

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE  
APRIL 18, 2025

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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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## prelude

## preparation

He was despised and rejected by men,  
 a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;  
 and as one from whom men hide their faces  
 he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he has borne our griefs  
 and carried our sorrows;  
 yet we esteemed him stricken,  
 smitten by God, and afflicted.  
 But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
 he was crushed for our iniquities;  
 upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
 and with his wounds we are healed.

— Isaiah 53:3-5<sup>ESV</sup>

## call to worship

*Leader:* Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession[:]

**All:** **And taking the twelve, he said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished.**

*Leader:* For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon.

**All:** **And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise.”**

*Leader:* But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

**All:** **By his wounds [we] have been healed.**

— Hebrews 3:1; Luke 18:31-34; 1 Peter 2:24b<sup>ESV</sup>

\*\* Please stand if you are able

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the sufferings of Christ Jesus

**JESUS: THE DIVINE SON OF GOD** | John 1:1, 14, 32-34; Colossians 1:15-17

**HYMN – O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED**

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown.  
O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was Thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain;  
Mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;  
Look on me with Thy favor, vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

The joy can nev'r be spoken, above all joys beside,  
When in thy body broken I thus with safety hide.  
My Lord of life, desiring thy glory now to see,  
Beside thy cross expiring, I'd breathe my soul to thee.

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**JESUS: BETRAYED AND ARRESTED** | Matthew 26:14-16, 47-49; John 18:12

**JESUS: MOCKED, HIT, SPIT UPON, TAUNTED** | Matthew 26:66-68, 27:41-44  
Mark 14:65, 15:16-19

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## HYMN – GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE

Go to dark Gethsemane, you who feel the tempter's power;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see; watch with him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from his griefs away; learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of life arraigned;  
See the worm-wood and the gall! See the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.

Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb there' adoring at his feet,  
Mark the miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete:  
"It is finished!" hear the cry; learn of Jesus Christ to die.

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**JESUS: CONDEMNED BY HIS CREATION | Mark 14:64, 15:15**

**JESUS: CRUCIFIED | Matthew 27:35, Mark 15:25, Luke 23:33, John 19:16-18**

## HYMN – 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.

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**JESUS: SACRIFICED HIMSELF IN LOVE | 1 Peter 2:22-24, I Corinthians 15:3, I John 4:9-10**

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**JESUS: OVERCOMES DEATH** | Luke 24:1-5, Matthew 28:5-6, Acts 5:30-31, Hebrews 2:9

**HYMN – 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 turns 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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**confession of sin**

*Leader:* All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned – every one – to his own way;  
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

– Isaiah 53:6 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All:** **Jesus, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins that I remember, and the sins I have forgotten. Forgive my many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements and those when I have failed to boast in your works. Forgive the harsh judgments I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown myself. Forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided. Forgive me the pain I have caused others and the indulgence I have shown myself. Jesus, have mercy on me and make me whole. Amen.**

*Leader:* And we bring you good news that what God promised to the fathers, this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus,

**All: Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.**

— Acts 13:32-33a, 38-39<sup>ESV</sup>

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**message**

DANIEL MCDOWELL

“Forsaken by God” | Mark 15:33-41

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**communion**

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<sup>ESV</sup>

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

**People: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

*Leader:* Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

**People: Therefore let us celebrate in sincerity and truth.**

*Leader:* The symbols of Christ’s sacrifice — take these in remembrance and proclamation that he died for you, and partake of them in faith and thankfulness.

*As the elements are distributed and the instrumentals are played, please use the opportunity to contemplate Christ's giving himself for you and consider how you might respond to the lovingkindness expressed by the King of Kings through his selfless sacrifice.*

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## \*\* hymn

### WERE YOU THERE?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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## \*\* closing prayer

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