

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. This Sunday, also known as Passion Sunday, starts the week in which Jesus was arrested, tried, crucified, and raised from the dead. For Christians, this week begins and ends in triumph because of what Christ accomplished by his suffering, his death, and his resurrection.*

preparing our hearts

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

— Revelation 7:9-10 ESV

children's processional

Please remain seated while the children process with palms in celebration of Jesus our King.

** 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.

**** affirmation of faith**

Leader: Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

— Deuteronomy 6:4-7 ESV

What is the fifth commandment?

All: The fifth commandment is, “Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.”

— Deuteronomy 5:16

Leader: What is God’s will for you in the fifth commandment?

All: That I honor, love, and be loyal to my father and mother and all those in authority over me; that I submit myself with proper obedience to all their good teaching and discipline; and also that I be patient with their failings – for through them God chooses to rule us.

— *Heidelberg Catechism*, Q&A 104

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King.
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come.
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, he the perfect Son of Man.
In his living, in his suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption; see the Father's plan unfold.
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery; slain by death the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain Him; praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance; how unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected as we will be when he comes.

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renewing our hearts

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[†]

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: 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!

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turned his face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything – no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ – his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.

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Leader: 1 Corinthians 2:6-16
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.

While your children are welcome and encouraged to worship with you, at this time they can be dismissed for an age-appropriate worship for ages 3-5.

If you would like to hear more about CPC or would like to let us know of a prayer need, please include your contact information or prayer request in the welcome pad when it comes around to 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.

Series | “James – Faith Works”

WHIT ANDERSON

Sermon | “Wisdom From Above”

April 2, 2023

James 3:10-18 ^{ESV} | 10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. 11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? 12 Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. 15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. 16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. 17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. 18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

**** gospel affirmation**

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!

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. Take a moment to reflect on them when you receive them, take the elements, and place your empty cups in the trays provided. Then, return to your seats via the outside aisles. If you are not taking the elements, you may come forward and stand with your arms crossed and receive a blessing or simply remain seated.

If you are unable to come forward and would like to receive communion, please notify the usher 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: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to our 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.

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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The offering is a vital part of our response to God's grace provided for us in the preaching of his word and administration of the Lord's Supper. Our tithes and offerings represent the entirety of our lives being consecrated to the Lord Jesus Christ and the coming of His kingdom to this world. As God's grace is freely given to us, so our gifts are freely returned, and in no way add to but are only a response to the supremely adequate work of Christ's atonement.

GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt;
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt. *

** Chorus:*

Grace, grace, God's grace; grace that will pardon and cleanse within.
Grace, grace, God's grace; grace that is greater than all our sin!

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, points to the refuge, the mighty cross! *

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace; freely bestowed on all who believe.
You that are longing to see his face, will you this moment his grace receive? *

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**** benediction**

Minister: The God of love has shared his love with you.

All: May he strengthen us in our love for others.

Minister: The Son has shared his life with you.

All: May he grant us grace, that we might share our lives.

Minister: The Holy Spirit now dwells in you.

All: May he empower us to live only and always for God's glory.

Minister: Amen.

****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.

sunday school

Sunday school is on break next Sunday for Easter and will resume April 16.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE | FRIDAY

Please plan to join us **Friday, April 7, 530p** at the **Georgetown Community Center** (445 E. Morrow St. Georgetown, TX 78626) for Good Friday Service. **Please note:** There is not designated parking for the Community Center. All parking within San Gabriel Park is first come, first served. Vehicles are not allowed on walkways, patios, or grassy areas.

EASTER BREAKFAST | SUNDAY

Join us **Sunday, April 9, 915 to 1015a**, for our Easter Breakfast. We will have good food and fellowship during the Sunday school hour to celebrate our Risen Lord! **If you signed up to bring food or drinks**, please drop off your items in the gym by 9a Sunday OR you can bring cold items Saturday between 1030-1130a to the gym. **Please contact Sherryl Hatz** (sherryl.hatz@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

update your directory information

Would you like to update your photo or contact information in the online directory? CPC has a self-service membership portal to manage personal information! **Contact Adrienne Herron** (adrienne@cpcgeorgetown.org) to learn how to register and update your personal information in Servant Keeper!

save the date

Tentatively mark your calendars to help move the church from Pickett Elementary to Sedro Crossing the afternoon of **Sunday, April 23**. Many hands make light work! **Contact Bryan Herron** (deacons@cpcgeorgetown.org) with questions.

help pack the office

If you are interested in helping pack the office up in preparation for our move to Sedro, **please contact Adrienne Herron** (adrienne@cpcgerogetown.org).

congratulations

We rejoice with James, Ira, Fin, and Luna Schell on the birth of Dante Valentine! He was born March 24 and measured 6lbs, 5oz, 19 inches. Mom and baby are home and doing well!