

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Praise the Lord!
Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!

All **Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!**

Leader From the rising of the sun to its setting,

All **the name of the Lord is to be praised!**

Leader Praise the Lord, the one who lavishes his grace on us in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ.

All **Blessed be the One who makes all things beautiful in his time!**

—based on Ps. 113 , Eph. 1; Eccl. 3

SONG OF RESPONSE & PRAISE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY / R. HEBER

1. Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning
our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy!
All the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim
falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art and evermore shall be

3. Holy, holy, holy!
Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see,
only Thou art holy,
there is none beside Thee;
perfect in power, in love and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

All: You, O Holy Trinity, are mighty forever. You hold our world in your hands; you cause the wind to blow, the rain to fall, and the seasons to change. You make governments rise and fall. You give wisdom and understanding. You sustain the living, bring life to the dead, support the falling, loose those who are bound, and keep your faith with those who sleep in the dust. Overwhelm us with your life giving presence; open our ears to the song of delight you sing over us; renew our faith and fill us with awe and wonder. Amen.

SONGS OF RESPONSE & PRAISE

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. (repeat)

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!”

BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD / M. REDMEN

1. Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name
When I’m found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

CHORUS
Every blessing You pour out
I’ll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in
Lord still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

2. Blessed be Your name
When the sun’s shining down on me
When the world’s all as it should be
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there’s pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

BRIDGE
You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you and for ignoring your immensity and greatness. Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that you rule the nations and our small lives. Holy Spirit, we offend you in minimizing your power and squandering your gifts. We confess that our blindness to your glory, O triune God, has resulted in shallow confession, tepid conviction, and mild repentance. Have mercy upon us and heal us in body, mind, and soul. Root us in your love and bind our hearts to your own. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Silence for private confession

SONG OF ASSURANCE

BONHOEFFER’S PRAYER / MUSIC: BIFROST ARTS

Lord, early in the morning
We cry unto You
In You there is light, when I cannot see
In You there is love, patience and peace

Lord, I do not understand Your ways
But You know the way for me

WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

Leader Take comfort in the assurance that even those things that are hidden from memory, or are too deep for our words, are not beyond God’s forgiving love. God, who knows us completely, delights to bestow pardon and peace. We know this is true because of Jesus Christ. Believe and be at peace.

Together **Thanks be to God!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

Together **And also with you!**

* Children are invited to participate in Children’s Church during announcements and the sermon. Middle School students are also invited to participate in Sunday School. Please see the back page for more information about these programs.

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.

Giving Statements: 2021 statements will be mailed by January 31. Please make sure your contact information is up-to-date in Breeze. Email info@gracepasadena.org with questions.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Daniel 2:17-23 (ESV)

¹⁷ Then Daniel went to his house and made the matter known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions, ¹⁸ and told them to seek mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that Daniel and his companions might not be destroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. ¹⁹ Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. ²⁰ Daniel answered and said:

“Blessed be the name of God forever and ever,
to whom belong wisdom and might.

²¹ He changes times and seasons;
he removes kings and sets up kings;
he gives wisdom to the wise
and knowledge to those who have understanding;

²² he reveals deep and hidden things;
he knows what is in the darkness,
and the light dwells with him.

²³ To you, O God of my fathers,
I give thanks and praise,
for you have given me wisdom and might,
and have now made known to me what we asked of you,
for you have made known to us the king’s matter.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord

Together **Thanks be to God!**

* Bibles and journaling Bibles specifically for the book of Daniel are available at the Welcome and Offering tables. We encourage you to use these Bibles (or your own).

THE MORNING MESSAGE

Brannin Pitre

Sermon Series: The Book of Daniel
Sermon Title: “Praise God for the Good You Can See”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Having heard the Good News of our Redeemer’s faithful love, the love that conquers death, let us offer our prayers, thanksgivings and sorrows for ourselves and our church, neighbors, and world with boldness. Let us pray:

Triune God, teach us to see you in the beauty of the world. Awaken our praise and thanks for all that you have made. Remind us over and over again of your faithful presence with us and the world you have made. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Let your love be stronger than the anger and sorrow in the world. Give peace to your church, peace between countries, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. Restore broken systems, relationships, and bodies. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Come near to everyone who is in trouble or afraid, cold or hungry, or anyone who doesn’t know what to do. Come near to those who seek understanding. Show them your help and your love; make your love their foundation. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader In silence, continue to offer your prayers to God, who is with us and delights to receive your words because you are his beloved sons and daughters. (silence)

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we give you our prayers and we wait for you with hope and patience.

