

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Let us call to mind the reason for our hope:
All Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail; they are new every morning!
Leader I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion;
therefore I will wait for him."
All The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him,
to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.
Leader Let us praise the One who is with us
when we pass through the waters, the rivers, and the flame.
All Let us praise the Great I am, the Lord our God,
the Holy One of Israel, our Savior. —based on Lam. 3; Is. 43

SONG OF RESPONSE & PRAISE

O, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES / C. WESLEY; B. CHADWICK

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

PRAYER OF ADORATION

All: God of glory and strength,
we praise you and glorify your name: Father, Son and Holy Spirit!
You are the mighty Lord and God with us.
In torrents and storms, your peace pervades.
In rumbling thunder, your mighty voice soothes.
At all times, you are pleased to dwell with us
and in your presence we find peace.
It is certain, you are with us. Amen. - based on Ps. 29

SONGS OF RESPONSE & PRAISE

PROVIDE FOR ME / R. DELMORE

Maker of the heavens You will save me in times of trouble
Maker of the earth You will hold me in times of doubt
I look up to the mountains You will provide for me
Where does my help come from? Lover of my soul
It comes from You, it comes from You You will provide for me
It comes from You
My strength and my shield

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME / B. FIELDING; B. LIGERTWOOD

1. You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ
CHORUS 1
What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

2. You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great,
Your love was greater
What could separate us now?

CHORUS 2

What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

BRIDGE

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
the praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader O Prince of peace, from peace that is no peace,
from the grip of all that is evil, from a violent righteousness,
All deliver us.
Leader From paralysis of will, from lies and misnaming,
from terror of truth,
All deliver us.
Leader From hardness of heart, from eyes that turn away from neighbor,
from the pride that leads to death,
All deliver us.
Leader By the folly of your gospel, by your choosing our flesh,
by your vulnerability and suffering,
All heal us.
Leader By your weeping over the city, by your refusal of the sword,
by your facing of horror, by your broken body,
All heal us.
Leader By your bursting from the tomb, by your coming in judgment,
by your faithful presence with us now and always,
All heal us and grant us new faith, hope, and peace. Amen.

Silence for private confession.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

BONHOEFFER'S PRAYER / MUSIC: BIFROST ARTS

Lord, early in the morning Lord, I do not understand Your ways
We cry unto You But You know the way for me
In You there is light, when I cannot see
In You there is love, patience and peace

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.

You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom,
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all Names

CHORUS 3

What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

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 are in the mail. Email info@gracepasadena.org if you have any questions.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Daniel 3:13-18; 24-29 (ESV)

¹³ Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought. So they brought these men before the king.
¹⁴ Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, "Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up?" ¹⁵ Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?"

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. ¹⁷ If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. ¹⁸ But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."

²⁴ Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up in haste. He declared to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king." ²⁵ He answered and said, "But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods." ²⁶ Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the burning fiery furnace; he declared, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here!" Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. ²⁷ And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men. The hair of their heads was not singed, their cloaks were not harmed, and no smell of fire had come upon them. ²⁸ Nebuchadnezzar answered and said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants, who trusted in him, and set aside the king's command, and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. ²⁹ Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that speaks anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins, for there is no other god who is able to rescue in this way."

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: "Faith in the Furnance"

SILENT REFLECTION & PRAYER

In silence, consider the Good News you have heard. What words or images from the passage evoke a strong response in your heart, mind or body? What prayers do you notice emerging from you for yourself, our church, our city, and our world? Offer these to God.

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

FAIREST LORD JESUS / AUTHOR UNKNOWN; TRANS. J. SEISS

1. Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul’s glory, joy and crown.

2. Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

3. Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight
And all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heav’n can boast.

4. Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

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

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!

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.

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>I</u> AN- <u>D</u> EC ‘20	<u>I</u> AN- <u>D</u> EC ‘21	<u>I</u> AN ‘22’
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	502,102	488,889	27,703
BUDGETED GIVING _____	468,000	468,000	36,000
DIFFERENCE _____	+34,102	+20,889	-8,297

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Four things let us ever keep in mind: God hears prayer,
God heeds prayer, God answers prayer and God delivers
by prayer.

E.M. Bounds

Most of us have become so familiar with sin that we no longer see it as a deadly monster. Sin is more dangerous than wild bears, more deadly than blazing forest fires. Ask Nebuchadnezzar, who lost his mind because he refused to deal with his pride. Ask Samson, who was reduced to a pathetic shred of a man because he never got control over the lusts of his flesh. Ask Achan and Ananias and Sapphira, who all lost their lives over “small,” secret sins.

Nancy Leigh DeMoss | *HOLINESS, THE HEART GOD PURIFIES*

EPIPHANY
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