CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader May God be gracious to us and bless us

All and make His face to shine upon us,

Leader that Your way may be known on earth,

Your saving power among all nations.

Leader Let the peoples praise You, O God;

All let all the peoples praise You!

Leader Let the nations be glad and sing for joy! — From Psalm 67:1-4

OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY / JOACHIM NEANDER, CATHERINE 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

PROFESSION OF FAITH

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE

NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD

1. What can take away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus

2. For my pardon this I see, nothing but the blood of Jesus For my cleansing this my plea, nothing but the blood of Jesus

CHORUS

O, precious is the flow That makes me white as snow No other fount I know Nothing but the blood of Jesus

3. Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus Naught for good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus

4. This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus This is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus

10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD) / MATT REDMAN

CHORUS

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul Worship His Holy name Sing like never before, O my soul I'll worship Your Holy name

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning It's time to sing Your song again Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me Let me be singing when the evening comes

2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

3. And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come Still my soul will sing Your praise unending Ten thousand years and then forevermore

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

Our God, we praise You that we have been brought out of the kingdom of darkness into Your marvelous light.

May Your Spirit's perfect light penetrate into every crevice of our beings, making us more and more into the likeness of our Savior Jesus, in whom there is no darkness.

Lord, we lament how the shadows of darkness linger in us causing us to sin, keeping us from loving You and one another as we ought.

We have often been fooled into thinking that we have overcome a specific sin, only to find that the roots remain deep and strong.

Our relationships are filled with stress: grievances are not easily forgotten,

love for others does not always come from a joyful and willing heart.

We long for purity of heart and mind, of affection and will.

We long for Your Spirit to bear in us the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Please grant this to us for Your glory and for the good of Your Church and the world.

PRIVATE CONFESSION

SONG OF ASSURANCE

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE / WALTER CHALMERS SMITH

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes, Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might; Thy justice like mountains high soaring above Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small, In all life Thou livest, the true life of all, We blossom and flourish as leaves on a tree, And wither and perish, but naught changeth Thee.

4. Thou reignest in glory, Thou dwellest in light, Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight, All laud we would render, O help us to see

'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

OFFERING OF PEACE

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 Ste 609, Pasadena, CA 91101; or make an online payment via our website: www.gracepasadena.org/give.

MINISTRY MOMENT

Financial Update Chris Street & Jessica Wiley

OUR OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:15-26 (ESV)

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. 18 "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20 In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." 22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?" 23 Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me. 25 "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Brannin Pitre

SERMON SERIES: "THE HOLY SPIRIT: IN WHOM DO WE BELIEVE?"

Sermon Title: "Who is the Holy Spirit?"

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.

SONG OF COMMUNION

HOW GREAT THOU ART / C. BOBERG

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder, consider all the worlds Thy hands have made; I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

CHORUS

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art. (2x)

- 2. And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.
- 3. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation, and take me home what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow, in humble adoration, and there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"

CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE

DOXOLOGY / T. KEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. *Amen*.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Hadley Grace Pitre

BENEDICTION

Minister The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the

fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All Thanks be to God. Amen!

ORDINARY TIME

The longest of the liturgical seasons, Ordinary Time stretches from Pentecost to the start of Advent. Following Pentecost, this season is often referred to as the season of the Holy Spirit. In this season, we turn our attention to the Holy Spirit's work to re-order and re-new all things by the love of God in Jesus Christ. In other words, we pay attention to the unfolding of God's story of love in Jesus Christ in our lives, church and world. Jesus has ascended, but he is close and his story is not over. It continues in us! This is how Phillip Reimers in explains it in *Seeking God's Face*:

"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."

The color for Ordinary Time is green, symbolizing new life and flourishing.

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

	<u>JAN-DEC '20</u>	<u>JAN-APR '21</u>	MAY '21 ¹
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS	502,102	142,067	32,162
BUDGETED GIVING	468,00	144,000	36,000
DIFFERENCE	+34.102	(-1,933)	(-3,838)

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The Holy Spirit never intended to occupy the center stage in the life of the church. Yes, He is the dynamic behind every Christian life. That is His role; that is His ministry (cf. Acts 1:8; 2 Cor. 3:18; Eph. 5:18). However, when He is thrust into the limelight by man, such is not in accord with the will of God as revealed in Scripture. Our Lord Jesus Christ is to have the preeminence in all things (cf. Col. 1:13-18). The Spirit's ministry focuses upon revealing the Lord Jesus Christ and in exalting Jesus before all (cf. John 15:26; 16:13-15)... When people talk more about the Spirit than the Lord Jesus Christ, such an orientation points to error in the church.

JOHN NAPIER

To profess to know a great deal about the Spirit of God is contrary to the nature of the Spirit of God. There is a hiddenness to the Spirit that cannot be uncovered. There is an immediacy of the Spirit that cannot be shoved into vision. There is an invisibility of the Spirit that cannot be forced into visibility. There is a reticence of the Spirit that cannot be converted into openness. For these reasons one feels helpless, inadequate, and unworthy to write a line about the Spirit.

BERNARD RAMM

Spell this out in capital letters: THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A PERSON. He is not enthusiasm. He is not courage. He is not energy. He is not the personification of all good qualities, like Jack Frost is the personification of cold weather. Actually, the Holy Spirit is not the personification of anything... He has individuality. He is one being and not another. He has will and intelligence. He has hearing. He has knowledge and sympathy and ability to love and see and think. He can hear, speak, desire, grieve and rejoice. He is a Person.

A.W. TOZER

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