

CHRIST THE KING

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

TRINITY SUNDAY

MAY 30, 2021 10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

Do you see the circle of glory among those who are alike? The Son is glorified by the Spirit; the Father is glorified by the Son; again the Son has his glory from the Father and the only-begotten thus becomes the glory of the Spirit. For with what shall the Father be glorified but with the true glory of the Son, and with what shall the Son be glorified but with the majesty of the Spirit?

— Gregory of Nyssa, *On the Holy Spirit*

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

Nathan Carter

Leader: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Congregation: Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow of change.

Leader: Praise him, all creatures here below.

Congregation: The Son is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

Leader: Praise him above, ye heavenly host.

Congregation: We have received the mystery of the good news by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, into which angels long to look.

All: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

— adapted from *James 1:17; Hebrews 1:3; 1 Peter 1:12*

Preparation

We focus our hearts and minds in preparation to enter into the life-giving presence of God.

Call to Worship

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

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.

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Words: based on *Te Deum*,
trans. by Clarence Walsworth;
Music: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*

1. Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
2. Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
3. Lo! the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred
4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,

7
bow be - fore you; all on earth your scep - ter claim,
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim
name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
three we name you; while in es - sence on - ly One,

13
all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais ing, fill the heav'ns with
and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, and a - dor - ing

19
vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord."
set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
bend the knee, while we sing this mys - ter - y.

Come, O Spirit

Words and Music: Isaac Wardell

1. Come, O Spir - it, com - fort true; help us by your
2. All our know - ledge, all our sight, lies in dark - ness
3. Come, our con - science to re - lieve from each sin re -
4. All our rich - es, all our crowns, cast we now be -

4 plead - ing. Come and ev' - ry heart re - new,
shroud - ed. All our lab - ors wrought in strife
mem - bered. Come, our Sav - ior's blood to plead;
fore thee. Scales re - mov - eth, chains un - bound,

7 breath of God pro - ceed - ing. You a - lone to
hath our judg - ment cloud - ed. Oh, con - sume our
na - ked we sur - ren - der. Sin hath left a
bold - ly we im - plore thee: as you knit us

10 God can win us, Spir - it now work good with - in us.
wrong de - si - res, Ho - ly Ghost, our souls in - spi - re.
wound re - veal - ing; Spir - it, help us with your heal - ing.
once to - geth - er, fast - en us to you for - ev - er.

Call to Confession

Leader: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. — 1 John 1:5-10

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.

Prayer of Confession

All: Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you, if you dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen. – from John Knox, *Liturgy of 1560*

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.

Declaration of Absolution

Leader: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 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.

The Love of Christ is Rich and Free

Words: William Gadsby;
Music: Sandra McCracken



1.The love of Christ is rich and free; fixed on his own e - ter-nal-
3.Love has re - deemed his sheep with blood, and love will bring them safe to



ly; nor earth, nor hell, can it re - move; long as he lives, his own he'll
God; Love calls them all from death to life; and love will fin - ish all their



love. 2.His lov - ing heart en - gaged to be their ev - er -
strife. 4.He loves through ev - ery chang - ing scene, nor aught from



last - ing Sur - e - ty; 'twas love that took their cause in hand, and love main
him can Zi - on wean; not all the wan - derings of her heart can make his



tains it to the end. Love can - not from its post with - draw; nor
love for her de - part.



death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law, can turn the Sure - ty's heart a - way; he'll



love his own to end - less day. 5.At death, be - yond the grave, he'll



love; in end less bliss, his own shall prove the blaz ing glo - ry of that



love which ne - ver could from them re - move, which ne - ver



could from them re - - - - move.

Offertory

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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.

Doxology

Words: St. Francis of Assisi;
Music: Jonathan Gilley



1. All ye who are of ten-der heart, for-giv-ing oth-ers
2. Let all things their cre-a-tor bless, and wor-ship him with

take your part, hum-ble-ness! Sing his prais-es, O praise him, Al-le-lu-ia!
Al-le-lu-ia!

Ye who long pain and sor-row bear, praise God and on him
and praise the Spir-it, Praise, praise the Fa-ther, praise the Son,

cast your care! O praise him! O praise him! Al-le-
Three in One, O praise him! O praise him! Al-le-

lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Life Together

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

Pastoral Prayer

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

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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.

Word for the Kids

Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you!

