

Grace Pasadena Vespers

March 21, 2021

GOD CALLS US

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.

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. — *Psalm 95:6-7*

SONG OF RESPONSE: *IN CHRIST ALONE*

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 CLEANSSES US: *From Psalm 51*

Leader With boldness and assurance of God's love for us, let us confess using the words of Psalm 51.

Together

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. *silence*

Leader

Hear and believe these words of joy and gladness: In Christ, you are washed. In Christ, you are saved!

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: *Matthew 20:29-34*

29 And as they went out of Jericho, a great crowd followed him. 30 And behold, there were two blind men sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was passing by, they cried out, "Lord, [e] have mercy on us, Son of David!" 31 The crowd rebuked them, telling them to be silent, but they cried out all the more, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!" 32 And stopping, Jesus called them and said, "What do you want me to do for you?" 33 They said to him, "Lord, let our eyes be opened." 34 And Jesus in pity touched their eyes, and immediately they recovered their sight and followed him.

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. In Christ you came to us; by his death, you freed us from sin and death and opened the way of eternal life with you. 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.

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: *Amazing Grace*

1. Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

3. Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4. The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

GOD SENDS US

Leader
Together

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

Leader
Together

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!*