

# Trinity Sunday June 4, 2023 10:30 am Morning Worship

#### **Prelude**

When God sets out to embrace the enemy, the result is the cross. On the cross the dancing circle of self-giving and mutually indwelling divine persons opens up for the enemy; in the agony of the passion the movement stops for a brief moment and a fissure appears so that sinful humanity can join in. We, the others — we, the enemies — are embraced by the divine persons who love us with the same love with which they love each other and therefore make space within their own eternal embrace. — Miroslav Volf, Exclusion and Embrace

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

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

Bob Sawyer

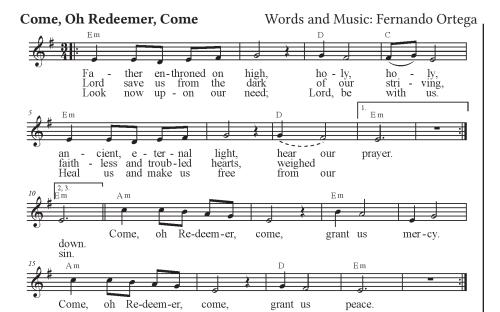
God calls his people to assemble for worship; accordingly the church calls itself together.

#### **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.





#### **Confession of Faith**

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

Congregation: We believe and confess one single catholic or universal church — This church has existed from the beginning of the world and will last until the end, as appears from the fact that Christ is eternal King who cannot be without subjects.

— from Belgic Confession, Article 27

#### Confession of Sin

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen. – from the Book of Common Prayer

#### Confession of Faith

We join the global and historic church in professing what we believe as Christians, to remind ourselves of the hope we have and the life that hope invites us to live.

#### Confession of Sin

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.

#### **Assurance of Grace**

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.

#### **Assurance of Grace**

Leader: Now hear this promise of grace and forgiveness from the word of God, from Romans 8, verses 1 through 5:

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.

Leader: To those who repent of their sin and look to Jesus Christ for salvation, the forgiveness of sins is fully yours, by the grace of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

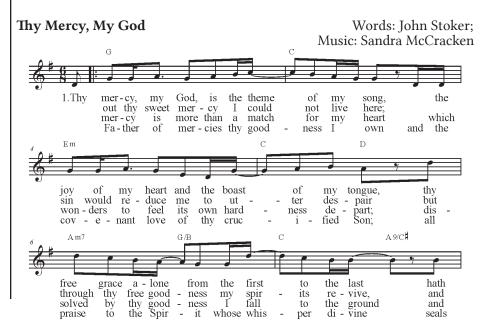
Congregation: the Maker of heaven and earth.

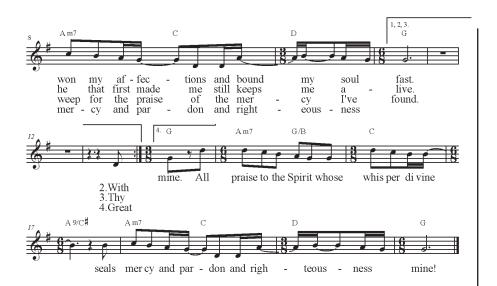
Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

Congregation: and our mouths will declare your praise.

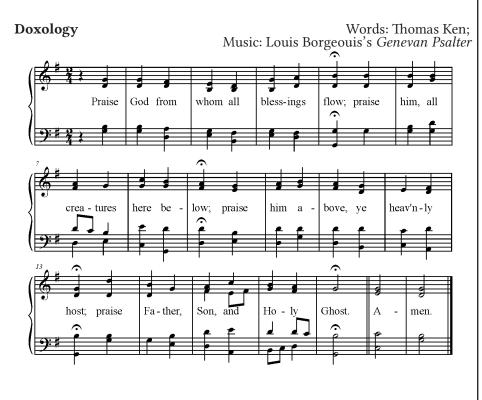
Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

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





## Offertory



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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.

Owen Andrews, Andrea Bootsma, Tim Dietz

# 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.

#### Life Together

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

#### **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

## 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.

## Dismissal of Children and Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you!

# Life Together

## Scripture Reading

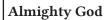
Psalm 6, p449 in pew Bible

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

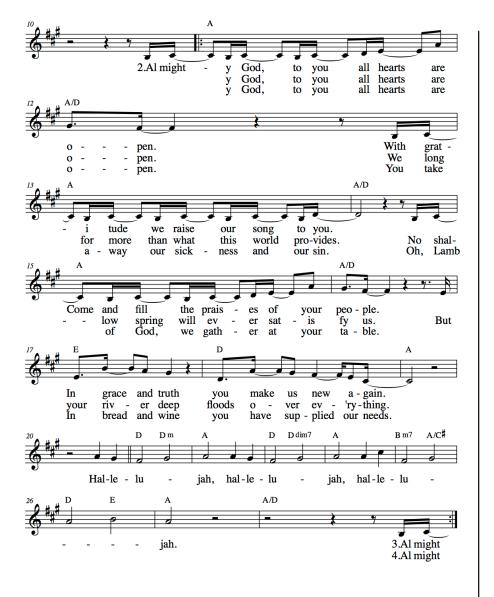
Sermon

Rev. Travis Drake



Words and Music: Sandra McCracken, Leslie Jordan, David Leonard





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, followed by those on the main floor, starting in 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.

