

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
APRIL 3, 2026



CHRIST

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

I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax;
it is melted within my breast;
my strength is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.

— Psalm 22:14–15_{ESV}

call to worship

Leader: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

All: **By his blood he has ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.**

— From Revelation 5:9, 12_{ESV}

the sufferings of Christ Jesus

JESUS: THE DIVINE SON OF GOD | Colossians 1:15-17; Philippians 2:5-8

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 | John 13:21-30; Matthew 26:14-16, 47-49

JESUS: MOCKED, HIT, SPIT UPON, TAUNTED | Mark 15:16-20

HYMN – THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain. *

** Chorus:*

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left his glory above to bear it to dark Calvary. *

In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, a wondrous beauty I see,
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died, to pardon and sanctify me. *

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JESUS: CONDEMNED BY HIS CREATION | Mark 15:12-15

JESUS: CRUCIFIED | 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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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: **Lord Jesus Christ,**
On this day we remember your suffering and death for sinners.
We confess that our sins pierced and wounded you.
Though you loved us perfectly,
We have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.
Though you call us to love our neighbors as ourselves,
We have often walked in selfishness and pride.
Lord, have mercy on us.
For the sake of your cross and the blood you shed for our redemption,
Forgive us, cleanse us, and renew us by your grace. Amen.

** assurance of grace

Leader: He was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities...and
with his wounds we are healed.

All: **Thanks be to God for his redeeming grace.**

Leader: In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of his grace.

All: **Through Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

— From Isaiah 53:5; Ephesians 1:7 ESV

“Another Garden, Another Choice” | Matthew 26:36-46

communion

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that 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.

— 1 Corinthians 11:23-26^{ESV}

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right and good to give him thanks and praise.

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.

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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