

Grace Pasadena Vespers

Palm Sunday | March 28, 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 give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!
Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."
Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever."
Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures forever."
Let all God's people say: "Hosanna in the highest!" —from Psalm 118

SONGS OF RESPONSE: *GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS & TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS*

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
as Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.

CHORUS

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

Turn you eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

GOD CLEANSSES US:

Leader With boldness and assurance of God's love for us, let us confess:
**Together Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

Silence

Leader We thank you that you have answered us and have become our salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. —from Psalm 118

Together Thanks be to God! Hosanna in the highest!"

SONG OF PRAISE & HOPE: *Provide for Me*

Maker of the heavens	You will save me in times of trouble
Maker of the earth	You will hold me in times of doubt
I look up to the mountains	You will provide for me
Where does my help come from?	Lover of my soul
<i>It comes from You, it comes from You</i>	<i>You will provide for me</i>
<i>It comes from You, my strength and my shield</i>	

GOD SPEAKS TO US: *Hebrews 12:1-3*

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

GOD FEEDS US: The Lord's Supper

Minister The Lord be with you!
All **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 our salvation, 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 sent your Son, Jesus Christ, who on this day fulfilled the prophets' words and entered the city of Jerusalem, where he was lifted high upon the cross, that the whole world might be drawn to him. By his suffering and death he defeated the power of death, becoming the source of eternal life. The tree of defeat became the tree of victory; where life was lost, life has been restored. With happy hearts, we join heaven and earth in this endless song of praise:

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!

COMMUNION AND CLOSING SONGS: *Praise to the Lord Almighty*

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,

1. Holy holy holy
Our God is on the throne
So firm is His foundation
No power can overthrow

Chorus: *And He shall reign
Forever and ever*

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.

2. One name outlasts the ages
Through time His truth revealed
While kings may pass like shadows
Our God is sovereign still

Bridge: *To the Lamb upon the throne
Hallelujah hallelujah
To the Lord forevermore
Hallelujah hallelujah*

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.

REFRAIN

*Praise to the Lord, O my soul
All ye who hear, Praise Him*

3. The day I stand before Him
What praise will fill my soul
And there behold His glory
And praise Him all the more

GOD SENDS US

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

Leader 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!