At the end of the service, please dispose of your cup as you exit the sanctuary.

## Lord's Supper

Invitation

Words of Institution

Distributing of Elements

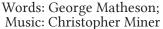
Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

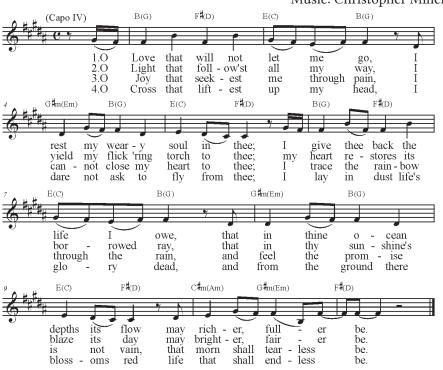
Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be unafraid of the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is clear, 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.

Partaking of the Elements

#### O Love That Will Not Let Me Go





#### **Benediction**

#### Benediction

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. Please fill out a digital visitor card at ctkcambridge. org/visit so we can get to know you better. Find out more by contacting office@ctkcambridge.org.

# **SUNDAYS**

# ADULT EDUCATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Sunday school classes for Kindergarten through High School are currently offered Sunday mornings from 9:15a-10:15a. The current Adult Education class is described below:

The world needs Hope. The Church needs Hope. You need Hope. NT Wright's exciting book on the resurrection and future hope - Surprised by Hope - is being offered in a 6-week video series about the sure hope of the resurrection. Come and be encouraged. Why not bring a friend who needs hope? This will be the last class for the spring before summer break.

## FOR FAMILIES

## Nursery

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

#### Children's Worship

- Children 4 years through Grade 2 are dismissed from the service prior to the sermon to classes with teaching suited to their age. Parents must escort kids to class in order to check them in.
- Parents may pick up children during the song after the sermon. Please head to the back foyer (4y-Grade K) and Social Hall (Grades 1 & 2) and be sure to have your security tag with you.
- Please contact Dana Russell (dana@ctkcambridge.org) with any questions.

# 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.
- There are 'Pew Pouches' containing writing and drawing supplies in the front foyer of the church, and sermon worksheets available for kids to pick up during the Passing of the Peace to the right of the stage.

# 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 pre view 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)

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BU: nathan.dicks@ruf.org, serena.jones@ruf.org

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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.

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# LIFE TOGETHER

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Anger problems, anyone? The next men's breakfast is on Saturday, June 10th from 8:30-10am in the CTK Social Hall, and we'll be discussing proverbs about anger. Email Andy at astuntz@gmail.com if you have questions or want to help cook / set up.

New to CTK? **Discovering** CTK is a newcomers class for those interested in learning more about our church and denomination (PCA) and what it means to become a member. The next class will take place on Saturday, June 10th in the church social hall. Lunch will be provided. Please register by Wednesday, June 7th at ctkcambridge.org/discovering-ctk.

Women's Ministry Summer Book Club: A bestselling novel for nearly 10 years, Anthony Doerr's *All the Light We Cannot See* offers both historical and human insight woven into Pulitzer Prize-winning storytelling. Join us this summer for a series of four informal book discussions, while getting to know some other CTK women. To join the email list about dates and locations, please email Sarah Goodman (ssgoodman617@gmail.com). Our first meeting will be Thursday, June 15th at 7:30p.

The members of Christ the King Presbyterian Church are called to a **congregational meeting on Sunday, July 23rd, 2023**. One agenda item will be voting on bylaws, which are published at ctkcambridge.org/bylaws, along with a form through which members may comment or ask questions of the elders regarding these bylaws. Please post your questions or comments by Friday, June 23rd.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS AT CTK:**

For more details, see ctkcambridge.org/calendar, or email office@ctkcambridge.org

Sun, Jun 4, 12:30p :: EMOSEWA :: Social Hall ctkcambridge.org/calendar

Sat, Jun 10, 8:30a :: Men's Breakfast :: Social Hall ctkcambridge.org/men

Sat, Jun 10, 10:30a :: Discovering CTK :: Social Hall ctkcambridge.org/discovering-ctk

Thu, Jun 15, 7:30p :: Women's Book Club :: Goodman's ctkcambridge.org/women

# Weekly Events at CTK:

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

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

Fri, 6:15a :: **Men's Morning Bible Study** :: Online ctkcambridge.org/men

\*\*Please note, **Women's Bible Studies** are on hiatus for the summer.

# LINKS

GIVING:



READER:



VISITOR CARD:



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