

## ➤ CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.

**All** **Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength and saved your people from death.**

Leader When we look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what are we that you are mindful of us?

**All** **Though we are dust, our God has crowned us with glory! Though we are dust, our God has revealed his Word to us and made us his friends!**

Leader As God has spoken, let us love one another!  
As his love demands, let us sing and wonder! — *From Psalm 8; John 15*

## ➤ SONG OF RESPONSE & PRAISE

### *A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD / M. LUTHER*

1. A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing;  
our helper He, amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe,  
doth seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great,  
and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not His equal.

2. Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing,  
were not the right Man on our side,  
the Man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is He;  
Lord Sabaoth His name,  
from age to age the same;  
and He must win the battle.

3. And though this world,  
with devils filled,  
should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim,  
we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure,  
for lo, his doom is sure;  
one little word shall fell him.

4. That word above all earthly powers,  
no thanks to them, abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours  
through Him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go,  
this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still;  
His kingdom is forever!

## ➤ PRAYER OF ADORATION

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together! I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. The poor cried out, and the Lord heard them and saved them out of all their troubles. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him! — *based on Psalm 38*

## ➤ SONGS OF RESPONSE & PRAISE

### *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*

### *BE THOU MY VISION / TRANS. MARY E. BYRNE*

1. Be Thou my Vision,  
O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me,  
save that Thou art.  
Thou my best thought,  
by day or by night;  
Waking or sleeping,  
Thy presence my Light.

2. Be Thou my Wisdom,  
and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee  
and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father,  
I Thy true Son;  
Thou in me dwelling,  
and I with Thee one.

3. Riches I heed not,  
nor man's empty praise;  
Thou mine inheritance,  
now and always:  
Thou and Thou only,  
first in my heart;  
High King of Heaven,  
my treasure Thou art.

4. High King of Heaven,  
my victory won,  
May I reach Heaven's joys,  
O bright Heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart,  
whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision,  
O Ruler of all.

## ➤ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus Christ, you are the hope of the earth, the desire of the nations, and joy of every longing heart. You invite us to find rest and satisfaction in you, but we turn away in disbelief; restless, our hearts and lives are in disrepair. We harm and dishonor your image in our neighbors, because we desire what they have and who they are. We fight and quarrel among ourselves because we covet one another's successes and status. We ask you to provide for our needs, but we think little of the needs of others. We know the good we ought to do, but do not do it. Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us. Speak your word of life to us and lift us up to new life. **AMEN.** — *based on James 4*

## ➤ SONG OF ASSURANCE

### *COME YE SINNERS / J. HART*

1. Come ye sinners, poor and needy,  
bruised and broken by the fall!  
Jesus ready stands to save you,  
full of pardoning love for all.  
He is able, He is able;  
He is willing, doubt no more!  
He is able, He is able;  
He is willing, doubt no more!

2. Let not conscience make you linger,  
nor of fitness fondly dream;  
all that He requires of sinners  
is to lean and trust on Him.

He will save you, He will save you,  
'tis the Gospel's constant theme!  
He will save you, He will save you,  
'tis the Gospel's constant theme!

3. Lo! Th' incarnate God ascended,  
pleads the merit of His blood;  
venture on Him, venture wholly;  
let no other trust intrude.  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus,  
can do helpless sinners good.  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus,  
can do helpless sinners good.

## ➤ WORDS OF COMFORT & THE PEACE

Leader In Christ, you are a friend of God, and to his friends, God bestows grace upon grace. Believe this good news, draw near to the One who draws near to you, and be at peace! — *based on James 4*

**Together** **Thanks be to God!**

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

**All** **And also with you!**

## ➤ GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OUR 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., Suite 609, Pasadena, CA 91101; or make an online payment via our website: www.gracepasadena.org.*

## ➤ SCRIPTURE LESSON

James 4:1-12 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? <sup>2</sup> You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. <sup>4</sup> You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup> Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? <sup>6</sup> But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." <sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup> Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

<sup>11</sup> Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. <sup>12</sup> There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

Leader The Word of the Lord  
**All** **Thanks be to God!**

## ➤ THE MORNING MESSAGE

Ben Ewen

EASTER SERIES: "THE GOSPEL CENTERED COMMUNITY"

*Sermon Title: "A Community of Humility"*

## ➤ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader God our Father, we pray with renewed hope "Let thy kingdom come." May we proclaim your kingdom not only with our lips but with our lives. In all that we do and say, may we resist evil and do what is good, cultivating your goodness, beauty, and mercy. For this, O Lord, we pray:

**All** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Christ our brother, help us to be your loving arms of welcome to new people among us. Deepen in us the reality that you make strangers into family. Keep us close to those who have left the faith, and may they hear your voice calling them back home to you. We pray for this family of Grace Pasadena. Whatever tomorrow brings, may we cling to you and boast in your love alone. For this, O Lord we pray:

**All** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Holy Spirit, God in us, we pray for those who are ill, whose bodies know the curse of sin too well. Heal their minds and hearts, and restore their bodies. Spirit of compassion, hold close individuals and communities lamenting and mourning great loss, crying out for safety, and yearning for reconciliation. Give us ears to hear and the courage to stand with our neighbors. Breath in us resurrection hope. For this, O Lord, we pray:

**All** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

## ➤ 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, which is individually pre-packaged; take the elements back to your seats and partake of them there. Keep social distance at all times and put masks on promptly after partaking in Communion. This is not mandatory. Participate as you feel comfortable.*

**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.*

