

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Alleluia! Christ is risen.
All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Leader Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He has given us new life and hope.
All He has raised Jesus from the dead.
Leader God has claimed us as his own.
All He has brought us out of darkness.
He has made us light to the world.
Leader Alleluia! Christ is risen.
All He is risen indeed. Alleluia! —based on 1 Peter 1:3-5

SONG OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY / C. WESLEY

1. Christ, the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!
2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Alleluia!
Christ hath burst the gates of hell, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia!
Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!
5. Hail, the Lord of earth and Heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to Thee both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail, the resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Glory to you, O God: On this day you won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.
Glory to you, O Christ: For us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life.
Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: You lead us into the truth.
Glory to you, O blessed Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! Amen! Alleluia!

SONGS OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

IN CHRIST ALONE / S. TOWNEND & K. GETTY

1. In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand
2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless Babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I stand.

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME / B. FIELDING; B. LIGERTWOOD

1. You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

CHORUS 1

*What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus*

2. You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater
What could separate us now?

CHORUS 2

*What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

GLORY, GLORY, HALLELUJAH / THE STAPLE SINGERS

1. Glory, Glory (*Glory, Glory!*)
Hallelujah (*Hallelujah!*)
Since I laid (*Laid my burden down!*)
My burden down (*Laid my burden down!*)
Glory, Glory (*Glory, Glory!*)
Hallelujah (*Hallelujah!*)
Since I laid my burden down!
Laid my burden down!

2. I've been cleansed (*Glory, Glory!*)
By the blood of Jesus (*Hallelujah!*)
Since I laid (*Laid my burden down!*)
My burden down (*Laid my burden down!*)
I've been Cleansed (*Glory, Glory!*)
By the blood of Jesus (*Hallelujah!*)
Since I laid my burden down!
Laid my burden down!

WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

Leader When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. — 1 Cor. 15:54-57 (NIV)

All Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

BRIDGE

*Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again
You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all Names*

CHORUS 3

*What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader May the peace of the Lord be always with you.
Together And also with you!

GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

**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.*

**All children are invited to stay for the sermon and to come up to the front after the scripture reading. Two wiggle rooms are available: one in the lounge area and one in the Cliff Benedict Room (aka the 2s and 3s room). The service will be live streamed in both rooms; both have plenty of space and toys for kids to play. Please note that children must be accompanied by parents/guardians in the wiggle rooms.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24:1-12 (ESV)

¹But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸And they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Marc Choi

*Sermon Series: Encountering the Resurrection
"Stooping and Looking In"*

EASTER PROFESSION OF FAITH

Leader Brothers and sisters,
by what Good News are we reconciled to God and to another?

All This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen. Alleluia! —based on 1 Cor. 15:3-7; Col. 1:15-20

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.

PRAYER: Are you in need of prayer? Leaders of Grace are ready to pray with you. Today, find a pastor or leader after the service. 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 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

OH HAPPY DAY / E. HAWKINS

Oh happy day! Oh happy day!
When Jesus washed
Oh when He washed
When He washed
All my sins away

Oh happy day
He taught me how to walk
Right and pray, right and pray!
And live rejoicing every day,
Every day!

AMAZING GRACE / J. NEWTON

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved!
How precious did that grace appear,
the hour I first believed.

3. Through many dangers,
toils and snares
I have already come!
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4. When we've been there
ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we've first begun!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & BENEDICTION

All Jesus, Son of God, you are the risen Christ! We thank you for reassuring us of your never-failing love and strengthening our faith through the breaking of bread. Amen.

Leader "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord.
May Christ's rising lift your spirits and gladden your hearts.

All Alleluia!

Leader All those who believe in Christ will never perish.
May you pass with Christ from death to life.

All Alleluia!

Leader Christ has gone to prepare a place for us.
May his resurrection bring you all joy and peace
in believing so that you may abound in hope.

All Alleluia!

Leader Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—
bless you now and forever. Christ is risen!

All He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **Easter Picnic!** Stick around after the service for our annual Easter picnic and potluck, as well as an egg hunt for kids.
- **Congregational Meeting** A congregational meeting has been called for **Sunday, April 7**, to be held immediately after the 10:00am worship service. At this meeting, the Session will present a brief overview of the senior pastor search process as outlined by our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), and Grace members will elect a Pulpit Nominating Committee. This Committee will be responsible for identifying and evaluating qualified candidates and providing nominee(s) for consideration by the membership.
- **Youth Retreat:** Calling rising 9th graders and current high school students! Mark your calendars 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

	<u>JAN-FEB '24*</u>	<u>MAR '24*</u>
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	\$64,027	\$31,318
BUDGETED EXPENSE _____	139,910	72,402
DIFFERENCE _____	-75,883	-41,084

*as of 3/28/2024



Mailing/Office Address:
16 N Marengo Ave Ste 609
Pasadena, CA 91101

(626) 653-6036 (voicemail or text) | info@gracepasadena.org | www.gracepasadena.org

Music lyrics printed by permission: CCLI #2816052

Scripture quotations are from the Holy Bible, English Standard Version

© 2001 Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers

Used by permission. All rights reserved.

