

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Hosanna to the Son of David!
All Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Leader Behold your king comes to you, O Zion,
meek and lowly, sitting upon a donkey.
All Ride on in the cause of truth and for the sake of justice!
Your throne is the throne of God, it endures forever.
Leader The scepter of your kingdom is a righteous scepter!
All You have loved righteousness and hated evil.
Leader Therefore God, your God, has anointed you:
with the oil of gladness above your companions.
All Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

SONG OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING / WORDS: ST. FRANCIS

1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
O, praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O, praise Him! O, praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heav’n along,
O, praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice
O, praise Him! O, praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. And all Ye men of tender heart,
forgiving others take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on Him cast your care,
O, praise Him! O, praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ.
As we enter Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer,
turn our hearts again to Jerusalem,
to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ so that,
united with Christ and all the faithful, we may one day enter in triumph
the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens,
where with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever. Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

PREPARE THE WAY, O ZION / WORDS. F. FRANZEN; ARR. ORTEGA/CHADWICK

1. Prepare the way, O Zion,
your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley
a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory
foretold in sacred story.
Oh blest is Christ that came
in God’s most holy name!
2. He brings God’s rule, O Zion,
he comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom
and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding
for grace and joy abounding.
Oh, blest is Christ that came
in God’s most holy name!

10,000 REASONS / M. REDMAN

Chorus
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I’ll worship Your Holy name
1. The sun comes up,
It’s a new day dawning
It’s time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
When the evening comes
2. You’re rich in love
And You’re slow to anger
Your name is great
And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find
3. And on that day
When my strength is failing
The end draws near
And my time has come
Still my soul will
Sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
And then forevermore

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you rode a donkey and came in peace,
humbled yourself and gave yourself for us.
We confess our lack of humility.
As you entered Jerusalem, the crowds shouted “Hosanna: ‘Save us now!’”
On Good Friday they shouted “Crucify!” We confess our praise is often empty.
We sing “Hosanna,” but cry “Crucify.”
As the crowd laid their palms in front of you, you took no glory for yourself.
We confess our pride and lack of thankfulness for your love.
We do not stay true to your will. Forgive us, Lord, and help us
to follow in the way of obedience. Amen.

Silence is kept together

SONG OF ASSURANCE

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.

WORDS OF COMFORT & ASSURANCE

Leader Hear the Word of the Lord from Psalm 118: Let those who fear the
Lord say, “His steadfast love endures for ever.” Out of my distress I
called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord
is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. I shall not
die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. In Christ, God
answers us and sets us free! In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to
God.
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 23:44-56 (ESV)

⁴⁴ It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until
the ninth hour, ⁴⁵ while the sun’s light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn
in two. ⁴⁶ Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands
I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last. ⁴⁷ Now when the
centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, “Certainly this man
was innocent!”⁴⁸ And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they
saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. ⁴⁹ And all his ac-
quaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance
watching these things.
⁵⁰ Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was
a member of the council, a good and righteous man, ⁵¹ who had not consented to
their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. ⁵² This man
went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³ Then he took it down and wrapped
it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet
been laid. ⁵⁴ It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵ The
women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how
his body was laid. ⁵⁶ Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments.

On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

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: Death Be Not Proud

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Son of David, you entered Jerusalem with a triumphal procession
that left you alone and in humiliation on the cross.
All We thank and praise you for your selfless sacrifice,
for the redemption of creation,
for those who offer their lives in Christlike service,
for your work as it continues in our community,
for the sacrificial love of those who serve in your name,
and for our redemption and the renewal of all things. Silence
Leader The cries of “Hosanna!” soon turned into cries of “Crucify him!”
Today too there are those who refuse to recognize you as King.
The effects of sin continue to be felt in all of life.
All So we pray for creation, for the nations of the world,
for our nation and its leaders, for this community
and those who are in authority,
for the church universal as it works on your behalf,
for this local church in its ministry,
and for all who suffer in spirit, mind, and body. Silence
Leader Lord of our tears, we remember before you today the hungry and
displaced in Gaza, Ukraine, Haiti, and all places under the siege
of violence. We lament the pain in our lives and the lives of our
neighbors; we lament our part in adding to the sorrows of the world.
We cry, “How long, oh Lord? How long?” Silence
All In our cries, confusion, doubt, and anger, make your presence
known. Lord of resurrection, hear our prayer. 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.