All **Lord, make haste to help us. Amen.**

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. Receive the bread and juice from the servers. 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.

COMMUNION & CLOSING SONGS

GRACE TO YOU AND PEACE / MUSIC: 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

BENEDICTION & SENDING

Leader May the God who shakes heaven and earth, whom death could not contain, who lives to wake us from death and heal us, keep you secure in his embrace and bless you with power to go forth and proclaim the good news of his faithful, everlasting love. The grace of God be with you all now, in times of trouble, and always.

All Thanks be to God! Amen!

CHILDREN & YOUTH

It is our great joy that you and your family are with us today! We want you to know that all children, no matter their age, are welcome in our worship service. We also offer the following:

- Throughout the service, we offer a wiggle room for little ones and parents or guardians. The wiggle room is located behind the children’s check-in table in the Community room. The entire service is streamed for parents and guardians.
- During the announcements and sermon, we offer two classes for children. The first, located in the Cliff Benedict room, is for toddlers ages 2-3. The second, located on the back patio, is for children age 4 to 5th grade. When dismissed, please bring your child(ren) to their designated classroom. Pick-up for 2s and 3s is at the classroom; older children will be dismissed directly back into the service. Don’t forget to check-in your children at the children’s welcome table before service begins.
- Students in middle school are invited to participate in a youth Bible study during announcements and the sermon. Meet Ben in the hallway at the start of announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please visit our website for the latest announcements. Scan the QR code to go to our site!



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>IAN-DEC ‘20</u>	<u>IAN-DEC ‘21</u>	<u>IAN ‘22’</u>
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	502,102	488,239	19,355
BUDGETED GIVING _____	468,00	468,000	36,000
DIFFERENCE _____	+34,102	+20,239	-16,645

¹as of 1/21/2022; figures exclude directed gifts from outside donors



The faith exercised in prayer is faith in the God who sovereignly accomplishes His will. When we pray, our faith recognizes, explicitly or implicitly, the overruling providential purposes of God. We may at times be given insight into that will, enabling us to pray with absolute confidence in God’s plan to answer as we ask. But surely those cases are rare – more rare even than our subjective, emotional desires would lead us to suspect.

DOUGLAS MOO

Cultivate your trust and familiarity with the Lord in prayer now so that when the hammer comes down, when the dam bursts, and when the earthquake hits, the door to the throne room of God is well-oiled and will open easily when you run through it.

STEVE SWARTZ | *Strength in the River*

THE EPIPHANY SEASON

Christmastide ends with the Epiphany on Jan. 6, which commemorates the Magi’s visitation of Jesus Christ and the revelation of Jesus as the Messiah of all people, not just Israel. Two additional events unfold this truth: the baptism of Jesus and the wedding feast at Cana. As Phillip Reinders explains in *Seeking God’s Face*: “Each event unveils the fuller dimensions of the man we call Jesus. He is the worshiped King of kings, the dearly loved Son of God, and the miracle working Lord of the feast. Throughout the season of Epiphany we focus on the ministry [and life] of Jesus. As we journey through Epiphany, which leads up to Lent, we catch sight of the uniqueness of Christ. The epiphany of Epiphany is that this is no mere teacher or prophet—this is the Son of God, the Messiah.”

LOCAL & GLOBAL PARTNERS OF THE MONTH

Please pray for our following partners and consider ways you could get involved. Contact the deacons or other leaders of the church to learn more at info@gracepasadena.org.

- Door of Hope, committed to ending homelessness in Pasadena
- City-to-City LA, a church planting network for Los Angeles.



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