CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,

Your faithfulness to the clouds.

All How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!

The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

Leader They feast on the abundance of Your house,

and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.

For with You is the fountain of life; All

in Your light do we see light. -Psalm 36:5, 7-9

OPENING SONG OF PRAISE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY / R. HEBER

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, casting down their golden crowns

around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim

falling down before Thee, Who wert and art and evermore shall be 3. Holy, holy, holy!

Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see, only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee;

perfect in power, in love and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name

in earth and sky and sea; Holy, holy, holy!

Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Iesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He arose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE / C. BANCROFT

Before the throne of God above I have a strong, a perfect plea; A great High Priest, whose name is Love.

Who ever lives and pleads for me. My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart; I know that while in heaven He stands No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair And tells me of the guilt within, Upward I look, and see Him there Who made an end of all my sin.

Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free; For God, the Just, is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb! My perfect, spotless Righteousness, The great unchangeable I AM, The King of glory and of grace! One with Himself, I cannot die; My soul is purchased by His blood; My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ, my Savior and my God.

HOLY FOREVER / C. TOMLIN

1. A thousand generations falling down in worship To sing the song of ages to the Lamb And all who've gone before us

and all who will believe

Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest *Your name is the greatest* Your name stands above them all All thrones and dominions

All powers and positions Your name stands above them all

CHORUS

And the angels cry, Holy All creation cries, Holy You are lifted high, Holy, Holy forever Hear your people sing, Holy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful God

we confess that we have sinned against You.

We have loved the world and the things in the world -

the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life. We have been slothful in zeal, and not fervent in spirit.

We are salt that loses its savor;

the light that we should share, we hide.

Turn us from conformity to this world! Transform us by the renewing of our minds, that we may prove what is the good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God

SONG OF ASSURANCE

BUILD MY LIFE / M. REDMAN; P. BARRETT

1. Worthy of every song we could ever sing Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe We live for You

2. Jesus, the Name above every other name Jesus, the only One who could ever save Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe We live for You, oh, we live for You

CHORUS

Holy, there is no one like You There is none beside You Open up my eyes in wonder Show me who You are and fill me With Your heart and lead me *In Your love to those around me*

To the King of Kings, Holy

2. If you've been forgiven

If you walk in freedom

and if you bear His name

and if you've been redeemed

Sing the song forever to the Lamb

Sing the song forever to the Lamb

We'll sing the song forever and amen

You will always be, Holy, Holy forever

BRIDGE

I will build my life upon Your love It is a firm foundation I will put my trust in You alone And I will not be shaken

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PARDON

Leader

This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ we are

forgiven! Thanks be to God!

All

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

And also with you.

*Children from ages 2 to 5th grade are invited to join our children's program. Children return for communion. See Caroline for more information.

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 address: 16 N Marengo Ave Ste 609, Pasadena, CA 91101; or give via our website: www.gracepasadena.org/give.

OUR OFFERING

WE LABOR UNTO GLORY / PORTER'S GATE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:11-16 (ESV)

¹¹ "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

13 "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MORNING MESSAGE

Ben Ewen

"Called To Share Our Salt and Light" Sermon Series: Sermon on the Mount

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 lesus 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. Participate as you feel comfortable.

PRAYER: Are you in need of prayer? Leaders of Grace are ready to pray with you and will be available at the front during communion. Share your needs as you feel comfortable. If you do not want to share, simply say you need prayer and leave it at that.

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.

COMMUNION PRAYERS

For those searching: Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and lead me to the reality of who you are. Give me not only understanding, but also an experience of your love and presence. Amen.

For faith and belief: Lord Jesus, I am weak and sinful, but you call me beloved and accepted. I thank you for taking my place in death and offering forgiveness and renewal. I hear you calling, and so I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and my Lord. Amen.

For those struggling with sin: Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, to ask for help, and to follow you faithfully in life. Amén.

SONG OF COMMUNION

BY THE MARK / D. RAWLINGS & G. WELCH

1. When I cross over I will shout and sing I will know my savior By the mark where the nails have been

Chorus

By the mark where the nails have been By the sign upon his precious skin I will know my savior when I come to him

By the mark where the nails have been 2. A man of riches May claim a crown of jewels

Can be told from the prince of fools 3. On Calvary Mountain Where they made him suffer so All my sin was paid for

But the king of heaven

A long, long time ago

CLOSING SONG

COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING / R. ROBINSON

- 1. Come Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

 Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.

 Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love!
- 2. Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come; and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God he, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood
- 3. Oh to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be! Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee: prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above

PRAYER & SENDING - Tim Ownbey

BENEDICTION

Leader

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father

and of the Son

and of the Holy Spirit,

teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

All Thanks be to God! Amen!

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Advent Christmas Epiphany Lent Easter Pentecost

ORDINARY TIME

We observe a season of Ordinary Time from Pentecost Sunday until the start of Advent. From the Latin "ordus" we look to the Spirit to re-order our lives according to the love of Jesus Christ. As the season of the Spirit, we especially remember the lives and actions of Jesus' followers. We think about how the first Christians lived their lives, and how we should live ours today. This season of Ordinary Time takes up half the year and it doesn't offer big exciting festivals such as Christmas or Easter. It is a season in which we learn to recognize the presence of God in the day-to-day. The color of the season is green, symbolizing new life.

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- 6/11: Prepackaged food and hygiene bag assembly on the patio for our neighbors in Memorial Park
- 7/22: Door of Hope Summer Carnival at Maranatha High School. Help serve lunch or station an activity/craft booth. Email mercy@gracepasadena.org to sign up or for more info.

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

<u>JAN-APR '23</u> *	MAY '23*
\$136,429	\$30,798
161,000	44,000
-24,571	-13,202
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The great principle of 'incarnational mission' (teaches us that)...the ministry of Jesus was one of involvement, not detachment; and therefore we must face the fact that we cannot minister to a lost world if we are not in it.

ALISTAIR BEGG | PREACHING FOR GOD'S GLORY

What [others] most need is to see in you a reflection of what God is like and of the transforming power of the Gospel. Your life can create hunger and thirst for God in others' lives and can be a powerful instrument in the hand of the Holy Spirit to draw their hearts to Christ.

NANCY LEIGH MOSS | Holiness, The Heart God Purifies

Many believers are "rabbit hole" Christians. In the morning they pop out of their safe Christian homes, hold their breath at work, scurry home to their families and then off to their Bible studies, and finally end the day praying for the unbelievers they safely avoided all day.

JAN JOHNSON

JUNE 4, 2023