

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 29, 2020
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP



CHRIST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OUR VISION

CPC exists to invite every person in Georgetown and every place we serve into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ.

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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.*

For a playlist of all the YouTube videos you will need for this service, click [here](#). You can also access the individual links for each video as they are listed throughout the liturgy.

[Welcome and Preparation from Pastor Whit](#)

preparing our hearts

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust[.]

– Psalm 56:3-4^a_{ESV}

** call to worship

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.

All: He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Leader: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

All: I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

– Psalm 23_{ESV}

** Please stand if you are able

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

[YouTube Recording](#) | [Hymn Score](#)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see;
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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****prayer of invocation**

Leader: God, the Great I Am and Father of lights, every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from you, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In these times we have not known or seen, when much of life has changed, remind us that you are unchanging and immovable – your love remains. O Great Comforter, remind us that every blessing and mercy we seek today, the Father has willed and prepared from before time in Christ our Lord, who visits us with strength for today and joy unending. Amen.

**** affirmation of faith**

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!

HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR

[YouTube Recording](#) | [Hymn Score](#)

“Man of Sorrows” – what a name for the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to proclaim, Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood;
Sealed my pardon with his blood. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we; spotless Lamb of God was he.
Full atonement! Can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was he to die; “It is finished!” was his cry;
Now in heaven, exalted high. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious king, all his ransomed home to bring;
Then anew his song we’ll sing. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

— Psalm 25:6-7 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: Faithful Father, forgive us, for our sins against you are many.
 In mercy, expose our folly, our false faith, our weak hearts;
 That the seed of your Word would not be snatched from us
 Because we lack understanding;
 That we not wither when trouble arises;
 That the cares and riches of this world
 Would not choke out what we have heard.
 Instead, soften our hearts that we would receive you,
 And that we would bear the fruit of righteousness in our lives,
 To the glory of your Great Name.
 In Jesus' name, Amen.

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.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

— Romans 6:22-23 ESV

All: **Thanks be to God!**

** hymn of gratitude

WONDERFUL, MERCIFUL SAVIOR

[YouTube Recording](#) | [Hymn Score](#)

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men
Oh, you rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way. *

** Chorus:*

You are the One that we praise. You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving your own
Here in our weakness you find us, falling before your throne
Oh, we're falling before your throne. *

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Leader: 2 Kings 5:9-14
This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

prayer

In some Christian traditions, this Sunday, the fifth Sunday in Lent, was designated as the beginning of Passiontide, a two-week period of remembering the suffering of Christ. A portion of this prayer is taken from the Puritan prayers in the Valley of Vision, and it vividly illustrates how Christ was judged in our place during his passion.

Leader: My Father, enlarge my heart, warm my affections, open my lips, magnify the words “It is finished!!” that Jesus proclaimed on the cross as he took his last breath. There grace removes my burdens and heaps them on your Son; There the sword of your justice smote your Son; There your infinite punishment that was actually due us was endured by your Son; There your infinite atonement was achieved by your Son.

My Father, Christ was all anguish so that I might be all joy,
Judged and rejected, so that I might not be judged and instead accepted,
Cast off, so that I might be allowed to enter your presence,
Trodden down as an enemy, so that I might be welcomed as a friend,
Surrendered to hell’s worst, so that I might attain heaven’s best,
Stripped, so that I might be clothed, wounded, so that I might be healed,
Thirsted, so that I might drink the living waters.
Closed his eyes in death so that I might open my eyes to eternal life.
My Father, show me the cross, mighty to subdue, mighty to comfort, and mighty to save.

Father, we acknowledge that all things are under your control. During this troubling time of stress and illness, help us to be attentive to your call during this time in order to better serve the community. We earnestly pray for our families, our church, our community, the world, and those who are sick. Humble us and make us more compassionate during this time, and help us be your instrument of comfort to others who need us.

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.**

passing the peace

Offer prayers for others in the church and petition the Lord for his peace to reign in their hearts in this difficult time.

sermon

WOONNY KIM

Series | “The Coming of the King”

Sermon | “Believing the King”

March 29, 2020

[Sermon Recording](#)

Mark 9:14-29 ^{ESV} | 14 And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. 15 And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. 16 And he asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” 17 And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. 18 And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” 19 And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” 20 And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. 21 And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. 22 And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” 23 And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.” 24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” 25 And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked

the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” 26 And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” 27 But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. 28 And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” 29 And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

sermon notes

1. The Problem in Believing
2. The Power of Believing
3. The Person Worth Believing

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

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When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

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reflection

REFLECTING ON CHRIST OUR SAVIOR

Though we cannot receive the sacrament of communion together while worshipping apart, please take a moment to pray in thanksgiving for Jesus and the great salvation we have in him. Remember the cross and how it welcomes the weak and the sinful. Remember God's abiding Spirit, which is yours because of Jesus. Remember the Father's love, which is boundless and endless for his people.

As you are able, please continue to joyfully give to the work of the Lord through our church by giving [online](#).

Note: Besides placing your offering in the offering plate, all of the [other ways to give](#), including mailing a check to the office, are available.

TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS

[YouTube Recording](#) | [Hymn Score](#)

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word,
Just to rest upon his promise, just to know, "Thus says the Lord."

Oh, how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood,
And in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood.

Chorus:

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust him more.

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease,
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest and joy and peace.

Chorus (2x):

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust him more.

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, friend;
And I know that he is with me, will be with me to the end.

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**All: The God of love has shared his love with us.
 May he strengthen us in our love for others.
 The Son has shared his life with us.
 May he grant us grace, that we might share our lives.
 The Holy Spirit now dwells in us.
 May he empower us to live only and always for his glory.
 Amen.**