

**EASTER SUNDAY** | *Easter celebrates history's most important event: the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. All of Christian belief hinges on this reality. It is the moment when Jesus stands in victory over the power of sin and puts death to death, robbing it of its final word. When Christ rises from the tomb, it is more than a sensational demonstration of his singular power; it is the inauguration of a new reality for all who are raised with him — an eternal life of blessed peace with God. This is why Easter Sunday — indeed, Resurrection Sunday! — is our most joyous, hopeful occasion.*

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## preparing our hearts

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...

— 1 Peter 1:3 ESV

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## \*\* call to worship

*Leader:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All:** Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

*Leader:* Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**All:** In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

*Leader:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All:** Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

\*\* Please stand if you are able

## CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

“Christ the Lord is risen today,” Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high: Alleluia! Sing ye heavens, and earth, reply: Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal: Alleluia! Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids his rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O Death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died, our souls to save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O Grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia! Praise to thee by both be given: Alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now: Alleluia! Hail the resurrection, thou! Alleluia!

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## \*\* prayer of invocation

*Leader:* Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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## \*\* affirmation of faith

*Leader:* Christian, do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**All:** We believe and trust in him.

*Leader:* Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**All:** We believe and trust in him.

*Leader:* Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**All:** We believe and trust in him.

*Leader:* This is the faith of the Church.

**All:** This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## JESUS, I COME

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to thee.  
Out of my sickness into thy health; out of my wanting and into thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into thyself, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the glorious gain of thy cross, Jesus, I come to thee.  
Out of earth's sorrows into thy balm; out of life's storms and into thy calm,  
Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to thee.  
Out of myself to dwell in thy love; out of despair into raptures above,  
Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the joy and light of thy home, Jesus, I come to thee.  
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of thy sheltering fold,  
Ever thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to thee.

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## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Leader:* Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.

– Isaiah 30:18<sub>ESV</sub>

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All:** **Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,  
You shattered the power of sin and death.  
Even so, we have forgotten that great freedom,  
And have instead submitted again to the yoke of slavery,  
Falling into the snare of sin,  
Trying to climb out by our own futile effort.  
Forgive us, O God, who for our redemption  
Submitted your precious Son unto death on the cross.  
By his glorious resurrection, you delivered us from the power of sin:  
Grant us so to die daily to ourselves, that we may evermore live with him  
In the joy and freedom of his resurrection;  
Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
Amen.**

*Please reflect and silently confess your sins.*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE \*\*

*Leader:* This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

**All:** **This is love: Not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Thanks be to God!**

– Based on 1 John 4:9-10<sub>NIV</sub>

## MY HEART IS FILLED WITH THANKFULNESS

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who bore my pain;  
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again.  
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness, and clothed me with his light,  
And wrote His law of righteousness with power upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who walks beside;  
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly;  
Whose every promise is enough for every step I take,  
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who reigns above;  
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose every thought is love.  
For every day I have on earth is given by the King.  
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow him.

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*Leader:* Isaiah 53:1-12  
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 | “Hope”

April 4, 2021

**Luke 24:13-35** <sup>ESV</sup> | 13 That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. 16 But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. 18 Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” 19 And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. 22 Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, 23 and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” 25 And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

28 So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, 29 but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. 31 And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. 32 They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” 33 And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, 34 saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” 35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

**All:** Thanks be to God!

1. Lost Hope
2. Restored Hope
3. The Presence of Hope

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**\*\* gospel charge**

*Leader:* Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

**All:** We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.

*Leader:* So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

– Romans 6:8-11 ESV

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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.

*Please remain seated for communion. As a symbol of our unity in Christ, please wait until everyone has been served the elements, and we will all partake together. There are two tabs on the communion sets. The clear tab on top opens the bread. The tab underneath opens the grape juice.*

*Please hold on to your materials to dispose of on your way out of the sanctuary. If you have a gluten allergy, please indicate this when prompted and to your server, to receive a gluten-free wafer. 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.*

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.”

– Mark 14:22-24<sup>ESV</sup>

*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:* Let us pray.

**All: O Lord and heavenly Father, when we celebrate and observe this memorial your Son has commended to us, we remember his suffering and death, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension; and we await his coming again with power and great glory. God of Mercy, hear our prayer and by your Word and Holy Spirit bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the body and blood of your dear Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Holy Name.**

*Minister:* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Minister:* Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

**All: When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
We proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come again.**

*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.*

## IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all – here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;  
For every sin on him was laid – here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, Light of the World by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am his and he is mine – bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death – this is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from his hand;  
Till he returns or calls me home – here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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*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.*

## ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;  
The bleeding sacrifice on my behalf appears.  
Before the throne my surety stands, before the throne my surety stands;  
My name is written on his hands. \*

*\* Chorus:*

Arise (arise), arise (arise), Arise, arise my soul, arise. (x2)  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;  
His all-redeeming love, his precious blood to plead.  
His blood atoned for every race, his blood atoned for every race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace. \*

Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary;  
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me.  
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry, “Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry;  
“Let not that ransomed sinner die!” \*

My God is reconciled; his pardoning voice I hear.  
He owns me for his child; I can no longer fear.  
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,  
And “Father, Abba Father,” cry. \*

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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.

**SESSION MEETING | APRIL 6**

The Session (CPC's elders) will meet on **Tuesday, April 6, 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.

**BACKYARD BINGO | APRIL 10**

Ladies (youth and adult!) - On **Saturday, April 10, 1-3p**, let's gather in the Joffrions' 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 11: Barriers

April 18: Cultural Apologetics Summary

**cpc playgroup**

If you take care of kids during the day, visit with friends from church while your children play! We would love to have you join planned and impromptu playdates around town. **Contact Anna Flynn** (anna.claire.nelson@gmail.com) to be added to our e-mail list.

**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.