# CHRIST THEKING

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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 27, 2022 10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Preparation

#### Prelude

| Abba, Father! He who can say this, hath uttered better music than<br>reach. There is heaven in the depth of that word - Father! There is a<br>sities can demand; all my wishes can desire. I have all in all to all<br>'Father.' — Charles H. Spurgeon, Morning and Evening | ll I can ask; all my neces- | We focus our hearts and<br>minds in preparation to<br>enter into the life-giving<br>presence of God. |
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| Prayer (Collect) of Preparation:<br>Deliver us when we draw near to You,<br>from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind:<br>Grant that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections,<br>we may worship You in Spirit and in Truth. Amen                                 |                             |  |
| Call to Worship   | Leonard Layne               | Call to Worship  |
| Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.<br>This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.  |                             | God calls his people to<br>assemble for worship;<br>accordingly the church<br>calls itself together. |
| Congregation: This is the day that the Lord has ma<br>and be glad in it.  | ade; let us rejoice         | eulis fisch togethei.  |
| Leader: Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray,  | give us success!            |  |
| Congregation: Blessed is he who comes in the nan<br>bless you from the house of the Lord.   | ne of the Lord! We          |  |
| 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 endures forever! — <i>Psalm 118:20-29</i>  | his steadfast love          |  |
| Invocation  |                             |  |

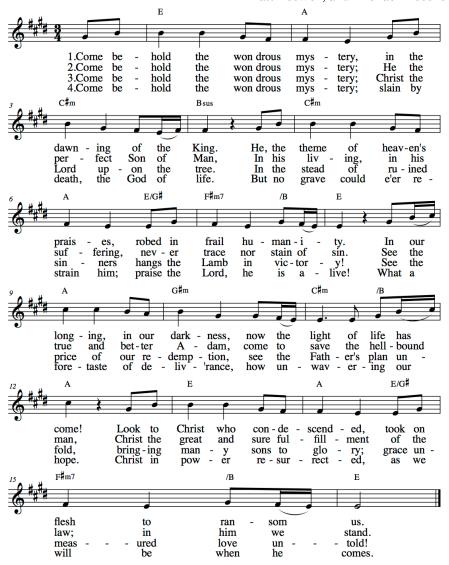
God's people sing not only as an expression of our love for God but also to remind ourselves of our place in God's redemptive work.

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



Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Words and Music: Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, and Michael Bleecker



#### **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: 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,

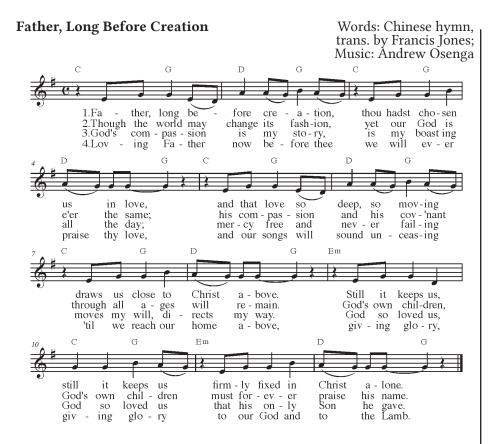
Congregation: the Maker of heaven and earth.

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.



#### 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.

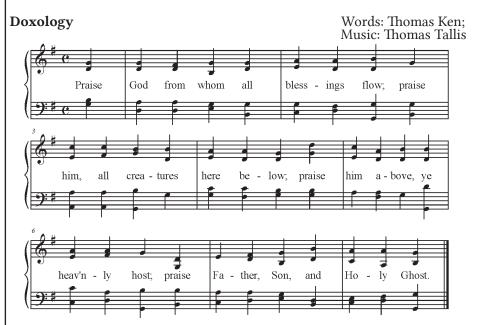
#### Prayers of the People

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.

#### Offertory



#### Life Together

**Deacons' Fund Offering** 

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

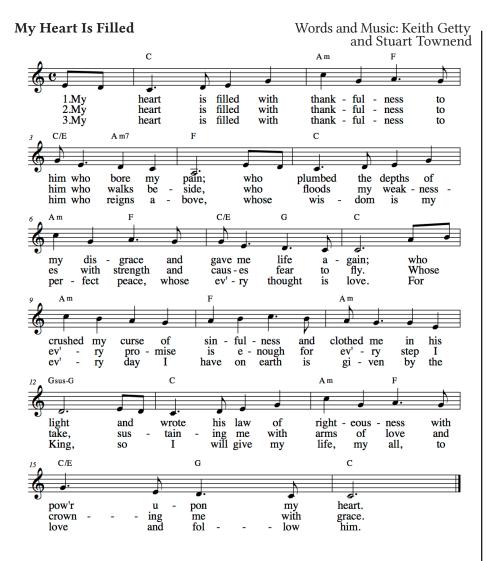
All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and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

1 John 2:28-3:3, p1022 in pew Bible

Rev. Daniel Paik

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

#### Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

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.

#### Lord's Supper

#### Invitation

Minister: Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Supper that we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope. We come in remembrance that our Lord Jesus Christ was sent of the Father into the world to assume our flesh and blood and to fulfill for us all obedience to the divine law, even to the bitter and shameful death of the cross.

All: By his death, resurrection, and ascension he established a new and everlasting covenant of grace and reconciliation, that we might be accepted of God and never be forsaken by him.

Minister: We come to have communion with this same Christ, who has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the world.

All: In the breaking of the bread he makes himself known to us as the true heavenly bread that strengthens us unto life eternal. In the cup of blessing he comes to us as the vine, in whom we must abide if we are to bear fruit.

Minister: We come in hope, believing that this bread and this cup are a pledge and foretaste of the feast of love of which we shall partake when his kingdom has fully come, when with unveiled face we shall behold him, made like unto him in his glory.

All: Since by his death, resurrection, and ascension, Christ has obtained for us the life-giving Spirit, who unites us all in one body, so we are to receive this supper in true love, mindful of the communion of saints.

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

Laura Bullock, Lucas Lints, Chris Martin, Laura Martin

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#### Benediction

**Benediction** 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

## **REGISTRATION:**

**Registration Reminder:** We continue to ask that folks please register to attend on Sunday mornings. 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: 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.

• Communion servers will continue to wear masks and gloves while serving.

• Children's Ministry policies will remain in place.

• We will continue to offer distanced seating.

Please register by Saturday at the latest – we can't guarantee distanced seats after that point.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Calling All Singers!** We are putting together a choir to sing selections at the upcoming Good Friday (4/15) and Easter Sunday (4/17) services. The next rehearsal will be Saturday, April 2 at 10:30 am. If you are interested in lending your voice, please contact amanda@ctkcambridge.org.

**CTK Women's Picnic:** Women and girls of all ages are invited to join us for fellowship and picnic on Sunday, April 10! This will take place immediately after church at Dana Square Park (Sennott Park is temporarily closed).

Are you a gal? A gal who likes to plan events for fellowship and edification? (Think: picnics, hiking, speakers, workshops, etc.) Then we need you! **Women's Ministry is looking for an event planning volunteer**. Please reach out to Martha Olson at women@ctkcambridge.org.

## 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
- 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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