CHRIST THEKING

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

Sunday, March 22, 2020 10:00 Am Morning Worship

Prelude

Alas, poor Death! Where is thy glory? Where is thy famous force, thy ancient sting?

Alas, poor mortal, void of story! Go spell and read how I have killed thy King.

Poor Death! And who was hurt thereby? Thy curse being laid on Him makes thee accurst.

Let losers talk, yet thou shalt die; These arms shall crush thee.

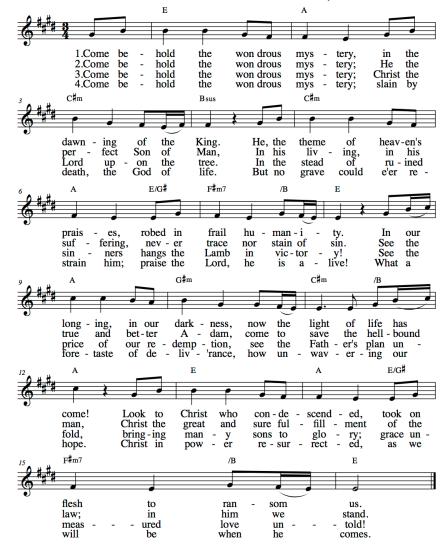
Spare not, do thy worst. I shall be one day better than before; Thou so much worse, that thou shalt be no more. — George Herbert, A Dialogue-Anthem

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. 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. Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery



Call to Worship

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Congregation: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success!

Congregation: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord.

Leader: The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

All: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever! $- Psalm \ 118:20-29$

Invocation

Call to Worship

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



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: 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: 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: 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.

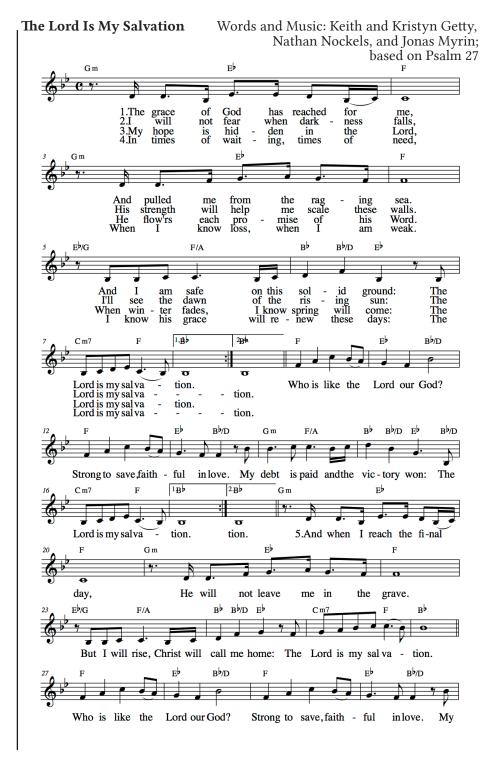
Congregation: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

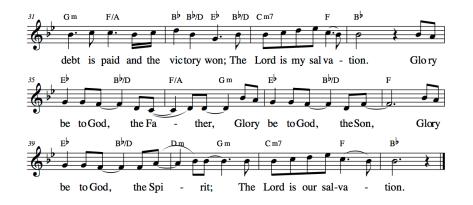
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In God's presence, the evil that mars our lives – corporate and individual – comes to light. Through Jesus Christ, we are safe to be honest about ourselves because we fear no condemnation.

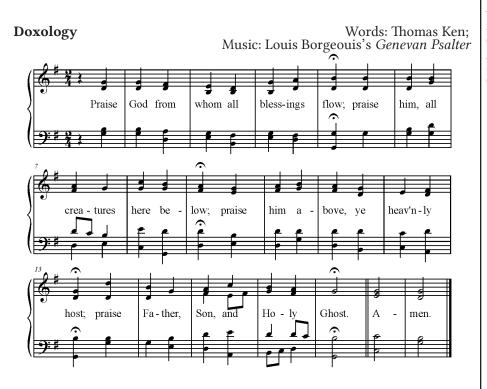
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God declares through his Church that all who repent and believe in Jesus Christ are completely forgiven from all their sins and their guilty consciences cleansed.





