

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Lord God, the words “Jesus is King” come easily to our lips, yet we often fail to grasp the significance of what they mean for us.

All In this service, help us worship you in spirit and truth, and give us a vision for how we may respond to your great love every day of our lives, through Christ, our Lord.

Leader As we gather, let us remember these words from the Psalms: Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

All Who is this King of glory? The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory!

— based on Ps. 24:7-8, 10, NIV

SONG OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY / J. NEANDER; B. CHADWICK

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near, praise Him in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth; shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been granted in what He ordaineth?

3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee! Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with His love He befriend thee.

4. Praise to the Lord! O, let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him. Let the “Amen” sound from His people again, gladly for aye we adore Him.

REFRAIN Praise to the Lord, O my soul All ye who hear, praise Him

A PRAYER OF GENERAL THANKSGIVING

All Jesus Christ, you are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise! To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever! Amen!

— from Rev. 4:11; 5:12-13

SONGS OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

LIFT UP YOUR HEADS / WORDS: Ps. 24, MUSIC: G. WEISEL

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits; the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!

2. A helper just, He comes to thee; his chariot is humility; his kingly crown is holiness; his scepter, kindness in distress!

3. O blest the land, the city blest, where Christ the Ruler is confessed! O happy hearts and happy homes, to whom this King in triumph comes!

4. Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart! The Word made flesh descends to dwell with joy for you who His mercies tell.

5. So come, my Lord, and enter in, let new and nobler life begin! Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on until Thy glorious victories won!

HE IS LORD / J. BARNETT

I will call on the name of the Lord, my God
I will lift up my voice to give praise to my King
He’s the light in the darkness
He’s the calm in the storm
He’s the hope of the righteous
He is Lord, He is Lord

There is peace in the presence of the Lord, my God
There is power in the blood of the Lamb that was slain
Every knee will bow, every tongue confess that He is Lord
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All Jesus Christ, we willingly say that you are the King of kings, but we often fail to bow our knees before you. Instead, we grant our allegiances to the relationships, material goods, powers, and ideologies of this world. In your mercy, hear our prayer of confession. Grant us the humility to bow before you, Ruler of all nations. Reorder our lives with your grace and mercy. Help us remember who you are and find abundant life. We pray this in your beautiful and wonderful name. Amen.

(silence is kept together)

SONG OF ASSURANCE

SING TO JESUS / F. ORTEGA

1. Come and see, look on this mystery
The Lord of the universe, nailed to a tree
Christ our God, spilling His Holy blood
Bowing in anguish, His sacred head

Refrain 1
Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame
Lord of our sinful hearts,
He is our great redeemer
Sing to Jesus, honor His name
Sing of His faithfulness, pouring His life out unto death

2. Come you weary, and He will give you rest
Come you who mourn, lay on His breast
Christ who died, risen in Paradise
Giver of mercy, Giver of life

Refrain 2
Sing to Jesus, His is the throne
Now and forever
He is the King of Heaven
Sing to Jesus, we are His own
Now and forever sing for the love our God has shown

WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

Leader Through the crucified body and blood of Christ the King, we have been given a pardon from God. “For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins”. Let us then rejoice at the throne of grace with confidence, proclaiming Jesus as Lord of all.

All Thanks be to God!

—based on Col. 1:13-14

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Jesus Christ, our Sovereign King, we praise you for your just and righteous reign over the cosmos:

All for the order you give to creation; for your sovereign rule over the nations; for your faithfulness to your church; for your lordship in our lives.
(In silence, continue to give thanks to our King.)

Leader You are at once King and servant, willing to give your life and caring even for what we might count as insignificant. So we approach your throne knowing you will listen to our prayers:

All for creation and its care; for the nations of the world and its leaders; for our city and state; for your Church and for Grace Pasadena; for the vulnerable and outcast; for all who suffer in mind, soul, or body; for all who care for the suffering and downcast.
(In silence, offer your own prayers for yourself, our city, and world.)

All We pray in your name, O Christ, our sovereign servant King. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

Together And also with you!

* Children ages 2 to 5th grade are invited to participate in our children’s program during the sermon; children return for Communion.

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*If you’re visiting with us for the first time, please fill out an information card (available at the welcome table) and drop it into the offering box or give it to a church staff member. For more announcements, see the back of the bulletin or visit our website.

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY

*During the offertory, we consider all that we have and all that God may be asking us to give. Please take this time to ask God how you might give of your financial gifts, personal time and even vocational calling. There are different ways to give. You may mail your offering to our office: 16 N Marengo Ave Ste 609, Pasadena, CA 91101; or give via our app (iOS and Android) or website: www.gracepasadena.org/give.

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 28:10-22 (ESV)

¹⁰ Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. ¹² And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! ¹³ And behold, the Lord stood above itand said, “I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. ¹⁴ Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. ¹⁵ Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” ¹⁶ Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it.” ¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.” ¹⁸ So early in the morning Jacob took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹ He called the name of that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first. ²⁰ Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, ²¹ so that I come again to my father’s house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God, ²² and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God’s house. And of all that you give me I will give a full tenth to you.”

