Janis Dietz, Tim Dietz, Lauren Easton, Tyler Holley



#### 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. Currently, we are offering Adult Education and children's Sunday school classes on Zoom.

Interested in learning more about CTK? Want to consider becoming a member? Please attend our **Discovering CTK class**, which started on March 6th. The class will run for six weeks on Sunday mornings from 9-9:45a. You can register for the class on our website. If you have any questions, please contact laura@ctkcambridge.org.

## For Families

#### Nursery

- Open during the service for up to 8 registered participants ages 6 months (and sitting) to 3 years, with a waitlist available. The room is behind the sanctuary through the doors on the right.
- Please contact Lara Kastelein (lara@ctkcambridge.org) with questions or to cancel if registered and unable to make it.

#### Children's Worship

- Children age 4 thru 2nd grade are dismissed from the service prior to the sermon to a class that teaches about worship suited to their age. Parents must escort kids to class in order to check them in and pick them up after the service.
- Class capacity is 12 registered students, with a waitlist available. Parents may sign up children for class when registering for the service.
- Please contact Dana Russell (dana@ctkcambridge.org) with any questions or to cancel if registered and unable to make it.

#### During the service

- Encourage children to participate in each part of the service. For non-readers, place your arms around your child and point to the words in the bulletin as they are read.
- During the sermon, kids may complete one of the worship activities available at ctkcambridge. org/ worship-kids or in the church foyer along with 'Pew Pouches' containing writing and drawing supplies.

#### 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 parts of the service as a family using the worship guide (ctkcambridge.org/worship-kids). 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

## 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. Some groups are meeting in person and some are meeting virtually. Please visit ctkcambridge.org/community-groups for a full listing with contact information.

## Fellowship Groups and Ministries

Men's Bible Study: Andy Stuntz (astuntz@gmail.com)

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

Youth Ministry: Ariana Smartt (ariana@ctkcambridge.org)

College Students can join Reformed University Fellowships BU: nathan.dicks@ruf.org, serena.jones@ruf.org Harvard: michael.whitham@ruf.org, catherine.cook@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 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:

**Registration Reminder:** We continue to ask that folks please register to attend on Sunday mornings. Whether you choose distanced or open, registering allows staff to know how many seats of each type we need. **Registering by Friday is most helpful.** When registering for the service, you may also **register children for either nursery** (ages 6 months through 3 years) **or children's worship** (ages 4 through Grade 2). Space is limited, but wait lists are available.

Upcoming change for COVID policy: starting March 14th, the city of Cambridge will be lifting its mask mandate for public gatherings. **CTK will continue wearing masks during Sunday service through the month of March, but starting April 3, masks will be optional.** 

- Of course, anyone who would prefer to wear a mask is welcome to do so. Please use your own best judgment in regards to your personal risk factors and comfort level.
- A note on Children's Ministries: Masks will continue to be required of all childcare staff, teachers, volunteers and children ages 4 and up in both Nursery and Children's Worship classes. Masks are preferred but not required for 2 & 3 year-olds and children under 2 should not wear face coverings.
- We will continue to offer distanced seating. Please register by Saturday at the latest we can't guarantee distanced seats after that point.

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# This Week at CTK:

For more details, see ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events, or email office@ctkcambridge.org

Sun, 9a :: Discovering CTK :: Online ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation

Tue, 7a :: Morning Prayer :: Online ctkcambridge.org/prayer

Wed, 7p :: **Women's Evening Bible Study** :: Social Hall ctkcambridge.org/women

Thu, 9:30a :: **Women's Morning Bible Study** :: Social Hall ctkcambridge.org/women

Fri, 6a :: **Men's Morning Bible Study** :: Zoom ctkcambridge.org/men

#### Please contact the following staff members by calling our office at (617) 864-5464 or by email:

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