

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader When Moses gathered the people of Israel,
God said, "I am the Lord your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."
**Together As we gather here today, let us worship the Lord,
who continues to be our God
and who still brings us out of the places of our bondage.**
Leader This is the day the Lord has made!
This is the day we remember the resurrection of Jesus Christ!
**Together Let us rejoice in Christ's victory over sin and death!
Let us be glad and delight in his victory!**
Leader Christ is risen! Christ has ascended and reigns over all!
All Alleluia! Alleluia!
—based on Ex. 20:1-2; Ps. 118:24

SONG OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

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: Mighty God,
by your power you raised Jesus Christ to rule over us:
he is the resurrected and ascended King! Who is like him?
We praise you that he puts down tyrannies that threaten to destroy us
and unmasks powers that claim our allegiance.
We thank you that he alone commands our lives with grace
and gives us freedom to love the world.
Glory to you for the gift of his life!
Glory to you for his saving death!
Glory to you for Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns as our Lord, now and forever. **Amen.**

SONGS OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

BONHOEFFER'S PRAYER / Music: BIFROST ARTS

1. How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.
2. Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

3. I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart –
His wounds have paid my ransom.

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE / W. 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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
in six days you created all things.
You blessed and set aside the seventh day
to cease and delight.
Teach us, oh God of sabbath rest,
what this means for us, our households, and our community,
and give us courage to confess the ways we reject your invitation;
give us courage to renounce the bondage that has resulted.
Our lives are formed by the demands of work; free us.
Our lives are formed by the expectations of our culture; free us.
Our lives are formed by our needs, jealousies, and envies; free us.
Shape us, instead, with your grace and your words of life. **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 Hear these good words and find peace for your minds, hearts, and bodies: For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. —from Gal. 5:1

All **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

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 at this time. Middle School students are also invited to participate in Sunday School. Please see the back page for more information about these programs.

GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & 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 give via our website: www.gracepasadena.org/give.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Deut. 5:1 And Moses summoned all Israel and said to them, "Hear, O Israel, the statutes and the rules that I speak in your hearing today, and you shall learn them and be careful to do them. 2 The Lord our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. 3 Not with our fathers did the Lord make this covenant, but with us, who are all of us here alive today. 4 The Lord spoke with you face to face at the mountain, out of the midst of the fire, 5 while I stood between the Lord and you at that time, to declare to you the word of the Lord. For you were afraid because of the fire, and you did not go up into the mountain. He said: 6 "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

12 "Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. 13 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 14 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. 15 You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day."

Mark 12:28 And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?"

29 Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Marc Choi

"Living into the Sabbath "

PRAYERS OF LAMENT & HOPE

After the pastoral prayer, let us pray Psalm 70 for ourselves and our hurting world:

Together:

Make haste, O God, to deliver me!
O Lord, make haste to help me!
Let them be put to shame and confusion
who seek my life!
Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor
who delight in my hurt!
Let them turn back because of their shame
who say, "Aha, Aha!"
May all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you!
May those who love your salvation
say evermore, "God is great!"
But I am poor and needy;
hasten to me, O God!
You are my help and my deliverer;
O Lord, do not delay! **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.

SONGS OF RESPONSE & CELEBRATION

I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR / A. HAWKS; R. LOWRY

1. I need Thee every hour,
Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine
Can peace afford

REFRAIN
*I need Thee, O I need Thee;
Every hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee*

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

THE BENEDICTION & SENDING

Leader "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord.
 May Christ's rising lift your spirits and gladden your hearts.

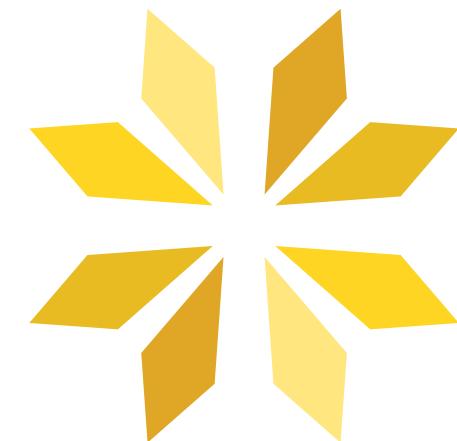
All **Alleluia! Amen.**
Leader Christ has gone to prepare a place for us,
 but he has not left us alone!
 May his sending of the Holy Spirit
 bring you all joy and peace in believing
 so that you may abound in hope until he comes again.

All **Alleluia! Amen.**
Leader Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—
 bless you now and forever.

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

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

	JAN-DEC '21	JAN-APR	MAY '22 ¹
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS	488,889	142,610	31,905
BUDGETED GIVING	468,000	150,000	39,000
DIFFERENCE	+20,889	-7,390	-7,095

¹as of 5/27/2022; figures exclude directed gifts from outside donors

In our grief and in our prayers, we must continue to ask how we can be formed into people who model the life of our Savior who taught us that "*there is something worth dying for, but nothing worth killing for.*"

DAVID M. BAILEY | ARRABON NEWSLETTER 5/25

"In observing the Sabbath, one is both giving a gift to God and imitating him."

LAUREN WINNER | MUDHOUSE SABBATH

Sabbath is not simply the pause that refreshes. It is the pause that transforms. Whereas [we] are always tempted to acquisitiveness, Sabbath is an invitation to receptivity, an acknowledgment that what is needed is given and need not be seized.

Sabbath is the day to dance and sing, "*Free at last, free at last,*" "*Nobody gonna turn me around!*"

WALTER BRUEGEMANN | SABBATH AS RESISTANCE

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

ADVENT
CHRISTMAS
EPIPHANY
LENT
EASTER
PENTECOST
ORDINARY TIME

"The fullness of the resurrection requires more than a day to unpack. The Easter season is a fifty-day celebration that ends on Pentecost Sunday (the Greek word *pentekoste* means "fiftieth"). The Easter season is a time to let the implications of the resurrection sink in deeper, inviting us to realign our worldview and conform our living to the reality that we have been raised with Christ to new life. Easter is full of joy and the laughter of love—the grave is empty, love has won, Christ is risen! Give yourself over to the experience of that joy..."

— from "Seeking God's Face" by Philip Reinders



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**THE LAST SUNDAY OF EASTER
(ASCENSION SUNDAY)**
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