# SERVICE OF WORSHIP | CPC

**LENT** | The season of Lent is traditionally the season to prepare for the memorial of Christ's death and the celebration of his resurrection. This preparation involves a special examination of our devotion to Christ. As such, through repentance, we lay aside both our sins and even, for a time, good things that sometimes compete for our love and trust. Instead, we intentionally pursue, even with sacrifice and effort, all things that remind our hearts that we are united to Christ and belong to no other.

# 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 name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him. To you O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise[.]

- Daniel 2:20b-23a ESV

# \*\* call to worship

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

All: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

Leader: Oh, Magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

All: I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

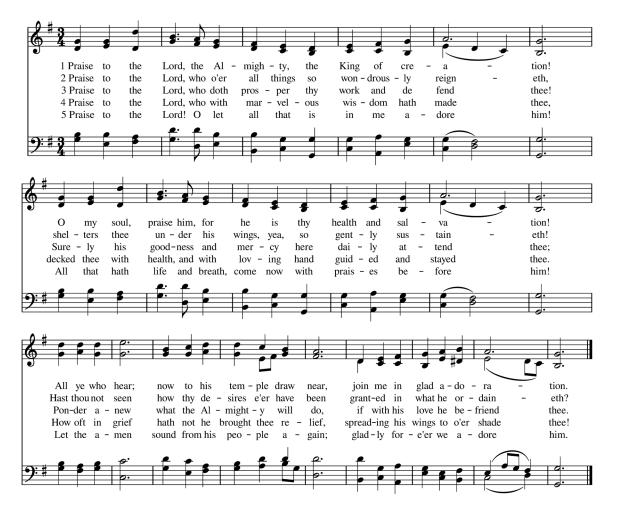
*Leader:* Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

All: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

– Psalm 34:1-5, 8 <sub>ESV</sub>

<sup>\*\*</sup> Please stand if you are able

## PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY



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# \*\*prayer of invocation

Leader: Almighty and everlasting God, who established the new covenant of reconciliation by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, grant that all of us who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ may show forth in our lives what we profess by our faith. Grant also that our hearts may hear and understand your holy Word, so that we may discern it and live by it in all earnestness. As we worship this morning, may all our hearts proclaim your greatness, sing your praise, and honor you — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## \*\* affirmation of faith

Leader: Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed.

All: So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith.

Leader: But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

All: For as many of you as were baptized in Christ have put on Christ.

Leader: There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

All: And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

- Galatians 3:23-29  $_{\scriptscriptstyle ESV}$ 

## COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King. He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity. In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come. Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, he the perfect Son of Man. In his living, in his suffering, never trace nor stain of sin. See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man. Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree. In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.

See the price of our redemption; see the Father's plan unfold.

Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery; slain by death the God of life. But no grave could e'er restrain Him; praise the Lord; He is alive! What a foretaste of deliverance; how unwavering our hope. Christ in power resurrected as we will be when he comes.

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## renewing our hearts

## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader:

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgement.

- Psalm 51:3-4 <sub>ESV</sub>

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All:

God in heaven, you are as a refiner and purifier of silver,

A consuming fire to purify your people.

Therefore forgive us for the sin that remains in us,

Sins of omission and sins of commission, sins that are unseen and hidden,

Sins that are deliberate and brazen;

Grant us your patience and grace.

Let our current afflictions burn away the dross of worldliness and self.

Let us repent, believe upon, and love Jesus Christ, our very life and salvation;

And grant that we find his heart in place of ours,

That we would be preserved in this life

And at the end of it be counted holy and righteous in him,

To the glory of your perfect name. Amen.

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE \*\*

Leader:

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood,

All:

[M]uch more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

– Romans 5:8-10 <sub>ESV</sub>

# \*\* hymn of gratitude

## HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!

"Man of Sorrows!" what a name, for the Son of God, who came Ruined sinners to reclaim. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned He stood; Sealed my pardon with his blood. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we; spotless Lamb of God was he; "Full atonement!" can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die; "It is finished!" was His cry; Now in Heav'n exalted high. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring, Then anew this song we'll sing — Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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# scripture reading

Leader: Psalm 27:1-14

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. Greet one another warmly with the peace of Christ.

#### interim pastor | John Weller

Preaching today is CPC's Interim Pastor Rev. John Weller. John is a Teaching Elder in the South Texas Presbytery and additionally serves as a hospital Chaplain. Previously, John was Assistant Pastor at Christ the King PCA in Austin, and before that he was a firefighter for the City of Austin for 23 years. He is married to Natalie Weller, and they have four grown children.

