

**PALM SUNDAY** | *Christians celebrate Palm Sunday to commemorate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, to shouts of "Hosanna!" and to palm branches laid out before his path. It is also the Sunday at the start of the week in which Jesus was arrested, tried, crucified, and raised from the dead; thus it is also known as Passion Sunday. For Christians, it is because of what Christ accomplished by his suffering, his death, and his resurrection that this week begins and ends in triumph.*

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### preparing our hearts

For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

– 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 ESV

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### \*\* call to worship

*Leader:* Behold, your king [comes] to you; righteous and having salvation is he.

**All:** He is triumphant and victorious.

*Leader:* See, your king comes to you; humble and mounted on a donkey.

**All:** Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

*Leader:* Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!

**All:** Hosanna in the highest!

– From Zechariah 9:9, Mark 11:9b-10 ESV

\*\* Please stand if you are able

## REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;  
When he had purged our stains he took his seat above.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,  
And bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,  
And take his servants up to their eternal home.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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

*Leader:* Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race, you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, 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!**

## HOSANNA (PRAISE IS RISING)

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to you. We turn to you.  
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for you. We long for you. \*

*\* Chorus:*

When we see you, we find strength to face the day  
In your presence, all our fears are washed away, washed away

Hosanna, Hosanna, you are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises  
Hosanna, Hosanna, come have your way among us  
We welcome you here, Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of hearts returning to you. We turn to you.  
In your kingdom broken lives are made new. You make all things new. \*

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## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Leader:* Put to death therefore what is earthly in you. On account of these things the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away.

—Adapted from Colossians 3:5-8 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All:** O Lord, forgive us for our failure to keep your commandments.  
 We confess that we often try to make ourselves look good on the outside,  
 But do nothing about the sin that dwells within us.  
 Outside we look righteous and upright,  
 But inside we are filled with anger, lust, greed, lies and idolatry.  
 We cling to our good deeds to prove our righteousness,  
 While ignoring your call to purity, mercy and love.  
 Have mercy, O Lord.  
 Create in us clean hearts, renew our minds,  
 And restore us to the joy of your salvation. Amen.

*Please reflect and silently confess your sins.*

KYRIE ELEISON<sup>†</sup>

*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. —

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

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## ASSURANCE OF GRACE \*\*

*Leader:* Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power over us, and Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

– Based on Romans 8:34, 2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV

**All:**        **Thanks be to God!**

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**\*\* hymn of gratitude**

## ALAS! AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED

Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die!  
Would he devote that sacred head for such a worm as I!

Was it for crimes that I had done he groaned upon the tree!  
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut his glories in,  
When Christ, the mighty Maker, died for man the creature's sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears;  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt mine eyes in tears.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe;  
Here, Lord, I give myself away, 'tis all that I can do.

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*Leader:* Matthew 21:1-11  
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 | “Persecution”

March 28, 2021

**Matthew 5:1-12** <sup>ESV</sup> | 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.” 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

*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.*

## NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. \*

*\* Chorus:*

O, precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;

No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus;

Naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus. \*

This is all my hope and peace: nothing but the blood of Jesus;

This is all my righteousness: nothing but the blood of Jesus. \*

Now by this I'll overcome, nothing but the blood of Jesus;

Now by this I'll reach my home, nothing but the blood of Jesus. \*

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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.

## VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING | MARCH 30

Please join us for a virtual town hall meeting **this Tuesday, March 30, 7p**, to further explore the concept of establishing a permanent church home for CPC. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss with others via Zoom.

## GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE | APRIL 2

CPC is invited to join **Crosspointe Church** (5703 McNeil Drive, Austin) for an outdoor Good Friday Service **April 2, 6p**. Please plan to join us if you can. **For more information contact Adrienne Herron** (adrienne@cpcgeorgetown.org). **This event will have limited seating, and you are encouraged to bring your own lawn chair.**

## BACKYARD BINGO | APRIL 10

Ladies (youth and adult!) - On **Saturday, April 10, 1-3p**, let's gather in the Joffrion's backyard for an afternoon of Bingo and tabletop games. Bring a snack and / or a game to share, and join us for some fun and fellowship! **RSVP to Suzanne Joffrion** (women@cpcgeorgetown.org) **or Anna Flynn** (anna.claire.nelson@gmail.com).

## 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:

### April 4: On break for Easter

April 11: Barriers

April 18: Cultural Apologetics Summary

## assistant pastor search update

The Search Committee has been formed to find an Assistant Pastor of Discipleship and Church Planting at CPC. The members of this committee are Brandon Flynn, Ethan Hoke, Lane Joffrion, Gary Britigan, Ginny Thomas, and Poem Turner. Please feel free to contact any member of the committee if you have any questions about this search or if you have any ideas or opinions to share with the committee to assist us with our search. The search committee would also appreciate any suggestions on how we could enhance and grow the CPC community during this process.

## condolences

Myrna Newlan passed into eternity Monday, March 15. Our heartfelt condolences go to her husband Bruce, daughter, and family left behind. Please be in prayer for the family. We can rest easy in our mourning as those who have a sure hope because of Christ.