

**LENT** | *The season of Lent is traditionally the season to prepare for the memorial of Christ's death and the celebration of his resurrection. This preparation involves especially examining our devotion to Christ. As such, we lay aside through repentance both our sins and even, for a time, good things that sometimes compete for our love and trust. Instead, we intentionally pursue, even with sacrifice and effort, all things that remind our hearts that we are united to Christ and that we belong to no other.*

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## preparing our hearts

When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

– 2 Chronicles 7:13-14<sub>ESV</sub>

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## \*\* call to worship

*Leader:* Blessed be the LORD!

**All:** For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

*Leader:* The LORD is my strength and my shield;

**All:** In him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

*Leader:* My heart exults,

**All:** And with my song I give thanks to him.

*Leader:* The LORD is the strength of his people;

**All:** He is the saving refuge of his anointed.

– Psalm 28:6-8<sub>ESV</sub>

\*\* Please stand if you are able

## GIVE TO OUR GOD IMMORTAL PRAISE

Give to our God Immortal praise; mercy and truth are all his ways,  
Wonders of grace to God belong: Repeat his mercies in your song.

Give to the Lord of lords renown; the King of kings with glory crown:  
His mercies ever shall endure when lords and kings are known no more.

He sent his Son with power to save from guilt, and darkness, and the grave:  
Wonders of grace to God belong: Repeat his mercies in your song.

Through this vain world he guides our feet, and leads us to his heavenly seat:  
His mercies ever shall endure when this vain world shall be no more.

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## **\*\* prayer of invocation**

*Leader:* O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*Leader:* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Leader:* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of the heavens and the earth.

**All: By your will they were created and have their being.**

*Leader:* From dust you brought forth the human race and blessed us in your image. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**All: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Leader:* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**All: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Leader:* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory.

**All: Hallelujah! Worthy is the Lamb!**

## GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore;  
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, where the healing waters flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, be thou still my Strength and Shield.  
Strong Deliverer, be thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of deaths, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises I will ever give to thee;  
Songs of praises I will ever give to thee.

Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears –  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears, goodbye.

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## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Leader:* “Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

– Joel 2:12-13 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All:** **O Holy God, in your light we see ourselves as we really are, and we are ashamed.  
We confess that we are people of impure thoughts and unclean lips;  
We think too highly of ourselves and too little of others.  
We cling so tightly to the treasures of this world  
That we cannot open our hands to receive blessings from above.  
Our feet follow the paths of sin;  
We wander so far astray that we become strangers to righteousness.  
Forgive us, and set us again on the path that leads to life.  
Deal with us not as we deserve, but according to your mercy;  
Not because we are worthy but because you are gracious.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Please reflect and silently confess your sins.*

## KYRIE ELEISON†



*Leader:* Lord Je-sus Christ, Son of God, have mer-cy on me a sin-ner



**All:** Lord Je-sus Christ, Son of God, have mer-cy on me a sin-ner



*Leader:* Ky-ri-e E-le-i-son, have mer-cy on me a sin-ner,



**All:** Have mer - cy on me — a sin - ner. —

†*Kyrie Eleison* is transliterated from Greek for “Lord, have mercy.” Public Domain.

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## ASSURANCE OF GRACE \*\*

*Leader:* “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

– Our Lord in Matthew 9:12-13<sub>ESV</sub>

**All: Thanks be to God!**

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**\*\* hymn of gratitude**

## COME YE SOULS BY SIN AFFLICTED

Come ye souls by sin afflicted, bowed with fruitless sorrow down;  
By the broken law convicted, through the cross behold the crown;  
Look to Jesus, look to Jesus, look to Jesus; mercy flows through him alone.

Take his easy yoke and wear it; love will make your obedience sweet;  
Christ will give you strength to bear it, while his grace shall guide your feet  
Safe to glory, safe to glory, safe to glory, where his ransomed captives meet.

Blessèd are the eyes that see him. Blest the ears that hear his voice.  
Blessèd are the souls that trust him, and in him alone rejoice.  
His commandments, his commandments, his commandments then become their happy choice.

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary, light to newly opened eyes,  
Like full springs in deserts dreary, is the rest the cross supplies.  
All who taste it, all who taste it, all who taste it shall to rest immortal rise.

Look to Jesus, look to Jesus, look to Jesus; mercy flows through him alone.

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*Leader:* Colossians 3:5-17  
This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

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prayer

*An officer of the church prays for the world, nation, community, and church.*

*Leader:* All these mercies we ask in the name of Jesus, who prayed saying,

**All: Our Father who is 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,  
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors,  
Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.**

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\*\* passing the peace

*Leader:* Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” In a world filled with trouble, let us encourage one another to look to the one who has overcome the world. May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*An elder will lead the passing of the peace. If you are joining us from your home, please unmute yourself so that you can greet one another. If you are gathered here with us today, greet one another warmly with the peace of Christ while being careful to practice safe social distancing.*

Series | “Journey to the Cross: How Jesus Saves”

Sermon | “Humility”

February 28, 2021

**Matthew 5:1-11** ESV | 1 Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

2 And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

5 “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.”

*Leader:* This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God!



