

PALM SUNDAY  
APRIL 5, 2020  
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

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# CHRIST

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## 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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**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

Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty[.]

— Psalm 104:1 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

## ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all;  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all!

You chosen seed of Israel's race, you ransomed from the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all;  
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,  
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all;  
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall;  
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all;  
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all!

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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, for ever and ever. Amen.

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## **\*\* 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!**

## THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord,  
She is his new creation by water and the Word.  
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore:  
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,  
And mystic, sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we  
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

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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:** Everlasting God and Giver of Life, we have sinned by failing to treasure life, by being indifferent to suffering lives in our world, and even by harming and mistreating those around us. What is more, we have caused the death of your Son because of these sins and our many others.

Yet we appeal to you by hiding in that death, because through the cross, Jesus freed us to life with you. Let us then live according to the Spirit of Christ, that our life and conduct would give life to others. Grant these mercies in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. 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**

## IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, “It is well, it is well with my soul.” \*

\* *Chorus:*

It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul);  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control:  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate and has shed his own blood for my soul. \*

My sin – oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! – my sin, not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! \*

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend! Even so, it is well with my soul. \*

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## scripture reading

*Leader:* Psalm 46  
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

*An elder will lead the passing of the peace.*

*During this time, everyone will be unmuted. When instructed, greet one another, saying, "The peace of Christ be with you."*

Series | “The Coming of the King”

Sermon | “Jesus is Lord of the Temple”

April 5, 2020

**Mark 11:12-24** <sup>ESV</sup> | 12 On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. 13 And seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see if he could find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. 14 And he said to it, “May no one ever eat fruit from you again.” And his disciples heard it.

15 And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. 16 And he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. 17 And he was teaching them and saying to them, “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations’? But you have made it a den of robbers.” 18 And the chief priests and the scribes heard it and were seeking a way to destroy him, for they feared him, because all the crowd was astonished at his teaching. 19 And when evening came they went out of the city.

20 As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. 21 And Peter remembered and said to him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered.” 22 And Jesus answered them, “Have faith in God. 23 Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. 24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

1. The Robber's Den
2. The Lesson from the Fig Tree
3. How Both of These Point to the True Temple

## 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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## **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.*

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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](#).*

*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.*

### GRACE THAT IS 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 his glory.**

*Minister:* Amen.