Offertory

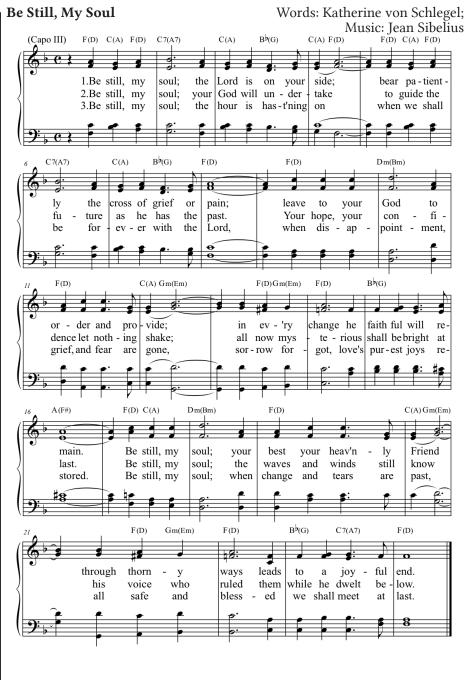


Pastoral Prayer

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. 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.

Pastoral Prayer We cry out together for grace and mercy in a time of need.



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

Sermon

John 11:17-37

Rev. Rick Downs



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 ctkcambridge. org/visit so we can get to know you better. Find out more about us by contacting office@ctkcambridge.org.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Adult Education & Sunday School Classes

Typically, Christ the King offers classes for adults, youth, and children every Sunday morning at 8:45am. During this hiatus from public gathering, we will be offering Adult Education on our Youtube channel (bit.ly/CTK-Video).

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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

 \cdot 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

 \cdot 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.

 \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).

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.

For additional communication and socializing during this period of social distancing, **join us on our Slack space**: ctk-cambridge.slack.com. Email office@ctkcambridge.org to join.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Christ the King is a multi-congregational church worshipping in Cambridge, Dorchester, Jamaica Plain, 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, no groups are meeting in person, but many are meeting virtually. Please reach out to the listed contact person for more information.

MONDAYS

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

SOMERVILLE :: UNION SQ. :: 7P Tyler & Amanda Holley (tylerbholley@gmail.com)

TUESDAYS

ALLSTON :: BRIGHTON :: BROOKLINE :: 7:30P James & Sarah Goodman (ssgoodman617@gmail.com)

WEDNESDAYS

SOMERVILLE :: UNION/SPRING HILL :: 6P Nathan & Leann Barczi (nbarczi@gmail.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 & Jenn Marlow(benhoover34@gmail.com)

THURSDAYS (cont'd)

WATERTOWN :: 6P Matt & Cat Sherrill (sherrillmatt@hotmail.com)

SOMERVILLE :: PORTER/DAVIS SQ. :: 6:30P Michael & Anna Whitham (michael.whitham@ruf.org)

SOMERVILLE :: DAVIS/POWDERHOUSE SQ. :: 7P Sam & Steffi Beswick (sam.beswick@auckland.ac.nz)

MALDEN :: 7P Andy & Emily Stuntz (astuntz@gmail.com)

CAMBRIDGE :: CENTRAL/INMAN SQ. :: 7:30P Susanne van Veluw (susannevanveluw@gmail.com)

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

LEXINGTON :: 5P Ricky & Lindsay Hardy (linsrbins@gmail.com) *Meets every other Saturday

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: 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)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

For more information on CTK's response to the coronavirus — both what we are actively doing now and what we are preparing for in the future — visit ctkcambridge.org/coronavirus.

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As you may know, the CDC is now recommending that gatherings over fifty people be suspended through early May. **This recommendation will affect our Holy Week services**. Maundy Thursday will be cancelled, but we will have a Good Friday service and Sunrise service, in addition to our regular 10am service, online (bit.ly/CTK-Video). More information to follow.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

All events subject to change. For more information about online meetings, please email the listed contact person.

Mon, 3/27, 6p :: **Women's Evening Bible Study** :: Online ctkcambridge.org/women (Laura Martin, laura.a.martin87@gmail.com)

Fri, 4/10, 7:30p :: Good Friday Service :: bit.ly/CTK-Video

Sun, 4/12, 6a :: Easter Sunrise Service :: bit.ly/CTK-Video

WEEKLY EVENTS AT CTK:

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

Tue, 6:30a :: **Morning Prayer** :: Online ctkcambridge.org/prayer (Laura Bullock, laura@ctkcambridge.org)

Fri, 4p :: Theology Reading Group :: Online (Nathan Barczi, nathan@ctkcambridge.org)

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