

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.*

preparing our hearts

I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.
Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

– Psalm 116:1-2_{ESV}

** call to worship

Leader: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you;

All: **My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

Leader: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

All: **Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.**

Leader: So I will bless you as long as I live;

All: **In your name I will lift up my hands.**

– Psalm 63:1-4_{ESV}

** Please stand if you are able

HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed. *

** Chorus:*

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
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How great thou art! How great thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. *

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *

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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!

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul; to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,

When I was sinking down, sinking down,

When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,

Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul. Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;

To God and to the Lamb I will sing.

To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am;

While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing. While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be

And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on. And through eternity, I'll sing on.

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

– Psalm 51:1 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **O Lord, The house of my soul is narrow; enlarge it that you may enter in.
It is ruinous, O repair it!
It displeases your sight. I confess it, but who shall cleanse it?
To whom shall I cry but to you?
Cleans me from my secret faults, O Lord,
And spare your servant from my peculiar sins.
All this I ask in the name of Jesus Christ, the Savior of my soul. Amen.**

– Adapted prayer of Augustine of Hippo

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

KYRIE ELEISON†

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sin-ner

All: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sin-ner

Leader: Ky-ri-e E-le-i-son, have mercy 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: Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

– 1 Corinthians 6:9a, 11_{ESV}

All: Thanks be to God!

**** hymn of gratitude**

STRICKEN, SMITTEN, AND AFFLICTED

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ by man rejected; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!
'Tis the long expected Prophet, David's son, yet David's Lord;
By his Son God now has spoken: 'tis the true and faithful Word.

Tell me, ye who hear him groaning, was there ever grief like his?
Friends through fear his cause disowning, foes insulting his distress:
Many hands were raised to wound him, none would interpose to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced him was the stroke that Justice gave.

Ye who think of sin but lightly, nor suppose the evil great,
Here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed, see who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost;
Christ's the Rock of our salvation, his the name of which we boast.
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded who on him their hope have built.

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Leader: Psalm 103:1-19
This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

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.**

** 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 | “Mercy”

March 7, 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!

1. The Source of Mercy
2. The Problem with Mercy
3. The Merciful Person

**** 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_{ESV}

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. During the celebration of communion, we will sing the printed hymn.

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.*

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.

As the elements are distributed, sing as one body, affirming that in Christ we are united to him and to one another.

HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR

“Man of Sorrows” – what a name for the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim, 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 this song we’ll sing – Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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**** offering
& song of thanksgiving**

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.

THERE IS A REDEEMER

There is a Redeemer, Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One

Jesus my Redeemer, Name above all names
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Oh! for sinners slain *

** Chorus:*

Thank you, O my Father! for giving us your Son
And leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done

When I stand in glory I will see his face
There I'll serve my King forever in that holy place *

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**** benediction**

**** 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.

SESSION MEETING | MARCH 9

The Session (CPC's elders) will meet on **Tuesday, March 9, 5-7p**. If you would like to attend either in person or via zoom, **please let us know to expect you by e-mailing Adrienne Herron** (adrienne@cpcgeorgetown.org). If you have questions or concerns to be addressed but are unable to attend the meeting, please e-mail those to Adrienne or one of the elders.

WOMEN'S MISSION FELLOWSHIP | MARCH 27

Join the women's ministry as we connect with our missionaries! We will be hosting an afternoon Zoom session **Saturday, March 27, 1-3p** with missionaries Becky Young and Heather Rudd. Mark your calendar and plan to join! **For more information contact Suzanne Joffrion** (women@cpcgeorgetown.org)

adult sunday school

Adult Sunday school will be on Spring break next week, March 14, and will reconvene **March 21 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 14: Spring Break
- March 21: Reason
- March 28: Conscience

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need to make an announcement?

If you ever need to make an announcement via weekly e-mail, **please submit your announcement to Adrienne Herron** (adrienne@cpcgeorgetown.org), along with any relevant materials, details, and/or links, by Monday. Please include your own blurb (50 words or less), and ensure your information is accurate. If the announcement is received after the deadline, it will be included in the following week's bulletin.

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.