Leader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God!

MORNING MESSAGE

Ben Ewen

“Jacob’s Dream”
Sermon Series: Genesis

COMMUNION

GUIDELINES: The sacrament of Communion is also called the Lord’s Supper or Eucharist. It is the family meal for those who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation. The invitation is from Jesus Christ alone, not from this church or any minister. If you are baptized and can call yourself a Christian, come to the table.

DIRECTIONS: When instructed, please come forward to receive Communion. Receive the bread and juice from the servers. Pre-packaged elements, which are gluten-free are available in the line closest to the stage. Participate as you feel comfortable.

CHILDREN: Children who are baptized, can profess faith in Jesus Christ in an age appropriate manner, and have talked to a pastor or an elder may participate in communion.

SONGS OF RESPONSE & CELEBRATION

IN CHRIST ALONE / S. TOWNEND & K. GETTY

1. In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless Babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
‘Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life’s first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
‘Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I stand.

GRACE AND PEACE / MUSIC: F. ORTEGA

Grace and peace
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Grace and peace to you
From God our Father
And the Lord Jesus Christ
And the Lord Jesus Christ
And the Lord Jesus Christ

THE BENEDICTION & SENDING

Leader

May know the love of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit more and more. As you experience and extend God’s love, may the Holy Spirit make you ready for the coming again of Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Redeemer of all. Go in peace.

All

Thanks be to God! Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **11/26:** This is the last Sunday we’ll be collecting toys for the Door of Hope Christmas Festival. Gifts can be dropped off a the Mercy Table or at the CFM Table.
 - **12/3:** Save the date! Families are invited to pre-service Advent/Christmas celebration. More details to come!
 - **12/17:** Join us at our regular time (10am) for a special all-church worship service.
 - **12/24:** All are invited to a pre-service fellowship hour starting at 9am and the Christmas Eve service at 10am. More details to come!
 - **12/31:** No Sunday service
 - **1/7/24:** Sunday service resumes
- *Looking for a way to love our neighbors? Consider joining the Park Ministry after the service.*
- *If you are in any kind of need, please email mercy@gracepasadena.org or talk to a deacon or other leader of Grace. You are not alone - we are here to help!*
- *Scan the QR code below for more details, other announcements and contact information!*



GRACE PASADENA’S VISION STATEMENT

Grace Pasadena exists to **Experience** & **Extend** the life-giving grace of God

- **As** we grow in the knowledge of the gospel of Jesus Christ
- **In** every sphere of life
- **For** our neighborhoods, city and the world

GRACE PASADENA’S CORE VALUES

God-Centered Worship – We seek to be transformed in worship as we experience the wonder of God and respond appropriately

Gospel-Driven Identity – We seek a personal experience of the gospel that both humbles us, and assures us that we are more deeply valued and loved by God than we can possibly imagine

Outward-Facing Community – We seek the betterment of our city as we extend God’s grace by loving our neighbors as ourselves

Kingdom-Minded Movement – We seek to extend the Kingdom of Jesus Christ by creating community and global partnerships that can reach and serve those in need

GIVING & BUDGET

	IAN-OCT ‘23*	NOV ‘23*
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	\$389,220	\$12,352
BUDGETED GIVING _____	425,000	44,000
DIFFERENCE _____	-35,780	-31,648

** as of 11/16/2023; figures exclude directed gifts from outside donors*



“We know not which most to wonder at, the faithfulness of God or the unbelief of His people. He keeps His promise a thousand times, and yet the next trial makes us doubt Him. He never faileth; He is never a dry well; He is never as a setting sun, a passing meteor, or a melting vapour; and yet we are as continually vexed with anxieties, molested with suspicions, and disturbed with fears, as if our God were the mirage of the desert.

CHARLES SPURGEON | MORNING AND EVENING

“Christ the King Sunday focuses our worship on the cosmic character of Christ’s reign over the world. It is a proclamation to all that everything in creation and culture must submit to Christ and an invitation to actively and joyfully submit to his rule. The day is celebrated widely in some traditions and is normally scheduled on the last Sunday before Advent. It therefore serves as a transitional Sunday leading directly into Advent, the Christmas cycle, and the new Christian year. The day fits well with the eschatological emphasis and anticipation of Christ’s second coming highlighted during Advent. It also helps worshipers, who are already thinking about Christmas, to remember that Christmas is about much more than a baby in a manger—it is about a sovereign Christ who came to be the ‘Prince of Peace’.”

THE WORSHIP SOURCE BOOK

THE GRACE PASADENA APP

Use the app to listen to sermons, access an audio Bible, view and register for upcoming events (including City Groups), set up giving and more! Use the QR codes below.



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CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
THE LAST SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT