

EASTER SUNDAY | *Easter celebrates history's most important event: the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Christian faith 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.*

prelude

As the music plays, please quietly prepare your heart and mind for worship, lifting your thoughts up from the cares of this world.

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

** 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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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.

– From the *Book of Common Prayer*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
The Creator of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
From whence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

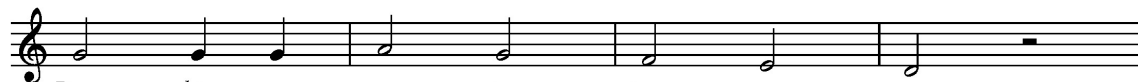
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic Church*,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

* Here, "catholic" means "universal," and refers to the Christian church in all places

JESUS SHALL REIGN



Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun
 For him shall end - less prayer be made,
 Peo - ple and realms of ev' - ry tongue
 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns;
 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring



Does his suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;
 And prais - es throng to crown his head;
 Dwell on his love with sweet - est song;
 The pris - 'ner leaps to lose his chains;
 His grate - ful ho - nors to our King;



His king - dom spread from shore to shore,
 His name like sweet per - fume shall rise
 And in - fant voi - ces shall pro - claim
 The wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest,
 An - gels de - scend with songs a - gain,



Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 With ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 Their car - ly bless - ings on his name.
 And all the sons of want are blessed.
 And earth re - peat the loud "A - men!"

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
let the field exult, and everything in it!
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
before the LORD, for he comes,
for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness,
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

– Psalm 96:11-13 ESV

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.
O God, who for our redemption
Submitted your precious Son unto death on the cross, forgive us.
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 NIV

I WILL GLORY IN MY REDEEMER

I will glory in my Redeemer, whose priceless blood has ransomed me.
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails and hung him on that judgment tree.
I will glory in my Redeemer, who crushed the power of sin and death;
My only Savior before the Holy Judge:
The Lamb who is my righteousness; the Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer; my life he bought, my love he owns.
I have no longings for another; I'm satisfied in him alone.
I will glory in my Redeemer; his faithfulness my standing place.
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me,
My feet are firm, held by his grace; my feet are firm, held by his grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer, who carries me on eagle's wings.
He crowns my life with lovingkindness; his triumph song I'll ever sing.
I will glory in my Redeemer, who waits for me at gates of gold;
And when he calls me, it will be paradise –
His face forever to behold; his face forever to behold.

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Leader: John 1:1-5, 9-14
This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

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.**

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. Greet one another warmly with the peace of Christ.

Sermon | “We Have Seen the Lord”**March 31, 2024**

John 20:24-31 ESV | 24 Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

26 Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” 27 Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” 28 Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” 29 Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

**** 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

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, wait until everyone has been served the elements, and we will all partake together. Once you are finished with your cup, please pass it to the inside aisles and the ushers will retrieve them.

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

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^{ESV}

Minister: Lift up your 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. 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.

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

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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.

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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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.

sunday school

Sunday school will resume next **Sunday, April 7, 915a.**

intro to cpc class

Our next Intro to CPC class will be held Sundays, **April 28 and May 5, 3p** in the church lobby. Both classes are required for membership. If you are interested, **please reach out to Daniel McDowell** (daniel@cpcgeorgetown.org) for more information or to sign up.

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 LAMPPPOST | 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.

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.

ladies' tea party | may 4

Ladies, come and join us for our Ladies' Tea Party on **Saturday, May 4, 3p** in the church lobby. We'll sip tea, indulge in delicate treats, and enjoy sweet fellowship as sisters in Christ. Ladies of all ages are welcome - wearing your frilliest dress is encouraged! Sign-up sheets will be available in the lobby beginning next Sunday. **Contact Suzanne Joffrion** (suzanne.joffrion@gmail.com) **or Alexia St. John** (alexiajohn@gmail.com) with questions.

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.

understanding c.s. lewis conference | april 13

C. S. Lewis is best known for his books *Mere Christianity* and *The Screwtape Letters*, and his children's series *The Chronicles of Narnia*. Central Texas C. S. Lewis is a reading group that has been meeting monthly in the Austin area for 25 years. To celebrate its silver anniversary, the group presents *Understanding C. S. Lewis*, a conference featuring three world-class, yet local, C. S. Lewis scholars. Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Austin is hosting this event **Saturday, April 13, 9a-3p** at Redeemer Church (1500 W Anderson Lane, Austin). The registration fee is \$35 and includes lunch from Jason's Deli. You can register at <https://www.centraltexascslewis.com/understanding-cslewis>.

walk to the cross

Thank you to everyone who came and served at the CPC Kids Easter event last Saturday! Thank you to our parking volunteers, set-up team, interactive character volunteers, those who contributed candy-filled eggs (we had about 900 eggs total!), and to everyone else who pitched in a helping hand. Your involvement and investment helped to make our third year of "Walk to the Cross" a memorable one!

easter breakfast

Thank you to **Debi Newcombe** for organizing the wonderful Easter breakfast this morning! We also thank everyone who brought food and drinks to contribute. What a blessing it is to be able to fellowship together! **If you are interested in organizing a future event, please contact Suzanne Joffrion** (hospitality@cpdgeorgetown.org).

congratulations

Congratulations to **Korina Slabach** for completing the PCA Children's Ministry Certification program! This is a significant accomplishment as the certification program is rigorous, involving online video lessons, a significant amount of reading, monthly meetings with mentors, monthly projects and reports, and a final capstone project. It was a year-long commitment requiring many sacrifices. We appreciate all you do, Korina, for our children's ministry at CPC! Please congratulate her when you see her!