

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.

– From the *Book of Common Prayer*

** affirmation of faith

Leader: Why is the Son of God called Jesus, that is, Savior?

All: **Because he saves us from all our sins, and because salvation is not to be sought or found in anyone else.**

– *Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 29*

ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present:
To thee, before they passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!
All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

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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 to us 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!

PSALM 130 (FROM DEPTHS OF WOE)



All: From depths of woe I raise to thee the voice of lamentation;
 To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone avail eth;
 There fore my trust is in the Lord, and not in my own merit;
 Though great our sins and sore our woes his grace much more abundant;



Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication;
 Our works, alas! Are all in vain; in much the best life fail eth;
 On him my soul shall rest, his word up holds my fainting spirit;
 His helping love no limit knows, our up most need it soundeth.



If thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and deeds dark,
 No man can glory in thy sight, all must alike confess thy might,
 His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort and my sweet support;
 Our Shepherd good and true is he, who will at last his Israel free



Men: O who shall stand before thee? O who shall
 And live alone by mercy. And live a
 I wait for it with patience. I wait for
 From all their sin and sorrow. From all their



Women: O who shall stand before thee?
 And live alone by mercy.
 I wait for it with patience.
 From all their sin and sorrow.



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Who shall stand before thee?
 Live alone by mercy.
 Wait for it with patience.
 All their sin and sorrow.

Leader: Revelation 19:11-16
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.

Sermon | “The Humble Entry”

March 24, 2024

Matthew 21:1-11 ESV | 1 Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” 4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

5 “Say to the daughter of Zion,
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. 8 Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” 10 And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” 11 And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

**** gospel charge**

Leader: In light of the Word we have heard, how ought we live?

All: We are to have the mind of Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

– Adapted from Philippians 2:5-11 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 to receive the elements. If you have a gluten allergy, there are gluten-free wafers available in the center of the bread trays. Once you have been served, please take a few moments to reflect and take your elements. When you are done, place your empty cup in the trays provided and return to your seat. If you are not taking the elements, you may come forward and stand with your arms crossed to receive a prayer of blessing from one of the elders, or simply remain seated. 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.

O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED



O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weigh'd down;
 What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain:
 The joy can nev'r be spo - ken, A - bove all joys be - side,
 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est Friend,



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown.
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
 When in thy bo - dy bro - ken I thus with safe - ty hide.
 for this, thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
 Lo, here I fall my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place;
 My Lord of life, de - sir - ing thy glo - ry now to see,
 O make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint - ing be,



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
 look on me with thy fa - vor, vouch - safe to me thy grace.
 Be - side thy cross ex - pir - ing, I'd breathe my soul to thee.
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

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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 we give freely in return; not in any way to add to Christ's supremely adequate atonement for us, but in joyful response to this work and in thanksgiving for such unmerited grace.

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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announcements

**** 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 the welcome pad when it comes to you.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE | MARCH 29

Please plan to join us **Friday, March 29, 530p** for Good Friday Service.

EASTER BREAKFAST | MARCH 31

Join us **Sunday, March 31, 9-10a**, for our Easter Breakfast. We will have good food and fellowship during the Sunday school hour to celebrate our Risen Lord! **Please contact Debi Newcombe** (debnewcombe@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | APRIL 21

Members, please plan to join us for a congregational meeting **Sunday, April 21**, immediately following the service to vote on an amendment to the corporation's by-laws and to dissolve Pastor Whit's call to CPC.

parenting conference | april 5-6

Redeemer Presbyterian Church of Austin invites any interested families **Friday, April 5, 630p and Saturday, April 6 at 9a** for a parenting conference entitled, "Setting Parents Free." The speaker is John Cox, a reformed counselor, author, and conference speaker. The hope is that this conference will be refreshing for families in our presbytery striving to grow in Christ-likeness through their parenting skills and approach. Here is the link to the conference registration page for more information: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/setting-parents-free-tickets-843900046757>. You can also access this link in the weekly newsletter email.

men's fellowship | april 20

Come join us for a day of fellowship at the M&M Ranch **Saturday, April 20, 9-2p**! The ranch is located just north of Lometa, TX, an easy drive just over an hour from our church. We will have great food and men doing manly things. This is a come and go event and a great opportunity to invite your neighbors, coworkers, friends, and please bring your son(s). **To RSVP or be added to the men's list for the evite/address info, email the James Schell** (men@cpcgeorgetown.org).

youth devotionals at lamppost | april 20

All youth girls (grades 6-12) are invited to join us on **Saturday, April 20, 9a** at Lamppost Coffee (809 S Main St, Georgetown) for a time of devotions in the Psalms, led by Korina Slabach. Bring your Bible, journal and a desire to fellowship and study God's Word.