

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

All Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

Leader There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

All yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

Leader The glory of God echoes throughout the world. Come and see what the Lord has done!

All He is awesome in his deeds towards his beloved people! Let us praise the name of the Lord!

—based on Ps. 19:1-4; 66:5

SONG OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

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

All O God, the author and foundation of hope,
we praise you for revealing yourself to us in Jesus Christ
and calling us into union with you and your people!
As we gather and worship today,
enable us to rely with confident expectation on your promises,
knowing that the trials and hindrances of the present time
are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed.
Set our faces on your light and fill us with hope and wonder.
We pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen!

SONGS OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

EVIDENCE / J. BALDWIN

1. All throughout my history
Your faithfulness has walked beside me
The winter storms made way for spring
In every season, from where I’m standing

CHORUS
I see the evidence of Your goodness
All over my life, all over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment
All over my life, all over my life

2. Help me remember when I’m weak
Fear may come but fear will leave
You lead my heart to victory

BONHOEFFER’S PRAYER / MUSIC: BIFROST ARTS

Lord, early in the morning
We cry unto You
In You there is light, when I cannot see
In You there is love, patience and peace

Lord, I do not understand Your ways
But You know the way for me

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All Awesome and compassionate God,
you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,
but we have not loved you.
You constantly call us, but we do not listen.
You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need,
too wrapped up in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.
God of grace, reveal your mercy to us once again
and give us open hearts to receive your kindness.
Confident of your great love,
we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin,
and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ,
our Redeemer and Light of the World. Amen.

(silence is kept together)

SONG OF ASSURANCE

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY / H. BONAR

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say:
“Come unto Me and rest;
lay down, thy weary one, lay down
thy head upon My breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in Him a resting place,
and He has made me glad

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold; I freely give
the living waters, thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank
out of the Living Stream;
my thirst was quenched,
my soul revived, and now I live in Him

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world’s Light;
look unto Me; thy morn shall rise
and all thy days be bright.”
I looked to Jesus and I found
in Him my Star, my Sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk;
‘til traveling days are done

Ending

I heard the voice of Jesus say
“Come unto Me and rest...
“Come unto Me and rest...
“Come unto Me and rest...
“Come unto Me and rest.”

WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

Leader Hear the good news: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore
our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and
alive to all that is good. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!
Blessed are you who take refuge in Him!

– from 1 Tim. 1:15; 1 Pt. 2:4; Ps. 34:8

All Thanks be to God!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - THE LORD’S PRAYER

Let us boldly offer ourselves and the needs of the world to God through the prayer
our Savior taught us to pray:

All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. 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

Luke 2:35-51 (ESV)

³⁵ The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and he looked
at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷ The two disciples
heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Jesus turned and saw them following
and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which
means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹ He said to them, “Come and you will
see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that
day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and
followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹ He first found his own brother
Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). ⁴² He
brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John.
You shall be called Cephas”(which means Peter).

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him,
“Follow me.” ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.
⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses
in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”⁴⁶
Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to
him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him,
“Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸ Nathanael said to him,
“How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you
were under the fig tree, I saw you.” ⁴⁹ Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the
Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰ Jesus answered him, “Because I said to
you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than
these.” ⁵¹ And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened,
and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

Leader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God!

MORNING MESSAGE

Ben Ewen

“Come & See”

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 appropri-
ate manner, and have talked to a pastor or an elder may participate in communion.

COMMUNION PRAYERS FOR REFLECTION

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 accept-
ed. 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 faith-
fully in life. Amen.

SONGS OF RESPONSE & CELEBRATION

GOD’S TABLE / B. COLEMAN

We will come to God’s table
And there remember God’s mercy
We will come to God’s table
And there remember the cross
We will come to God’s table
And there remember God’s family
We will come to the table of the Lord

GRACE TO YOU AND PEACE / MUSIC: F. ORTEGA

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

THE BENEDICTION & SENDING

Leader May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you,
that your lives may be a light to the world;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Thanks be to God! Amen!

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.



For Android Phones



For iOS Phones

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

ADVENT
CHRISTMAS
EPIPHANY
LENT
EASTER
PENTECOST
ORDINARY TIME

Epiphany follows Christmas and lasts until Lent. The season calls us to remember and proclaim that Jesus Christ is truly the light of all the world. As Philip Reinders says: “Epiphany calls us to live God’s mission, announcing the good news of Christ’s arrival to every culture and to those who live across the street, bearing the light of Jesus to the nations and to those who share a home with us. We, the church, are sent out as the manifestation of Jesus to a watching world.” May we, with eyes wide open, see and celebrate the fact that Jesus is the light of the world—and of our lives too.

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- 1/17: Women’s Wednesday AM Study begins. Email women@gracepasadena.org or use the app for more information or to sign up.
- 1/21: City Groups start this week! Contact Pastor Ben or use the app to sign up.
- 1/23-24: Pasadena Homeless Count 2024. Email mercy@gracepasadena.org for more information or to sign up.
- 2/11: Super Cereal Bowl Sunday hosted by our Children’s Ministry at 9am on the patio! See Caroline for more details.

**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

	JAN-DEC ‘23*	JAN ‘24*
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	\$556,114	\$5,770
BUDGETED GIVING _____	557,000	--
DIFFERENCE _____	-886	--

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“Are you seeking pardon? You shall find it in me. Are you seeking peace? I will give you rest. Are you seeking purity? I will take away your sin, a new heart will I give you, and a right spirit will I put within you. What are you seeking? Some solid resting place for your soul upon the earth, and a glorious hope for yourself in heaven? Whatever you seek, it is here.”

CHARLES SPURGEON

“In choosing to be born for us, God chose to be known by us. He therefore reveals himself in this way, in order that this great sacrament of his love may not be an occasion for us of great misunderstanding.”

ST. PETER CHRYSOLOGUS | *SERMON 160*

“Christianity affirms that at the heart of reality is a Heart, a loving Father who works through history for the salvation of His children. Man cannot save himself, for man is not the measure of all things and humanity is not God. Bound by the chains of his own sin and finiteness, man needs a Savior.”

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR | *Strength to Love*

JANUARY 14, 2024
THE 2ND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY