

Grace Pasadena Vespers

November 22, 2020

GOD CALLS US AND OPENING SONG:

Leader Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ!

Together

And also with you!

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God, so may your mercy come down upon us to cleanse our hearts and set us free to sing your praise now and for ever. *(A few moments of silence. Then...)*

O gracious light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed! Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of Life, and to be glorified through all the worlds. Amen.

SONG OF RESPONSE: *OH LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO (WORDS: G. MATHESON; MUSIC: C. MINER)*

1. O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

2. O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,

That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

4. O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

PSALM OF RESPONSE: *From Psalm 63*

Leader

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

Together

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.

SONG OF PRAISE & HOPE: *Be Thou My Vision (Trans. Mary E. Byrne)*

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night;
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my Light.

2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true Son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart;
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

4. High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

GOD SPEAKS TO US: *Colossians 4:2-4*

2 Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. 3 At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— 4 that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

GOD FEEDS US: The Lord's Supper

Minister
All

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him our thanks and praise

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image, and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

Now pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these ordinary elements. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father now and forever.

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 take the elements and wait to partake until everyone receives them; we will eat and drink together at the end of the Communion song.*

COMMUNION AND CLOSING SONG: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* (Words: HW Baker; Music: I Am They)

1. The King of Love my Shepherd is
Whose goodness faileth never
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever
And He is mine forever
2. Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth

Chorus
Never failing, Ruler of my heart
Everlasting, Lover of my soul
On the mountain high
 or in the valley low
The King of Love my Shepherd is
3. Lost and foolish off I strayed
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me

4. In death's dark veil I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me
Thy rod and staff my comfort still
Thy cross before to guide me
5. And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd, may I sing Your praise
Within Your house forever
Within Your house forever

GOD SENDS US

Leader
Together
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Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
for the night is at hand and the day is now passing.
As the night watch looks for the morning,
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!

**To honor the requests of our host site, please exit the patio, while maintaining social distancing, as soon as the service is over. Let's enjoy some fellowship in the park!*