

5TH SUNDAY IN EASTER - MAY 10, 2020

REFLECTIONS

"Jesus sat amidst all the joy sipping the coming sorrow, so that you and I can sit amidst all this world's sorrow, sipping the coming joy."

EDMUND CLOWNEY

"Jesus reveals that our final destiny is love and that we are all called to a wonderful sacred wedding feast.

But to live this celebration the waters of our humanity have to be transformed into the new wine of divine love."

JEAN VANIER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Are you weary and heavy laden?
Come and feast with lesus Christ.

All Jesus Christ has prepared a table before us

in the presence of our enemy and in our wilderness of need.

Leader Come and see! Taste and see that the Lord is good!

All He fills our cup with the finest of wine.

He fills our cup to overflowing!

Let us praise his name! — based on Psalm 23:5; Psalm 34:8; John 1:46; John 2:1-11

SONG OF PRAISE

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING / CHARLES WESLEY

1. O, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace!

2. My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim, To spread through all the earth abroad The honors of Thy name.

REFRAIN

Hallelujah, I will sing my great Redeemer's praise 3. Jesus! The name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease; 'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.

4. He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free; His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me. (*Refrain*) 5. He speaks and listening to His voice, New life the dead receive, The mournful, broken hearts rejoice, The humble poor believe.

His praise, ye dumb, Your loosened tongues employ; Ye blind behold your Savior come, And leap, ye lame, for joy. (REFRAIN)

6. Hear Him, ye deaf;

EASTER PRAYER OF ADORATION

Leader Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory!

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing! Jesus Christ, you have redeemed your Church, your Bride,

and prepared a wedding feast.

By your Spirit, open our ears to hear your voice

and give us hearts, minds and bodies ready to respond with joy!

- from Revelation 5:12; 19:6-9

SONGS OF PRAISE

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS / THOMAS 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

JESUS' NAME / RYAN 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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: **Together**

We confess to you and to one another that time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers, but with hearts that refuse the abundant grace you give. We have lifted our hands to you in praise, but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil. You command us to love you and our neighbor, but we refuse to do what you tell us. Forgive us and pardon us. Grant us the healing that comes from your presence

and the cleansing of your all-powerful Word. Let us drink deeply from your cup of new life. Amen.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

PSALM 23 / Music by B. & R. Chadwick

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley Of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, For You are with me; Your rod and staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me, In the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love Will follow me all the days of my life. And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

Leader Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the one against whom the

Lord counts no iniquity. Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, not in part, but - based on John 1:29; Psalm. 32:1-2

the whole! Believe in him and be glad.

All Thanks be to God!

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

And also with you. All

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

^{*} 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.

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY

If you're accustomed to giving during worship on Sunday mornings, please consider giving online and setting up a recurring or one-time gift through the Subsplash platform. (Subsplash has one of the lowest transaction fees and reduces our fees the more people give online.) To give online, visit https://gracepasadena.org/give. Questions? Email info@gracepasadena.org.

THE 1ST LESSON - ISAIAH 2:6-9

- ⁶ On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
- ⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.
- ⁸ He will swallow up death forever;
 - and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.
- ⁹ It will be said on that day,

"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.

This is the Lord; we have waited for him;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation." [ESV]

THE 2ND LESSON - JOHN 2:1-11

- ¹ On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³ When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."
- ⁶ Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.

 ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. ⁹ When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him. *[ESV]*

THE SERMON — BRANNIN PITRE

Easter Sermon Series: "Meeting Jesus"
Sermon Title: "Ask Anything and Yield Everything"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 through the Lord's Prayer. We are bold to pray:

Together Our Father,

who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

A COMMUNION PRAYER

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.**

CLOSING SONGS

BUILD MY LIFE / BARRET, REDMAN, ETC...

- 1. Worthy of every song we could ever sing Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe, We live for You
- 2. Jesus, the Name above every other name Jesus, the only One who could ever save Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe We live for You

CHORUS

Holy, there is no one like You There is none beside You Open up my eyes in wonder Show me who You are and fill me With Your heart and lead me In Your love to those around me

BRIDGE

I will build my life upon Your love, it is a firm foundation I will put my trust in You alone, and I will not be shaken

AARON'S BLESSING / FERNANDO 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*

BENEDICTION & SENDING

Leader May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the

power of the Holy Spirit. Drink deeply from the cup Jesus offers you and be ready to do whatever he asks

for the sake of the world. — from Romans 15:13, John 2:5

All Amen! Alleluia!

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Yes, it's still Easter! As Phillip Reinders explains in *Seeking God's Face*, "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 penkoste 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—take in the absolute wonder of God's purposeful plan of salvation." Let's continue to celebrate!

GIVING & BUDGET		
	JAN-APR	MAY 2020*
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS	\$142,240	\$4,358
BUDGETED GIVING	144,000	36,000
DIFFERENCE	-1,760	-31,642

*as of 5/6/2020; figures exclude directed gifts from outside donors

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

Join us on Blue Jeans for a virtual Social Hour.

Meeting ID: 537 039 101 Listen for the passcode, or get in touch with anyone on staff.