SONGS OF RESPONSE & CELEBRATION

NEARER, GOD TO, THEE / S. ADAMS

- 1. Nearer, my God to Thee, nearer to Thee
Even though it be a cross that raiseth me
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee
- 2. Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone
Yet in my dreams I'd be, nearer, my God,
to Thee Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee
- 3. There let the way appear, steps unto heav’n
All that Thou sendest me, in mercy giv’n
Angels to beckon me, nearer, my God, the Thee
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee
- 4. Then with my waking thoughts, bright with Thy praise
Out of my stony griefs, Bethel I’ll raise
So by my woes to be, nearer, my God, to Thee
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee
- 5. Or if on joyful wing, cleaving the sky
Sun, moon and stars for God, upward I fly
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee

AARON’S BLESSING / MUSIC: F. ORTEGA

May the Lord bless you and keep you
May the Lord bless you and keep you
May the Lord make His face to shine on you
May the Lord make His face to shine on you
And be gracious to you
And be gracious to you
May the Lord lift His countenance on you
May the Lord lift His countenance on you
May the Lord lift His countenance on you
May the Lord lift His countenance on you
May He keep you in perfect peace
May He keep you in perfect peace

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE BENEDICTION

- All Jesus Christ, thank you for nourishing our hearts, minds, and bodies with your abundant grace. We leave your table for a week in which busy activities and worshipful remembrance are intertwined. Teach us, even now, how to make every day a day of prayer, so that each day of our lives is filled with hope because of your death and resurrection. Amen.
- Leader May our Lord, whose arms were spread on the cross to embrace the whole world, help us this week to take up the cross and follow him.
- All Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the Highest! Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **Holy Week:** Good Friday @ 6pm at the Sr. Center
All church Easter Service @ 10am at the Sr. Center with potluck picnic and an Easter egg hunt for children!
- **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.
- **Youth Retreat:** Calling rising 9th graders and current high school students! Mark your calenders for 7/26-7/30 and sign up for the summer youth conference in Malibu. Total cost is \$550, but students pay only \$50; the rest will be covered by the Youth Fund and silent auction fund-raiser. Use our app to sign up. If you’d like to sponsor a student or contribute to the silent auction, see Pastor Ben.
- **Chili Cookoff!** Stay tuned for more details about our annual chili cook-off in April. Reach out to Pastor Marc to help or to cook a pot of your best chili.

*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-FEB ‘24*	MAR ‘24*
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	\$64,027	\$24,148
BUDGETED EXPENSE _____	139,910	72,402
DIFFERENCE _____	-75,883	-48,254

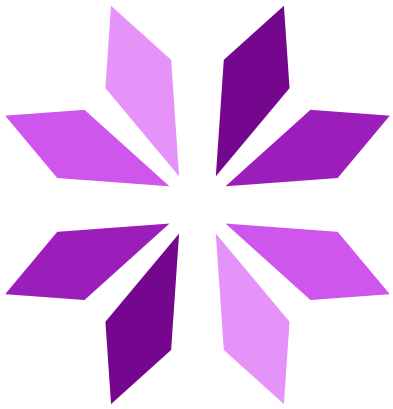
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“What we need is not simply better gear and techniques but a story that helps us remember another world is possible. The good news is that God’s story offers us just that. In the midst of our world’s deep brokenness, God’s kingdom breaks in to create new possibilities.”

EMMANUEL M. KATONGOLE | RECONCILING ALL THINGS

“It was not nails that held Jesus to that wretched cross; it was his unqualified resolution, out of love for his Father, to do his Father’s will—and it was his love for sinners like me. He really could not save himself.”

D.A. CARSON | SCANDALOUS

“As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up” (John 3:14). And just exactly as all who were bitten by the serpents looked upon the bronze serpent which was suspended and were healed, thus also every Christian who believes in our Christ and has recourse to His life-bearing wounds...is cured of the bites of the spiritual serpent of sin and by this most holy nourishment is made to live unto the renewal of a new creation, that is, new life in harmony with His life-giving commandments.”

ELDER EPHRAIM | COUNSELS FROM THE HOLY MOUNTAIN

Death, be not proud, though some have called thee
Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so;
For those whom thou think’st thou dost overthrow
Die not, poor Death, nor yet canst thou kill me.
From rest and sleep, which but thy pictures be,
Much pleasure; then from thee much more must flow,
And soonest our best men with thee do go,
Rest of their bones, and soul’s delivery.
Thou art slave to fate, chance, kings, and desperate men,
And dost with poison, war, and sickness dwell,
And poppy or charms can make us sleep as well
And better than thy stroke; why swell’st thou then?
One short sleep past, we wake eternally
And death shall be no more; Death, thou shalt die.

JOHN DONNE | HOLY SONNET X

PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 24, 2024