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**\*\* gospel charge**

*Leader:* In light of the Word we have heard, how ought we live?

**All:** Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

– 1 Peter 1:13-16<sub>ESV</sub>

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## WELCOME TO HIS TABLE

*The Lord's Supper is a family meal for Christians — a time when we delight in Christ and in the good news that His work alone has made us right with God. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, and seek strength to live more faithfully to Christ are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, please use this time to meditate on the following prayer.*

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

*For Sundays in Lent, please come forward via the inside aisles to receive the elements. Once you've been served, please return to your seat via the outside aisles to reflect and take the elements. Non-communing children and others not taking the elements may come forward and stand with arms crossed to receive a blessing or simply remain seated.*

*If you are unable to come forward and would like to receive communion, please notify the deacon as he comes to your row. If you have a gluten allergy, there are gluten-free wafers available in the center of the bread trays.*

**NOTE TO PARENTS:** *To receive communion, a child must have been baptized, publicly professed their faith in Christ, and been formally received as a communing member by the elders of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. We look forward to welcoming your children to the table when they come to this point and ask that you speak to the pastor when you feel your child is ready to begin the process of becoming a communing member.*

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

– From 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 ESV

*Minister:* The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*Minister:* Let us lift up our hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Minister:* Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

**All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Minister:* It is very good and right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, Creator of heaven and earth. Hear us then, as we pray:

**All: We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But it is your right, O God, to give mercy to whom you please. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink of him, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood; that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*Minister:* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*During the celebration of communion, while the music plays, please reflect on your understanding of and readiness for the Lord’s Table.*

*As you are able, please continue to joyfully give to the work of the Lord through our church by giving [online](#) or depositing your offering in the box with the deacon.*

*Note: [Other ways to give](#), including mailing a check to the office, are available.*

## JESUS PAID IT ALL

I hear the Savior say, “Your strength indeed is small.  
Child of weakness, watch and pray. Find in me your all in all.” \*

*\* Chorus:*

Jesus paid it all; all to him I owe.  
Sin had left a crimson stain; he washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find your power, and yours alone,  
Can change the leper’s spots and melt the heart of stone. \*

For nothing good have I whereby your grace to claim;  
I’ll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary’s Lamb. \*

And when, before the throne I stand in him complete,  
“Jesus died my soul to save,” my lips shall still repeat. \*

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**\*\* benediction**

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**\*\* doxology**

**All:        Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
              Praise him all creatures here below;  
              Praise him above ye heavenly host;  
              Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**for first-time visitors**

Whether you are visiting us from out of town or looking for a church to call home, we're so glad to have you with us. Please fill out a visitor card, located at the entrance by the bulletins.

**OUTDOORS AT THE MOORES' | SATURDAY**

CPC Youth (grades 6-12) - We've rescheduled, and hope you can join us at the Moores' home for dessert and games **this Saturday, March 6, 630-8p!** We will be outside, so dress for the weather. **Contact Brandon Flynn** (youth@cpcgeorgetown.org) with questions.

**BULLETIN VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

Do you have computer skills and an eye for detail? You could be just the person we need! We are looking for someone who is willing to learn how to format the Sunday bulletins, so that he or she can be available to fill in occasionally during the production process. **Please consider if this is something you might be interested in and contact Anna Flynn** (anna.claire.nelson@gmail.com) to find out more.

**LET US HELP ONE ANOTHER**

We know the past month's weather has presented trying times for a lot of us. As a church family, it is important to remember that we are here to care for each other. Should you ever find yourself in a situation in which you need help (whether physical or spiritual), our online directory provides contact information of members and regular attenders; our elders, deacons, and staff are happy to assist; and the office phone and e-mail (office@cpcgeorgetown.org; (512) 966.9644) are monitored consistently and can direct your requests to the appropriate people.

**adult sunday school**

Adult Sunday school meets **Sundays at 1030a** via Zoom. This semester's study, "Salt and Light," will look at our call to understand and engage the culture with the gospel. Upcoming topics include:

- March 7: Imagination
- March 14: Spring Break
- March 21: Reason
- March 28: Conscience

**the caring place**

The CPC deacons provide monthly support to The Caring Place from the benevolence funds. Here are a few statistics of how The Caring Place assisted families in the Georgetown area in 2020:

- \$574,748 assisted 1,476 people with rent/mortgage
- \$140,294 assisted 947 people with utility bills
- \$95,087 used to purchased food for the Food pantry
- 1,344,965 pounds of food was distributed with a retail value of \$2,246,092
- A total of 7,470 unique individuals served
- A total of 3,898 families served

60% of families served in 2020 had not utilized services in 2019, indicating the very important role The Caring Place is playing during the pandemic. For information on making donations or receiving assistance **go to <https://www.caringplacetx.org/covid-19.html>**. If you have questions, **please contact Debi** (debnewcombe@gmail.com) **or Russ** (rlnewcombe50@gmail.com) **Newcombe**.

**assistant pastor search**

The Session is pleased to announce that a job opening for a new assistant pastor has been posted on the PCA website, and a search committee is being formed to interview candidates over the next few months. If you have input or questions, **please contact Gary Britigan** (gary\_britigan@yahoo.com).