#### Sermon | "Faithful Collision"

April 6, 2025

**Job 1:1-22** ESV | 1 There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job, and that man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. 2 There were born to him seven sons and three daughters. 3 He possessed 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, and 500 female donkeys, and very many servants, so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the east. 4 His sons used to go and hold a feast in the house of each one on his day, and they would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. 5 And when the days of the feast had run their course, Job would send and consecrate them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all. For Job said, "It may be that my children have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts." Thus Job did continually.

6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them. 7 The Lord said to Satan, "From where have you come?" Satan answered the Lord and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." 8 And the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?" 9 Then Satan answered the Lord and said, "Does Job fear God for no reason? 10 Have you not put a hedge around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. 11 But stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face." 12 And the Lord said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand." So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.

13 Now there was a day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, 14 and there came a messenger to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them, 15 and the Sabeans fell upon them and took them and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you." 16 While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, "The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell you." 17 While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, "The Chaldeans formed three groups and made a raid on the camels and took them and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you." 18 While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, "Your sons and daughters were

eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, 19 and behold, a great wind came across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young people, and they are dead, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

20 Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped. 21 And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

22 In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

sermon notes

\*\* gospel charge

Leader: Having heard the Lord's Word, how should we respond?

All: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession, and with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## 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

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

*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 consider his sacrificial suffering and death, his mighty resurrection, and ascension; and we await his return in power and with glory. God of Mercy, through your Word and Holy Spirit bless and sanctify these symbols of broken bread and a poured out cup. Grant that all who participate in this table may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Holy Name. Amen.

*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: Take these symbols of Christ's sacrifice in remembrance and proclamation that he

died for you, and partake of them in faith and thankfulness.

# communion reflection & song

As the elements are distributed, sing as one body, affirming that in Christ we are united to him and to one another.

## THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins, And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains. Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains; And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

Dear dying Lamb, thy precious blood shall never lose its power, Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more. Be saved, to sin no more; Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.

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# **\*\* offering & song of thanksgiving**

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.

#### LET US LOVE AND SING AND WONDER

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
He has washed us with his blood, he has washed us with his blood
He has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies Called us by his grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes He has washed us with his blood, he has washed us with his blood He has washed us with his blood, he presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation, threatens hard to bear us down For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqueror's crown He who washed us with his blood, he who washed us with his blood, He who washed us with his blood, soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder grace and justice, join and point to mercy's store When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more He who washed us with his blood, he who washed us with his blood He who washed us with his blood has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high Here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky Thou hast washed us with thy blood, thou hast washed us with thy blood Thou hast washed us with thy blood, thou art worthy Lamb of God

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## \*\* benediction

# \*\* doxology



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#### 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.

#### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | TODAY**

Please join us for a congregational meeting after worship TODAY for the purpose of voting on extending a call to Dean Williams for CPC's Senior Pastor role. The constitution of the PCA vests the power and authority for calling Senior/Solo and Associate Pastors with the membership of local congregations. Therefore, to extend a call to any candidate for the Senior Pastor role, CPC must have a congregational vote to do so. If you are a regular attender or visitor, you are welcome to stay and observe the congregation's meeting; however, only CPC members may cast a vote.

#### IMPORTANT NURSERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Parents of babies and toddlers who are in nursery – As our numbers, thankfully, continue to grow, it is so important that we maintain a safe, efficient, and purposeful environment for our children. In order to help us do this well, we are asking that the only adults in the room during the Sunday school and worship hour be the nursery workers and nursery volunteers. This will help us focus our needed attention on the little ones we are serving. Thank you for understanding as we seek to disciple our youngest children and keep them safe! If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Korina (kids@cpcgeorgetown.org).

#### weekly email

Did you know that CPC sends a weekly email newsletter on Fridays? If you are not receiving the email already and would like to, **please email Adrienne Herron** (adrienne@cpcgeorgetown.org) to get on our email list. It's a great way to keep up with church life!

#### intro to cpc class



We will be offering a two-part membership class on April 13 and 27. Classes will be after worship from 1230-230p with lunch and childcare being provided. This is a wonderful time to learn more about CPC, our denomination, beliefs, ministry philosophy, and where you might fit in and serve. If you are interested in membership or just learning more about our church, please reach out to Pastor Daniel (daniel@cpcgeorgetown.org). You can also scan the QR code to register. Both classes are required for membership.

#### good friday service | april 18

Please plan to join us **Friday**, **April 18**, **530p**, for a Good Friday service to provide space for reflecting on Christ's sacrifice for us through contemplative worship, prayer, readings in the Passion narrative, and celebrating his Supper together.