

Grace Pasadena Vespers

October 25, 2020

GOD CALLS US AND OPENING SONG: *Grace and Peace to You (Fernando Ortega)*

Leader Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ!
Together And also with you!
Leader Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. We are all here because of God's hospitality.
May we extend that hospitality to one another, our city, and world as we worship.

Song 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

GOD CALLS US & GOD CLEANSSES US

Leader Let us humble ourselves before the One who made us and redeems us:
Together Almighty God, our heavenly Father: To you our hearts are open. We have sinned against you and our neighbor, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us all our offenses; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your Name. Amen. Silence, then:
Leader In Jesus Christ, the old has gone and the new has come. Believe and be at peace!
Together Thanks be to God!
Leader **Lord, open our lips,**
Together and our mouths will proclaim your praise!

PSALM OF RESPONSE: *From Psalm 113*

Leader Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!
Together Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!
Leader From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!
Together The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!
Leader Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?
Together He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.
Leader He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.
Together Praise the Lord!

SONG OF PRAISE & HOPE: *We Are With Me (Sandra McCracken)*

1. My heart is heavy and tired in this valley
Mountains grow higher and higher, but I can't find you
I keep lifting my eyes; I know you are with me

2. I hear your voice when you cry: "Comfort, comfort!"
Sorrow may last for the night, but in the morning
Your joy breaks with the light; I know you are with me

CHORUS

I know you're with me and you are for me
You've been behind me you go before
You walk beside me through darkest valleys
I know you are with

3. You led me here where it's dry out in the desert
You bring these bones back to life, you put together
You sing a song of delight; I know you are with me

BRIDGE

You will be praised.
I will, oh, I will wait
You will be praised
I will, oh, I will wait

GOD SPEAKS TO US: *Psalm 24:4; Philippians 4:8*

Psalm 24:4 One thing have I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
and to inquire in his temple.

Phil. 4:8 Finally, [brothers & sisters], whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

GOD FEEDS US: The Lord's Supper

Minister The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Minister Lift up your hearts!

All We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong. You made us and the whole universe, and filled your world with life. When we fell into sin, you did not abandon us. You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Savior. He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins; he rose in glory from the dead. You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and clothe us with power from on high. And so we join all heaven and earth to celebrate and sing:

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood. Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory. For honor and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.

All Amen, amen!

Now we gather our prayers for ourselves and the world and we offer them all to you in the prayer our Savior taught us to pray. *(Take a few moments to name your hopes and dreams.)* We are bold to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory now and forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution follow. Then...

Leader Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

**The minister and others will distribute the elements to each pod/household. Please put masks back on as soon as you're finished partaking in the elements. Participation in Communion is not required.*

COMMUNION AND CLOSING SONG: *In Christ Alone* (Stuart Townend & Keith 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

GOD SENDS US

Leader Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
Together for the night is at hand and the day is now passing.

Leader As the night watch looks for the morning,
Together so do we look for you, O Christ.

Leader The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Together The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen!

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