

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader The Lord who calls us to worship today is the same Jesus who refused the temptation to worship the evil one. Rather than receive the glorious kingdoms of this world, he endured the shame of the cross, and today is Lord of lords and King of kings. Now are gathered in him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, glory and power.

All **With the saints of all ages we say,
“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom
and strength and honor and glory and praise!”**

—based on Col. 2:3; Rev. 5:12, NIV

SONG OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS / W. DIX

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of every nation
has redeemed us by His blood.”

2. Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now.
Alleluia! He is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Tho’ the cloud from sight received Him
when the forty days were o’er,
shall our hearts forget His promise,
“I am with you evermore”?

3. Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
here on earth our food, our stay.
Alleluia! Here the sinful
flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

**We give you thanks, great God,
for the hope we have in Jesus,
who died but is risen and rules over all.
We praise you for his presence with us;
for the Word and Sacrament that testify to his grace.
Because he lives, we look for eternal life,
knowing that nothing past, present,
or yet to come can separate us from your great love
made known in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

SONGS OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

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.

HOLY FOREVER / C. TOMLIN

1. A thousand generations
falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who’ve gone before us
and all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

*Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all*

CHORUS

*And the angels cry, Holy
All creation cries, Holy
You are lifted high, Holy, Holy forever
Hear your people sing, Holy
To the King of Kings, Holy
You will always be, Holy, Holy forever*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, we have sinned,
without considering how much you love us.
You see our sins more clearly than we can ourselves.
Lord, you know when we are indifferent to your Word
and the grace you provide in the sacrament of bread and wine;
how often we forget to pray;
the times we come unwillingly to worship;
and yet we turn to you when we are in trouble.
Lord, you know when we are untruthful
and when we think evil of others.
You see our anger and unfairness to our neighbors.
You know how hard it is for us to forgive.
Forgive us and make us clean, so that we can obey your call
to take up your cross and follow you. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

SONG OF ASSURANCE

ALAS AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED / I. WATTS

1. Alas and did my Savior bleed?
And did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
for such a worm as I?

2. Was it for crimes that I have done,
he groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity; Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!

3. Well might the sun in darkness hide
and shut His glories in.
When Christ the mighty maker died
for man the creature’s sin.

WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

Leader “Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.” Believe in Jesus, the spotless lamb of God, and be at peace!
—Isaiah 53:4-6

All **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

INSTALLATION, ORDINATION, COMMISSIONING OF LEADERS

Elder: David McFadzean

Deacon: Paul Schissler

Wise Counselor: Liz McFadzean

Deaconess: Caroline Paules

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.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24:1-12 (ESV)

¹³ That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹ And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵ And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸ So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹ but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴ saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God!**

MORNING MESSAGE

Ben Ewen

***Sermon Series: Encountering the Resurrection
“Slow Hearts to Burning Hearts”***

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.

SONG OF RESPONSE & CELEBRATION

JESUS PAID IT ALL / E. HALL

1. I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all."

CHORUS

Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed me white as snow

2. Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone

3. For nothing good have I
Whereby Thy grace to claim
I'll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb

4. And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save"
My lips shall still repeat

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & BENEDICTION

All Jesus Christ, we thank you for opening our eyes to your presence in and through the breaking of bread. Nourished and strengthened by your love, may we give our lives to others just as you have given your life to us. Amen.

Leader Go out into the world in peace: have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; help the suffering; honor all; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you forever.

—based on 1 Cor. 16:13; 1 Thess. 5:13-22; 1 Pt. 2:17

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen!

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

ADVENT
CHRISTMAS
EPIPHANY
LENT
EASTER
PENTECOST
ORDINARY TIME

"The fullness of the resurrection requires more than a day to unpack. The Easter season is a fifty-day celebration that ends on Pentecost Sunday (the Greek word *pentekoste* means "fiftieth"). The Easter season is a time to let the implications of the resurrection sink in deeper, inviting us to realign our worldview and conform our living to the reality that we have been raised with Christ to new life. Easter is full of joy and the laughter of love—the grave is empty, love has won, Christ is risen! Give yourself over to the experience of that joy..."
—from "Seeking God's Face" by Philip Reinders

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **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, see Pastor Ben.
- **Silent Auction:** The silent auction is live! Bid on items and experiences contributed by members of our community. There's art, cooking lessons, babysitting, and much, much more. Use our app to bid! Auction ends 4/21.
- **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 announcements and links to download our app!



Q. How does the Lord's supper signify and seal to you that you share in Christ's one sacrifice on the cross and in all his gifts?

A. In this way: Christ has commanded me and all believers to eat of this broken bread and drink of this cup in remembrance of him. With this command he gave these promises: First, as surely as I see with my eyes the bread of the Lord broken for me and the cup given to me, so surely was his body offered for me and his blood poured out for me on the cross.

Second, as surely as I receive from the hand of the minister and taste with my mouth the bread and the cup of the Lord as sure signs of Christ's body and blood, so surely does he himself nourish and refresh my soul to everlasting life with his crucified body and shed blood.

FROM THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

"Word and sacrament sustain my life, and yet they often do not seem life changing. Quietly, even forgettably, they feed me."

TISH HARRISON WARREN | LITURGY OF THE ORDINARY

"The way of the Christian leader is not the way of upward mobility in which our world has invested so much, but the way of downward mobility ending on the cross."

HENRI NOUWEN | IN THE NAME OF JESUS

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-FEB '24*	MAR '24*
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	\$64,027	\$38,600
BUDGETED EXPENSE _____	139,910	72,402
DIFFERENCE _____	-75,883	-33,802

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