

## Christ Our Passover by D.A. Carson For the Love of God, March 1

The Passover was not only the climax of the ten plagues, it was the beginning of the nation. Doubtless Pharaoh had had enough of Moses; God had had enough of Pharaoh. This last plague wiped out the firstborn of the land, the symbol of strength, the nation's pride and hope. At the same time, by his design it afforded God an opportunity to teach some important lessons, in graphic form, to the Israelites. If the angel of death was to pass through the land, what principle would distinguish the homes that suffered death from those where everyone survived?

God tells the Israelites to gather in houses, each house bringing together enough people to eat one entire year-old lamb. Careful instructions are provided for the preparation of the meal. The strangest of these instructions is that a daub of blood is to be splashed on the top and both sides of the door-frame: "and when I see the blood, I will pass over you" (Ex. 12:13).

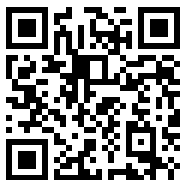
The importance of this event cannot be overestimated. It signaled not only the release of the Israelites from slavery, but the dawning of a new covenant with their Redeemer. At the same time, it constituted a picture: guilty people face death, and the only way to escape that sentence is if a lamb dies instead of those who are sentenced to die. The calendar changes to mark the importance of this turning point.

A millennium and a half later, Paul would remind believers in Corinth that Christ Jesus, our Passover Lamb, was sacrificed for us, inaugurating a new covenant (1 Cor. 5:7; 11:25). On the night that he was betrayed, Jesus took bread and wine, and instituted a new commemorative rite—and this too took place on the festival of Passover, as if this new rite connects the old with that to which it points: the death of Christ. The calendar changed again; a new and climactic redemption had been achieved. God still passes over those who are secured by the blood.

### Events

9/2 Small Groups  
9/13 Communion

### Give



### Upcoming Events



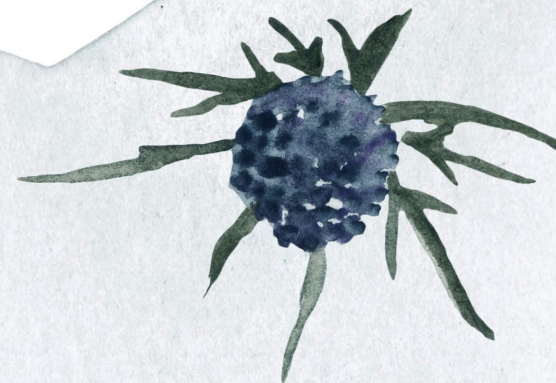
### Pastors

Stephen Byrd    Stu Johnston  
Michael Lopes    Bob Prentice

### Service Times

— Sunday School 9:30 am  
— Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am  
— Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm  
— Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm

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May the God of hope fill you with  
all joy and peace in believing,  
so that by the power of the Holy  
Spirit you may abound in hope.

*Romans 15:13*



August 30, 2020



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REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH

## Morning Worship

Call to Worship  
Opening Hymn

Pastor Stephen Byrd  
Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes let me see, Beauty that made this heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

**(Chorus) Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God, You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me**

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above, Humbly You came to the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor

**(Chorus)**

I'll never know how much it cost, To see my sin upon that cross (repeat)

**(Chorus)**

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**We Fall Down**

We fall down, We lay our crowns, At the feet of Jesus  
The greatness of, Mercy and love, At the feet of Jesus

**(Chorus)**

**And we cry holy, holy, holy  
We cry holy, holy, holy  
We cry holy, holy, holy is the lamb**

We fall down, We lay our crowns, At the feet of Jesus  
The greatness of, Mercy and love, At the feet of Jesus

**(Chorus 2x)**

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Scripture Reading  
Pastoral Prayer  
Offertory Hymn

**Acts 28:1-16, page 937**

**#544 How Sweet the Name of  
Jesus Sounds**

**Preparatory Hymn**

**Come All Ye Pining**

Lord, we adore thy boundless grace, the heights and depths unknown  
Of pardon, life, and joy, and peace in thy beloved Son

**(Chorus) Come, all ye pining, hungry poor the Saviour's bounty taste  
Behold a never-failing store for every willing guest**

O wondrous gifts of love divine dear Source of every good  
Jesus, in thee what glories shine how rich thy flowing blood

**(Chorus)**

Here shall your numerous wants receive, a free, a full supply  
He has unmeasured bliss to give and joys that never die

**(Chorus)**

**Behold a never-failing store for every willing guest**

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Sermon  
Closing Song

Pastor Stu Johnston  
Nearer, Still Nearer

## Evening Worship

Call to Worship  
Opening Hymn  
Scripture Reading  
Pastoral Prayer

Jack Dix  
#89 Come Thou Almighty King  
Luke 23:32-43, page 884

**Offertory Hymn**

**Knowing You**

All I once held dear, built my life upon, all this world reveres and wars to own;  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss, spent and worthless now compared to this.

**(Refrain) Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You, there is no greater thing.**

**You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy, my righteousness, and I love You,  
Lord.**

Now my heart's desire is to know You more, to be found in You and known as Yours,  
To possess by faith what I could not earn, all-surpassing gift of righteousness. **(Refrain)**

Oh, to know the power of Your risen life and to know You in Your sufferings;  
To become like You in Your death, my Lord, so with You to live and never die. **(Refrain 2x)**

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**Preparatory Hymn**

**When All Thy Mercies**

1. When all Thy mercies, O my God, my rising soul surveys,  
Transported with the view, I'm lost in wonder, love, and praise.  
Unnumbered comforts to my soul Thy tender care bestowed,  
Before my infant heart conceived from Whom those comforts flowed.

**(Chorus)**

**Through all eternity to Thee a joyful song I'll raise.**

**For oh, eternity's too short to utter all Thy praise!**

2. When worn with sickness, oft hast Thou with health renewed my face.  
And when in sins and sorrow sunk renewed my soul with grace.  
Ten thousand thousand precious gifts my daily thanks employ;  
Nor is the least a cheerful heart that tastes those gifts with joy. **(Chorus)**

3. Through every period of my life Thy goodness I'll pursue,  
And after death, in distant worlds, the glorious theme renew. **(Chorus)**

**To utter all Thy praise!**

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**Sermon**

**Pastor Michael Lopes**

**Closing Song**

**Wonderful, Merciful Savior**

Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend  
Who would have thought that a Lamb could, Rescue the souls of men  
Oh, You rescue the souls of men

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace  
You offer hope when our hearts have, Hopelessly lost our way  
Oh, we've hopelessly lost our way

**(Chorus) You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore  
You give the healing and grace, Our hearts always hunger for  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for**

Almighty, infinite Father, Faithfully loving Your own  
Here in our weakness You find us, Falling before Your throne  
Oh, we're falling before Your throne

**(Chorus 2x)**

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