



### 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN EASTER — APRIL 26, 2020

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#### REFLECTIONS

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*Well, who are you? (Who are you? Who, who, who, who?)  
I really want to know (Who are you? Who, who, who, who?)  
Tell me who are you? (Who are you? Who, who, who, who?)  
Because I really want to know (Who are you? Who, who, who, who?)*

#### THE WHO

*"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen:  
not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."*

C.S. LEWIS

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#### CALL TO WORSHIP

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Leader Because God is faithful, let us praise his name.  
**All Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty!**  
Leader Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.  
**All Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name?**  
Leader For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you!  
**All We join the nations, cast down our crowns,  
and give you all glory, honor and praise!**  
Leader Christ is risen!  
**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

— based on Rev. 4:10, 15:3-4

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#### SONG OF PRAISE

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#### PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY / J. NEANDER, B. CHADWICK

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him,  
for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear,  
now to His temple draw near;  
Praise Him in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord,  
who o'er all things  
so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings,  
yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen  
how all thy longings have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

3. Praise to the Lord,  
who doth prosper thy work  
and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness  
and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.

4. Praise to the Lord,  
O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath,  
come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen  
sound from His people again,  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

#### REFRAIN

*Praise to the Lord, O my soul  
All ye who hear, Praise Him*

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#### EASTER PRAYER OF ADORATION

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Leader O God our Father,  
your constant love reaches to the heavens  
and your faithfulness extends to the skies.  
Your righteousness towers like the mountains, your justice is deeper than the sea.  
All find protection under the shadow of your wings. We feast on the abundance you provide.  
As we worship today, fill us anew with your Holy Spirit and let us experience  
the abundant resurrection life of your Son, our Lord and light of the world.  
In his light, we see light and in his name we pray. **Amen.**

— based on Psalm 36:5-9

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## SONGS OF PRAISE

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### GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS / T. CHISHOLM

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not,  
As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.

#### CHORUS

*Great is Thy faithfulness!*  
*Great is Thy faithfulness!*  
*Morning by morning new mercies I see.*  
*All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,*  
*Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness,  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide.  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

### YOUR LOVE OH LORD / THIRD DAY

#### VERSE

Your love, oh Lord, reaches to the heavens  
Your faithfulness, stretches to the sky  
Your righteousness, is like the mighty mountains  
Your justice flows, like the ocean's tide

#### CHORUS

I will lift my voice to worship You my King  
I will find my strength in the shadow of Your wings

#### ENDING

Your love, oh Lord, reaches to the heavens  
Your faithfulness, stretches to the sky

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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Together      Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you  
and for ignoring your immensity and greatness of your love.  
Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that you rule  
the nations and hold all things together by your grace.  
Holy Spirit, we offend you in minimizing your power,  
ignoring your leading, and squandering your gifts.  
We confess that our pride blinds us to your glory  
and our blindness has led to rebellion and all manner of brokenness.  
Remember your mercy, O triune God, and your steadfast love.  
Remember not the sins of our youth or our transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember us and forgive us. **Amen.**      — from Psalm 25

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## SONG OF ASSURANCE

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### TREMBLE / MOSAIC

1. Peace, bring it all to peace  
The storm surrounding me  
Let it break at Your name  
Still, call the sea to still  
The rage in me to still  
Every wave at Your name

#### Chorus

*Jesus, Jesus, You make the darkness tremble*  
*Jesus, Jesus, You silence fear*  
*Jesus, Jesus, You make the darkness tremble*  
*Jesus, Jesus*

2. Breathe, then call these bones to live  
Call these lungs to sing  
Once again, I will praise

#### Bridge

*Your name is a light that the shadows can't deny*  
*Your name cannot be overcome*  
*Your name is alive forever lifted high*  
*Your name cannot be overcome*

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## WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

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Leader      Though we are unworthy to untie the straps of his sandals, Jesus Christ is faithful to lift up all who are  
humble. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Believe and be at peace!      —Jn 1:27; 29

**All**      **Thanks be to God!**

Leader      May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All**      **And also with you.**

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## GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*\*Take a moment during announcements and "pass the peace" by leaving a comment, texting, calling or emailing one another. Send us a selfie!*

*\*\* Check our website for the latest updates and ways to invest in the life of our church and city.*

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## THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY

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## THE 1<sup>ST</sup> LESSON — ROMANS 6:1-11

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<sup>1</sup> What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

<sup>4</sup> We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

<sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. [ESV]

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## THE 2<sup>ND</sup> LESSON — JOHN 1:19-34

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<sup>19</sup> And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"

<sup>20</sup> He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." <sup>21</sup> And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." <sup>22</sup> So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" <sup>23</sup> He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

<sup>24</sup> (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) <sup>25</sup> They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" <sup>26</sup> John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, <sup>27</sup> even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." <sup>28</sup> These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

<sup>29</sup> The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup> And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup> And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God." [ESV]

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## THE SERMON — BRANNIN PITRE

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*Easter Sermon Series: "Meeting Jesus"  
Sermon Title: "I am not the Christ, Pt. 1"*

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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*With the joy and hope of the resurrection resounding in our hearts, minds and bodies, let us offer our prayers for ourselves and the world to God. Let us pray and end with Psalm 69:13; 16-17*

*After the litany, we conclude with:*

<sup>13</sup> But as for me, my prayer is to you, O Lord.

At an acceptable time, O God,  
in the abundance of your steadfast love  
answer me in your saving faithfulness.

<sup>16</sup> Answer me, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good;  
according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.

<sup>17</sup> Hide not your face from your servant,  
for I am in distress; make haste to answer me. In the name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

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## A COMMUNION PRAYER

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Together Jesus Christ, you promise to meet us and feed us whenever we gather and eat from your table. Since we cannot break bread with you and one another, we ask that you would renew your presence in us and strengthen us spiritually. We long to feast with you and our church family. We long to welcome others into your presence and to experience your gracious hospitality together. In your mercy, make it so quickly. In your name, we pray. **Amen.**

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## CLOSING SONGS

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### OH HAPPY DAY / EDWIN HAWKING SINGERS

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!

### GRACE TO YOU & PEACE / 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

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## BENEDICTION & SENDING

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Leader May the God of peace, who raised to life the great shepherd of the sheep, make us ready to do his will in every good thing, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Go forth in the power of the Spirit with joy to love and serve God in all that you do. — based on Hebrews 13:20-21

All **Alleluia! Amen!**

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## GIVING & BUDGET

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	<u>IAN-MAR</u>	<u>APR 2020*</u>
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	<b>\$102,998</b>	<b>\$33,489</b>
BUDGETED GIVING _____	<b>108,000</b>	<b>36,000</b>
DIFFERENCE _____	<b>-5,002</b>	<b>-2,511</b>

\*as of 4/19/2020; figures exclude directed gifts from outside donors

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### ***In need of prayer?***

*Please reach out to the pastors, staff and leaders of the church. We are here for you.  
Email [help@gracepasadena.org](mailto:help@gracepasadena.org)*

### **Join us on Blue Jeans for a virtual Social Hour.**

*Meeting ID: 367 916 062*

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