

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader The Lord is Sovereign; let the people tremble in awe.
All God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
Leader The Lord is great in Zion and is high above all peoples.
All Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God,
and worship God upon the holy mountain. — based on Ps. 99:1-3

SONGS OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

HOW GREAT THOU ART / C. BOBERG

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.
CHORUS
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
2. And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing,
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.
3. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,
and take me home what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow,in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, “My God, how great Thou art!”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader Who is Jesus Christ and why is he worthy of our worship and praise?
All Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation.
For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth,
visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions
or rulers or authorities
— all things were created through him and for him.
And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
And he is the head of the body, the church.
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
that in everything he might be preminent.
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
making peace by the blood of his cross. Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION / S. McCracken

CHORUS
We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more
1. We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up
2. In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh, how long?
Oh, God of Jacob, be strength
3. Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed
You are the faithful One
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS / M. BRIDGES; F. ORTEGA

1. Crown Him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! How the heavenly anthem
drowns, all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing,
of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy matchless King,
through all eternity.
2. Crown Him the Lord of love,
behold His hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky,
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye,
at mysteries so bright.

3. Crown Him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o’er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife,
for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.
4. Crown Him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou has died for me;
Thy praise shall never,
never fail through all eternity.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All Almighty and gracious God,
you have spoken to us through the Law and the Prophets
and fulfilled them in your Son, but we have turned away.
We confess that we have praised you with our lips
but have not glorified you with our lives.
Have mercy on us, for our weak faith that fades under pressure,
for our quick enthusiasm that just as quickly dies,
for the hopes we proclaim but do not pursue.
Forgive us, Lord God, and renew us by your Holy Spirit.
As we feast on your Word and Sacrament,
give us new trust in your mercy power,
that we may live for justice and tell of your loving-kindness
by our acts as by our words, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
(silence is kept together)

SONG OF ASSURANCE

PSALM 126 / BIFROST ARTS

Our mouths they were filled,
filled with laughter
Our tongues they were loosed,
loosed with joy
Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!

Although we are weeping
Lord, help us keep sowing
The seeds of Your Kingdom
For the day You will reap them
Your sheaves we will carry
Lord, please do not tarry
All those who sow weeping
will go out with songs of joy

The nations will say,
“He has done great things!”
The nations will sing songs of joy
Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!

WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

Leader Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there
is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the
Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the
same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from
the Lord, the Spirit. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and transformed!
Praise be to God! — based on 2 Cor. 3:17-18
All Thanks be to God!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Lord God, be present with your people, that in the place of disunity,
we may grow together in rich union with Christ. Make your Church
one as you are one, and may our peace bring peace to our hurting
and fractured world. For this, O Lord, we pray:
All Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader Let those who make, interpret, and enforce laws walk in integrity and
wisdom, that justice and mercy may be seen in the world. Inspire
them to walk in your ways of mercy. Do not be deaf to your people
who cry: “How, long? How, long?” For this, O Lord, we pray:
All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Comfort and touch anyone who is sick or alone, anyone who
needs food or a place to live, and anyone who is carrying a heavy
load of sadness. We pray for those close in our congregation and
neighborhoods; strengthen our deacons as they extend your mercy.
We pray for those far away, including all people enduring the
violence of war; strengthen your Church in those areas to be your
hands and feet. For this, O Lord, we pray:
All Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: You are good! Although we do not know
what the future holds in store, we know you hold all things in your
hands. Help us to taste and see your ever present goodness.
All Renew in us faith, hope, and love. 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 22:7-23 (ESV)

⁷ Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be
sacrificed. ⁸ So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for
us, that we may eat it.” ⁹ They said to him, “Where will you have us prepare it?” ¹⁰
He said to them, “Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of
water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters ¹¹ and tell the mas-
ter of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may
eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ¹² And he will show you a large upper room
furnished; prepare it there.” ¹³ And they went and found it just as he had told them,
and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁴ And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵ And
he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suf-
fer. ¹⁶ For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

¹⁷ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this, and divide
it among yourselves. ¹⁸ For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit
of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” ¹⁹ And he took bread, and when he
had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which
is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁰ And likewise the cup after they
had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my
blood. ²¹ But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. ²²
For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom
he is betrayed!” ²³ And they began to question one another, which of them it could
be who was going to do this.

Leader This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God!

MORNING MESSAGE

Ben Ewen

Sermon Series: Walking with Jesus to the Cross + Resurrection
Sermon Title: “Feasting with Jesus”

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

COME TO THE ALTAR / ELEVATION WORSHIP

1. Are you hurting and broken within?
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself?
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?
Jesus is calling

CHORUS
O come to the altar
The Father’s arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

2. Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there’s no reason to wait,
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born,

Jesus is calling

BRIDGE
Oh what a Savior
Isn’t He wonderful?
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen
Bow down before Him
For He is Lord of all
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen

ENDING
Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure
you’ve found

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

All

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.
Having tasted and seen the goodness of our God,
go into the world and boldly share the good news of Jesus Christ
and invite all to feast with our King. —based on Num. 6:24-26

Thanks be to God! Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- MealTrain:** A simple way to connect with others and extend God’s grace is by providing a meal or sending a gift card. For current MealTrain opportunities, email info@gracepasadena.org.
- Lenten Prayer:** All are invited before Sunday service at 9:15am on 2/18, 2/25, and 3/3 for a time of prayer for Grace, one another, and our world. On 3/10, we’ll gather to pray specifically for the healing of body, mind, relationships, and any conflict. We’ll meet in the Cliff Benedict room. See Pastor Marc for more information.
- Holy Week:** Stay tuned for details about Holy Week at Grace!
- Easter Sunday:** Do you have experience arranging flowers or decorating? Or enjoy putting together charcuterie, cheese, and veggie boards? Or have good lifting form and are happy to move tables, chairs, or other equipment? Or like helping throw a party? Then, we’d love your help for our Easter Sunday Celebration! Email info@gracepasadena.org to volunteer. More details to come.

*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*	FEB ‘24*
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	\$555,909	\$32,320	\$3,593
BUDGETED GIVING _____	557,000	--	--
DIFFERENCE _____	-1,091	--	--

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“Let us understand, therefore, that this Sacrament is a medicine for poor, spiritually sick people...And since we see only bread and wine, yet we do not doubt that he accomplishes spiritually in our souls all that he demonstrates to us outwardly through these visible signs, namely, that he is the heavenly bread that feeds and nourishes us for eternal life. So let us be grateful for the infinite goodness of our Saviour, who spreads out all his riches and goods on this table to distribute them to us.”

JOHN CALVIN | *FORM OF ECCLESIASTICAL PRAYERS*

A Word made Flesh is seldom
And tremblingly partook
Nor then perhaps reported
But have I not mistook
Each one of us has tasted
With ecstasies of stealth
The very food debated
To our specific strength —

A Word that breathes distinctly
Has not the power to die
Cohesive as the Spirit
It may expire if He —
“Made Flesh and dwelt among us”
Could condescension be
Like this consent of Language
This loved Philology.

EMILY DICKINSON | 1651

“The last Sunday before Ash Wednesday is traditionally designated for celebrating the transfiguration of Jesus. At the transfiguration the great glory of God in the person of Jesus Christ was made clear to Peter, James, and John (Mark 9:2-12). In this glory we see a fuller representation of Jesus’ identity, and we glimpse the glory he would receive at the completion of his redemptive work...

The timing of this observance is important. Just as the transfiguration prepared Jesus for his passion and death, so our observance of his transfiguration prepares us for our Lenten journey in which we concentrate on his sufferings.”

THE WORSHIP SOURCEBOOK

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY