CHRIST THEKING

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

Sunday, May 17, 2020 10:00 am Morning Worship

Prelude

God is the voice beyond my own who calls me to a life beyond my own through a promise and a command beyond any knowledge or will of my own. — Merold Westphal, Transcendence and Self-transcendance: On God and the Soul

For too long, we have called unbelievers to 'invite Jesus into your life.' Jesus doesn't want to be in your life. Your life's a wreck. Jesus calls you into his life. — Russell D. Moore, 'A Purpose-Driven Cosmos' in Christianity Today

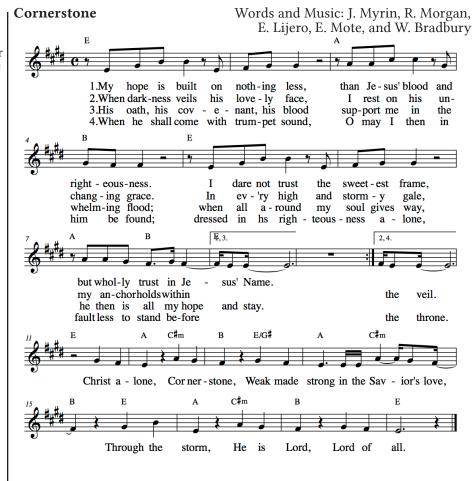
Prayer (Collect) of Preparation:

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.



Call to Worship

Leader: Let us worship God.

Congregation: He is our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust.

Leader: Let us confess with our mouths, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.

Congregation: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

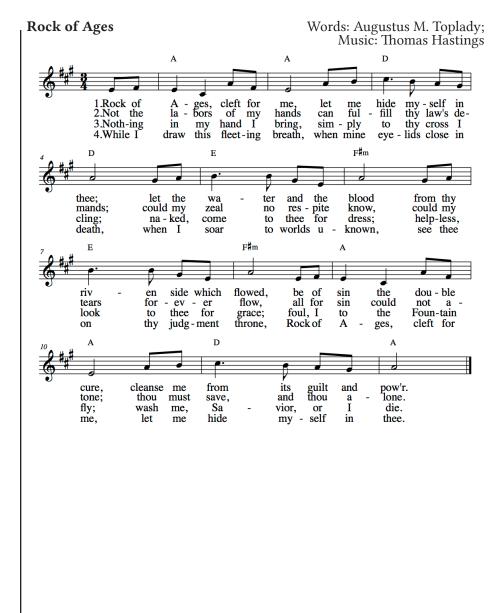
Leader: Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts,

Congregation: confessing him with our mouths, worshiping him in spirit and in truth. – *Psalm 91:2; Romans 10:9,13*

Invocation

Call to Worship

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



Call to Confession

Leader: For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, "In repentance and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength." — Isaiah 30:15

Prayer of Confession

All: Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. 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: 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.

Call to Confession

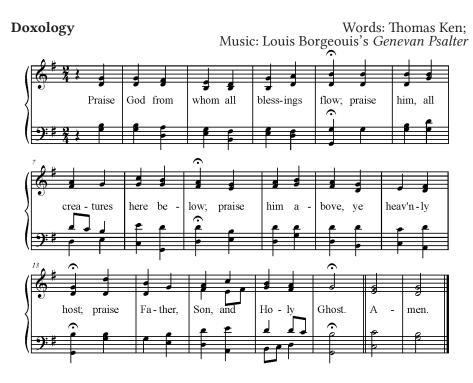
In God's presence, the evil that mars our lives – corporate and individual – comes to light. Through Jesus Christ, we are safe to be honest about ourselves because we fear no condemnation.

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.



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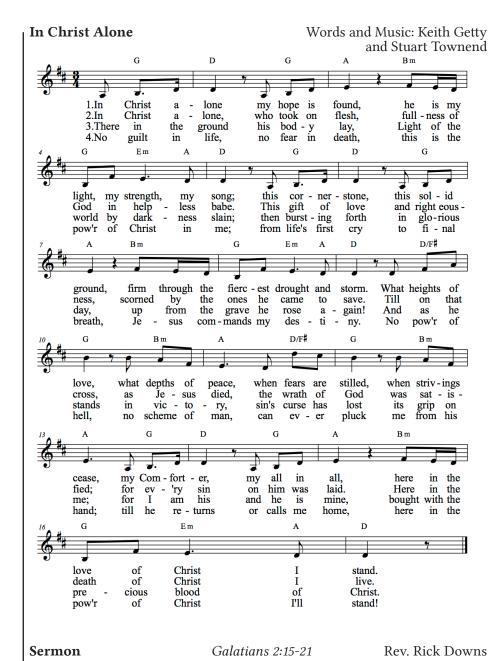
We give back to God our wealth and talents in recognition that they all come from him. These gifts help support the mission and ministries of the church.

