

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace;
approach our God, who is full of mercy.

**All We will praise God with all our heart
and glorify the name of the Most High forever.**

Leader Let us sing the Lord’s praise,
All for our God has been good to us!

– Heb. 4:16; Ps.13:6

SONG OF RESPONSE & PRAISE

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD & KING / WORDS: ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him!

2. And ev’ryone, with tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
alleluia, alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
sing praise and cast on God your care,
O sing ye, O sing ye,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one!
O praise Him! O praise Him!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

All: O Christ, our Savior,
like the seed fallen to the ground,
you suffered death and brought new life to the world;
united to you, our lives will bear much fruit.
O Christ, you went down to the lowest point of the human condition;
you remain close to all who are abandoned.
In your love you took upon yourself our sins;
innocent, you accepted death to free us from death.
By your love you conquered sin and evil,
and you live forever at the Father’s side.
You listen to us in your goodness,
and you visit us in our misfortune;
fill our hearts to overflowing
by revealing to us the light of your face.
We praise you, Lord. **Amen.**

SONGS OF RESPONSE & PRAISE

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY / J. NEANDER

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.

COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING / R. ROBINSON

1. Come Thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount I’m fixed upon it,
mount of Thy redeeming love!

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by Thy help I’m come;
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Everlasting God, fountain of all life and the true home of every heart:
our hearts are restless until they rest in you.
Yet we confess that our hearts have been enslaved
by selfish passion and good desires directed wrongly.
We have sought after many things
and have neglected to delight in your love.
We have not loved you with our whole hearts;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves;
help us to turn to you and find forgiveness.
Lead us home, that we may again find in you
our life and joy and peace. **Amen.**

Silence for private confession.

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.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed His precious blood

3. Oh to grace how great a debtor,
daily I’m constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to Thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here’s my heart, oh take and seal it;
seal it for Thy courts above

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 & PEACE

Leader Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. In Christ, we are
forgiven! Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

—based on Joel 2:13; 2 Cor. 9:15

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Daniel 10:4-15 (ESV)

⁴ On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river (that is, the Tigris) ⁵ I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a man clothed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist. ⁶ His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a multitude. ⁷ And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision, but a great trembling fell upon them, and they fled to hide themselves. ⁸ So I was left alone and saw this great vision, and no strength was left in me. My radiant appearance was fearfully changed, and I retained no strength. ⁹ Then I heard the sound of his words, and as I heard the sound of his words, I fell on my face in deep sleep with my face to the ground.

¹⁰ And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. ¹¹ And he said to me, “O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you.” And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. ¹² Then he said to me, “Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. ¹³ The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, ¹⁴ and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come.”

¹⁵ When he had spoken to me according to these words, I turned my face toward the ground and was mute.

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

THE MORNING MESSAGE

Brannin Pitre

Sermon Series: The Book of Daniel

Sermon Title: “Grace in our Hearts, Mission in our Lives”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Having heard the Good News of God’s redemption in Jesus Christ, let us bring to mind the joys, concerns, and worries of our church, households, neighbors and world. With confidence, let us lift our prayers to God, remembering who he is and promises to be.

Leader Father of mercy and love, we pray for your Church. Grow us up together, that we might be of one mind and one love, gentle toward one another and full of thanks. We pray for Grace Pasadena and our life together. May we live into our name and freely share the good news of your love. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Jesus Christ, our Savior, Lord of all nations: we pray for our world at war. We pray for Ukraine. Bring an end to the violence and destruction and replace it with restoration. Change the mind of Vladimir Putin and hold him to account. Give courage to Russian soldiers and civilians who long for your peace to defy unjust orders. Bring your peace to all your people far and wide; do not forget the hope of the poor, oppressed, and forgotten. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Holy Spirit, our Comforter, grant us peace: draw near to all who suffer; deliver them from worry. Guard the vulnerable and those who struggle. Bring healing and wholeness to troubled hearts, minds, and bodies. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer. 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 SONG

IN CHRIST ALONE / S. TOWNEND & K. GETTY

1. In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless Babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From a life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I stand.

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 Do not live by bread alone, but by the very word of God. May God give the angels charge over you; may their hands bear you up and keep you from falling. Go in peace to love and serve the world.

—based on Mat. 4:4, 6, 11

All **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

LENT + PREPARING FOR EASTER

We are in the season of Lent, a time of preparing for Easter. The hallmark of our preparation is repentance, or the act of turning our hearts, attitudes and actions towards God and the love demonstrated in the life and death of Jesus Christ. Lent is 40 days long (not including the Sundays in Lent) and the seasonal color is purple. Let's keep a holy Lent together:

- Learn more about Lent and cultivate the practices of Lent by using the Grace Pasadena prayer guide for Lent. A family activity is also available.
- Sign up to receive Lenten reflections ever Wednesday and Sunday during Lent, and through Holy Week. Email Pastor Marc to sign up: marc@gracepasadena.org.
- Join Pastor Marc and others at Arlington Gardens each Thursday during Lent (starting 3/10) from 10-11am for prayer and a few simple contemplative exercises. Meet at the middle entrance along Arlington Dr.
- Holy Week Services:
 - Palm Sunday, 4/10 at 10am
 - Good Friday, 4/15 at 6pm
 - Easter Sunday, 4/7: Kid's program at 8:45am; Worship at 10am in Memorial Park

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>JAN-DEC '21</u>	<u>JAN-FEB</u>	<u>MAR '22'</u>
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	488,889	68,560	17,345
BUDGETED GIVING _____	468,000	72,000	39,000
DIFFERENCE _____	+20,889	-3,440	-21,655

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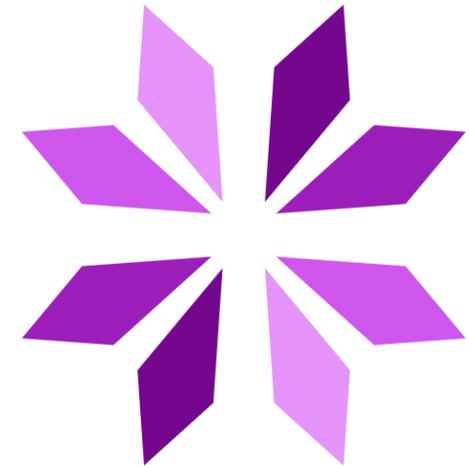
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My God, my God, have mercy on my sin,
For it is great; and if I should begin
To tell it all, the day would be too small
To tell it in.

My God, Thou wilt have mercy on my sin
For Thy Love's sake: yea, if I should begin
To tell This all, the day would be too small
To tell it in.

CHRISTINA ROSETTI (1830–1894) |
from "Ash Wednesday"

Christ's love sees us with terrible clarity and sees us whole. Christ's love so wishes our joy that it is ruthless against everything in us that diminishes our joy.

FREDERICK BUECHNER | BEYOND WORDS

"Last Sunday, we celebrated our monthly Lord's Supper for the first time since the war began. The high point was in identification with the suffering of fellow believers who have loved ones in neighboring nations, still on the road searching for accommodation, or who have perished in the attacks on our many cities. But as I took the bread, I knew I was part of the body of Christ."

OLEKSANDR GEYCHENKO |
CURRENT PRESIDENT OF ODESSA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

THE 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 20, 2022