



ORDINARY TIME | AUGUST 30, 2020

REFLECTIONS

Compassion is the deep feeling of sharing in the suffering of another and the desire to relieve that suffering.

JERRY BRIDGES

Mercy is given to be shared. And what it touches, it ultimately sweetens. We are to pass along what we have received from God – steadfast love, inexplicable kindness, overflowing compassion. We sinned against God and He responded with mercy. We are called to go and do the same.

DAVE HARVEY

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
Together for his steadfast love endures forever.
Leader Give thanks to the God of gods,
Together for his steadfast love endures forever.
Leader It is he who remembered us in our low estate,
Together for his steadfast love endures forever;
Leader and rescued us from our foes,
Together for his steadfast love endures forever;
Leader he who gives food to all flesh,
Together for his steadfast love endures forever.
Leader Give thanks to the God of heaven,
Together for his steadfast love endures forever. — from Ps. 136

SONG OF PRAISE

PRAISE TO THE ALMIGHTY / J. NEANDER / C. WINKWORTH

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!*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Leader

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you summon the day to dawn, and your light gives life to the world.
For you the valleys shall sing for joy, the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
For you the kings of the earth shall bow, the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.
Your compassion and mercy shall last forever, fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.
Great is your name. Great is your love. **Amen.**

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,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

OCEANS (WHERE FEET MAY FAIL) / HOUSTON, CROCKER, LIGHTLM

1. You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

CHORUS

*And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine*

2. Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sovereign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now

BRIDGE

*Take me deeper than my feet
Could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour
Spirit lead me where my trust
Is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Together Most compassionate and merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. **Amen.**

SONG OF RESPONSE & ASSURANCE

GIVE ME JESUS / FERNANDO ORTEGA

1. In the morning, when I rise
In the morning, when I rise
In the morning, when I rise
Give me Jesus

CHORUS

*Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You can have all this world
Just give me Jesus*

2. When I am alone
When I am alone
When I am alone
Give me Jesus

3. When I come to die
When I come to die
When I come to die
Give me Jesus

WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

Leader The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is his faithfulness! Receive these words and be at peace! — from Lam. 3:22-23

All Thanks be to God!

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

All And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * Take a moment during announcements and “pass the peace” to one another. Text, call, hug the person next to you.
** 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 — JONAH 4:1-11

¹ But it greatly displeased Jonah and he became angry. ² He prayed to the Lord and said, “Please Lord, was not this what I said while I was still in my own country? Therefore in order to forestall this I fled to Tarshish, for I knew that You are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, and one who relents concerning calamity. ³ Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for death is better to me than life.” ⁴ The Lord said, “Do you have good reason to be angry?” ⁵ Then Jonah went out from the city and sat east of it. There he made a shelter for himself and sat under it in the shade until he could see what would happen in the city. ⁶ So the Lord God appointed a plant and it grew up over Jonah to be a shade over his head to deliver him from his discomfort. And Jonah was extremely happy about the plant. ⁷ But God appointed a worm when dawn came the next day and it attacked the plant and it withered. ⁸ When the sun came up God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on Jonah’s head so that he became faint and begged with all his soul to die, saying, “Death is better to me than life.”

⁹ Then God said to Jonah, “Do you have good reason to be angry about the plant?” And he said, “I have good reason to be angry, even to death.” ¹⁰ Then the Lord said, “You had compassion on the plant for which you did not work and which you did not cause to grow, which came up overnight and perished overnight. ¹¹ Should I not have compassion on Nineveh, the great city in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know the difference between their right and left hand, as well as many animals?” [NASB]

THE SERMON — BRANNIN PITRE

Sermon Title: “The Compassion of God”

PRAYERS + AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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, our King and Lover of our souls. Take a moment to consider your hopes, dreams and desires for yourself, church, city and world. Pray specifically for:

- *Grace Pasadena and the churches in our city;*
- *Jacob Blake, the city of Kenosha (WI), and for the deep healing of all our communities;*
- *All in harm’s way of the fires, storms and other natural disasters;*
- *Our mayor, governor, president and all in political leadership;*
- *Teachers, educators, students and families as the academic year starts;*

Our God is faithful. Let us affirm our faith in the One who hears us and responds with compassion. Brothers and sisters, in whom do you believe?

Together

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **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

MERCY / RYAN DELMORE

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| 1. Mercy shines like the sun in the morning
Chasing the dark into blue skies
Giving me hope for the day
A new song of praise | CHORUS
Hallelujah
<i>I'm washed in the blood of the Lamb</i>
Hallelujah I'm forgiven
Yes, I'm forgiven |
| 2. And mercy it falls like the rain upon me
Taking away all my sorrows
Covering all of my shame
And now I can sing | |

SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US / DOROTHY THRUPP

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| 1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are. | 3. Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
We will early turn to Thee.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
We will early turn to Thee. |
| 2. We are Thine, Thou dost befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Hear, O hear us when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Hear, O hear us when we pray. | 4. Early let us seek Thy favor,
Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With Thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still. |

BENEDICTION & SENDING

- Leader May the grace of God, deeper than our imagination; the strength of Christ, stronger than our need; and the communion of the Holy Spirit, unshakable even in these times, guide and sustain us today and in all our tomorrows.
- All **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

ORDINARY TIME

As Phillip Reinders says in *Seeking God's Face*:

"With all the big holidays and celebrations over, Ordinary Time offers us the space to find our place in God's story. We've celebrated and taken in the momentous life of Jesus; now we need a long stretch of days to absorb and assimilate it. In Ordinary Time, we fully take in the gospel, allowing it to take shape in our daily living, making connections between Jesus' story and our lives. 'Ordinary' doesn't mean boring or second-rate but simply 'everyday.' The Christian faith is not an otherworldly faith; it's about this creation, your life, these days. Ordinary Time gives us the space to consider all the implications of God's salvation in Jesus Christ for our day by day, week-in, week-out lives. As such, it is a time of listening to the story of God's people."

GIVING & BUDGET

OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	<u>JAN-JUL</u>	<u>AUG 2020¹</u>	<u>MERCY²</u>
BUDGETED GIVING _____	\$265,950	\$27,496	\$15,020
DIFFERENCE _____	252,000	36,000	---
	+13,950	-8,504	---

¹as of 8/27/2020; figures exclude directed gifts from outside donors
²Year-to-date Mercy special offering contributions (for COVID-19 relief)

In need of prayer?

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