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. *Please remain in your peace.*

The Church's One Foundation

Words: Samuel Stone;
Music: Brian Moss

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her
2. Elect from every nation yet one o'er all the
3. Though with a scornful wonder, men see her sore op -
5 Lord; she is his new creation by water and the
earth; her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one
pressed by schisms rent a sun - der, by her - e - sies dis -
9 Word. From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly
birth; one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly
tressed. Yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up "How
13 bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he
food, and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en -
long?" And soon the night of weep - ing shall be themom of
17 died. song. 4. Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and
21 tu - mult of her war she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of
25 peace for - ev - er - more. Till with the vi - sion glo - rious, her
29 long - ing eyes are blest, and the great church vic - tor - ious shall

33 G A D B_{sus} B E
 be the church at rest. 5. Yet she on earth hath

37 E/G# A B_{sus} B E
 un - ion with God the Three in One, and mys - tic sweet com -

41 E/G# A B_{sus} B F#_m
 mu - nion with those whose rest is won. O hap - py ones and

45 E/G# A B_{sus} B E E/G#
 ho - ly, Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and low-ly, on

50 A B A B A B E
 high may dwell, that they will dwell, that we will dwell with thee.

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.

Scripture Reading

John 3:1-15

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Nathan Dicks

Lord’s Supper

Invitation

All: Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: [Christ] was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory. - 1 Timothy 3:16

Words of Institution

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, 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

Deacons' Fund Offering

Lift High the Name of Jesus Words and Music: Keith and Kristyn Getty, Fionan de Barra, and Ed Cash

1. Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our King. Make
 2. Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our Lord. His
 3. Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our Light. No

known the pow - er of his grace, the beau - ty of his peace. Re -
 pow'r in us is great - er than, is great - er than this world. To
 oth - er name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life. He

mem - ber how his mer - cy reached and we cried out to him. He
 share the rea - son for our hope, to serve with love and grace, that
 o - pens up our eyes to see the har - vest he has grown. We

lift - ed us to so - lid ground to free - dom from our
 all who see him shine through us might bring the Fa - ther
 la - bor in his fields of grace as he leads sin - ners

sin. Oh sing my soul and tell all he's done 'til the
 praise.
 home.

earth and heav ens are filled with his glo - - - ry.

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. 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. During this hiatus from public gathering, we will be offering Adult Education and Sunday school gatherings on Sunday mornings via Zoom:

The elders and others are team-teaching an Adult Education class on **Christ in the Psalms** through the end of May. They're exploring some of the traditional "messianic" psalms, as well as questions raised by the psalmist that can only be answered in Christ. Come and see the promised Savior in the songbook and prayer book of scripture.

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

- 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.
- 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

- Reread the Scripture passage. For younger children, read from a storybook Bible or more accessible translation like International Children's Bible (ICB) or NIV available at biblegateway.com.
- 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.
- 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

Christ the King is a multi-congregational church worshipping in Cambridge, Dorchester, 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, groups are meeting virtually. Please visit ctkcambridge.org/community-groups for a full listing with contact information.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS AND MINISTRIES

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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:

The **CTK Diaconate is in need of more deacons**. We usually call for officer nominations at the end of each year, but in light of the current need, we are issuing that call for deacon nominations now through the end of May. If you are a member of CTK and want to nominate someone for deacon, or deacons' assistant, please follow these steps:

1. Read 1 Timothy 3:8-13 for biblical qualifications.
2. Approach your nominee and ask that you pray together for wisdom.
3. With the approval of the nominee, please submit the nomination to office@ctkcambridge.org

Calling all CTK Youth: The middle school youth are invited for a cookout Saturday, June 12 5-7 p.m. at the home of Tim and Janis Dietz. The high school youth will meet on Sunday, June 13 6-8 p.m. at the home of Rick and Martha Olson. Please RSVP to Lydia Carter by June 6 for more info and directions. There will be tasty food, games, and fellowship. Let's kick off the summer!

New Adult Ed class beginning June 6, 9-10 am. We are going to study the word Heseḏ (mercy) using Michael Card's book, Inexpressible: Heseḏ and the Mystery of God's Lovingkindness. Twice, Jesus quotes Hosea 6:6 in Matthew 9:13 and 12:7. Please note Jesus desires heseḏ. He wants us to receive mercy, love mercy, and give mercy. This study will take us deep into the heart of the Trinity. Jesus, our good shepherd, is pursuing us today with His goodness and heseḏ.

Starting June 4, we'll have a weekly noon-to-one Zoom prayer meeting every Friday. I encourage you to pray with us and to fast. Fasting is optional. If you have not built this discipline of grace and gratitude into your life, this is a good place to start. Pray for CTK's praying, individually and corporately. More start up prayer meetings are coming to CTK because Jesus is coming with revival for all of us.

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

Fri, 12p :: **Noontime Prayer** :: Online
ctkcambridge.org/prayer

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