

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Let us worship God, who has done great things.
All We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.

Leader Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.
All We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!

Leader Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.
All We praise God for the grace that has saved us. With all heaven and earth, we rejoice!

—based on Is. 43:19-21

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, we lift up our voices and praise your name!
In creation you fashion us in your image,
in Christ you reveal to us your love,
through the Holy Spirit you welcome us into the fellowship of believers;
in gratitude we come before you and give you all the glory!
We constantly distort your image, but still you restore it.
We daily betray your love, but still you extend it.
We often disrupt fellowship, but still you bless it.
Come unto us at this time and in this place, O Lord,
that your image in us might be revealed, your love for us returned,
and our fellowship in Christ renewed. Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

JESUS’ NAME / R. DELMORE

So beautiful, no name is higher
So wonderful, is Jesus’ name
Is Jesus’ name

And every knee will bow
In heaven and the earth
And every eye will see
The measure of Your worth
There is no one like You
Risen Son of God

Holy is Your name,
Holy is Your name

SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US / D. THRUPP

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
much we need Thy tender care;
in Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use Thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are!

2. We are Thine, Thou dost befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Hear, O hear us when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Hear, O hear us when we pray.

3. Thou hast promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
We will early turn to Thee.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
We will early turn to Thee.

4. Early let us seek Thy favor,
early let us do Thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior,
with Thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way.
We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves
righteous when we are law-breakers and great when we are small.
We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to paths of your righteousness
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Silence is kept together

SONG OF ASSURANCE

KYRIE ELEISON / MUSIC: F. ORTEGA

Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie Elei—son

Christe, Christe Eleison
Christe, Christe Eleison
Christe Eleison
Christe Elei—son

WORDS OF COMFORT & ASSURANCE

Leader The Lord of promise has declared: “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.”

Brothers and sisters: In Christ, all God’s promises are “Yes.” Hear the good news: Through Christ, our minds and hearts are cleansed, healed, and renewed!

—based on Ezk. 36:26; 2 Cor. 1:20

All Thanks be to God!

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 LESSON

Luke 22:24-34 (ESV)

²⁴ A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵ And he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶ But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. ²⁷ For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.

²⁸ “You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, ²⁹ and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, ³⁰ that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

³¹ “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, ³² but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.” ³³ Peter said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death.” ³⁴ Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me.”

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Marc Choi

Sermon Series: Walking with Jesus to the Cross and Resurrection
Sermon Title: The Greatest? Not !!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Jesus, remember us when you come into your kingdom. Hear our intercessions. For your church around the world,
All we ask new life.

Leader For all who carry out ministries in your church,
All we ask grace and wisdom.

Leader For Christians of every land,
All we ask new unity in your name.

Leader For those who cannot believe,
All we ask your faithful love.

Leader For governors and rulers in every land,
All we ask your guidance.

Leader For people who suffer and sorrow,
All we ask your healing peace.

[silence]

All Holy God, your Word, Jesus Christ, spoke peace to a sinful world and brought humanity the gift of reconciliation by the suffering and death he endured. Teach us who bear his name to follow his example in faith. By your Spirit, may our faith, hope, and charity turn hatred to love, conflict to peace, and death to eternal life, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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. 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.

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 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. Amen.

SONGS OF RESPONSE & CELEBRATION

O THOU, IN WHOSE PRESENCE / J. SWAIN

1. O Thou, in whose presence
my soul takes delight
On whom in affliction I call
My comfort by day
and my song in the night
My hope, my salvation, my all

2. Where dost Thou, dear Shepherd,
resort with Thy sheep?
“To feed them in pastures of love”
Say, why in the valley of death
should I weep
Or alone in this wilderness roam?
3. He looks, and ten thousands
of angels rejoice
And myriads wait for His word
He speaks and eternity,
filled with His voice,
Reechoes the praise of the Lord

4. Dear Shepherd,
I hear and will follow Thy call
I know the sweet sound of Thy voice
Restore and defend me,
for Thou art my all
And in Thee I will ever rejoice

DOXOLOGY / T. KEN

Praise God,
from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen

THE BENEDICTION & SENDING

- Leader

May the God of love, who shared his love,
strengthen us in our love for others.
May the Son who shared his life
grant us grace, that we might share our life.
And may the Holy Spirit dwelling in us
empower us to be only and always for others.
- All

Thanks be to God! Amen!

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

ADVENT
CHRISTMAS
EPIPHANY
LENT
EASTER
PENTECOST
ORDINARY TIME

The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are at the heart of the Christian gospel, and Good Friday and Easter are two of the most significant celebrations of the Christian year. Lent is a season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. Just as we carefully prepare for big events in our personal lives, such as a wedding or commencement, Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus’ passion and celebrating Jesus’ resurrection. The season is 40 days long and its theme is repentance. Purple is the traditional color used during the season.

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, refer to our weekly e-newsletter or 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

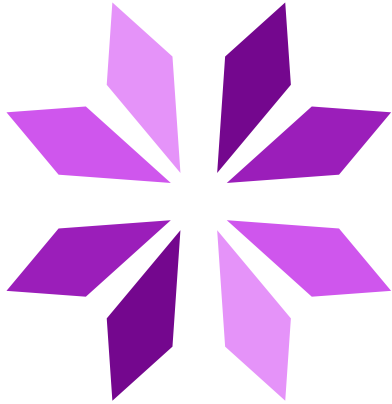
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OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	\$555,909	\$32,320	\$14,578
BUDGETED GIVING _____	557,000	--	--
DIFFERENCE _____	-1,091	--	--

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“The goal of the Christian life is that for more and more seconds of each day what we think and do and say is to God’s glory, that every moment is worship of the true God instead of various idolatries of our making or of our culture’s.”

MARVA J. DAWN | *IN THE BEGINNING, GOD*

“What we do with our power is ultimately a sure guide to what we will do with the God who claims the power to raise the dead. Either we will grip ever more tightly to our own power in fear of its disappearance, or we will become bolder and bolder in our use of our power to prepare for its ultimate end: the restoration of the world’s shalom by the world’s power-yielding, powerful Creator.”

ANDY CROUCH | *PLAYING GOD*

So here’s the deal and this is what you get:
The penthouse suite with world-commanding views,
The banker’s bonus and the private jet,
Control and ownership of all the news,
An ‘in’ to that exclusive one per cent,
Who know the score who really run the show,
With interest on every penny lent
And sweeteners for cronies in the know.
A straight arrangement between me and you,
No hell below or heaven high above,
You just admit it, and give me my due,
And wake up from this foolish dream of love...
But Jesus laughed, ‘You are not what you seem..
Love is the waking life, you are the dream.’

MALCOLM GUITE | *“ALL THE KINGDOMS OF THE WORLD”*
(INSPIRED BY Lk. 4:5-7)

THE 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 18, 2024