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.

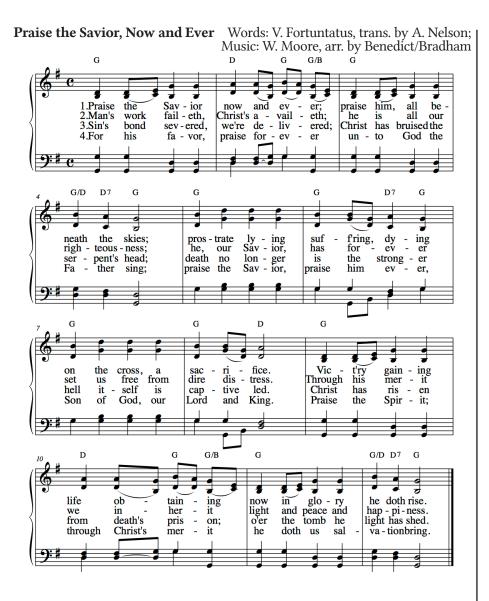
Pastoral Prayer

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



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 8:45a. During this hiatus from public gathering, we will be offering Adult Education Sundays at 8pm via Zoom:

Our Only Comfort: A Study of The Heidelberg Catechism. Since its publication in 1563, the Heidelberg Catechism has become one of the most widely circulated books in the world, and it's not hard to see why. Alongside its clear presentation of Christian doctrine, it's truly beloved for its pastoral spirit and its emphasis on the tremendous consolation and encouragement to be found in the gospel. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn and be refreshed - come join the discussion on Zoom! We recommend that you purchase Kevin DeYoung's excellent guide to the Catechism, *The Good News We Almost Forgot*.

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.

The Adult Education class meets Sundays at 8pm via Zoom and is entitled **Our Only Comfort: A Study of The Heidelberg Catechism**. Since its publication in 1563, the Heidelberg Catechism has become one of the most widely circulated books in the world, and it's not hard to see why. Alongside its clear presentation of Christian doctrine, it's truly beloved for its pastoral spirit and its emphasis on the tremendous consolation and encouragement to be found in the gospel. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn and be refreshed - come join the discussion! We recommend that you purchase Kevin DeYoung's excellent guide to the Catechism, *The Good News We Almost Forgot.* Please visit our website for details and links.

Despite all the books available digitally these days, sometimes it's nice to hold one while you read. Perhaps, there is a book you want to purchase for your household, but want to look at if first. If you are interested in accessing or having books delivered to you from the CTK Lending Library during isolation, please email Lara Kastelein (lara@ctkcambridge.org).

If children would like to share their completed Sunday morning coloring page with the congregation, email us a photo or scanned copy and we'll include it in the announcements slideshow that airs just prior to the livestream service.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mon, 5/18/20, 8p :: **Women's Evening Bible Study** :: Online ctkcambridge.org/women (Laura Martin, laura.a.martin87@gmail.com)

WEEKLY EVENTS AT CTK:

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

- Sun, 8p :: Adult Education :: Online ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation (Nathan Barczi, nathan@ctkcambridge.org)
- Tue, 7a :: Morning Prayer :: Online ctkcambridge.org/prayer (Laura Bullock, laura@ctkcambridge.org)
- Wed, 1:30p :: Women's Morning Bible Study :: Online (Kelly Sawyer, bostonkelly@gmail.com)
- Fri, 4:30p :: Theology Reading Group :: Online (Nathan Barczi, nathan@ctkcambridge.org)

DAILY PRAYER ONLINE:

Visit ctkboston.org/prayer for more information

Mon, Wed, Fri, 6:30a :: Morning Prayer

Tue, Thu, 8a :: Morning Prayer

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