

Grace Pasadena Vespers

Easter Season | April 11, 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.
O Lord, I call upon you; hasten to me! Give ear to my voice when I call to you!
Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!
Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips!
We recall your grace and mercy and open our mouths to praise your name! —based on Psalm 141

SONG OF RESPONSE: OH THE GOODNESS OF JESUS

1. Come you weary heart now to Jesus
Come you anxious soul now and see
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears
Rest here in His wondrous peace

CHORUS

Oh the Goodness, the Goodness of Jesus
Satisfied he is all that I need
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days
In the Goodness of Jesus

2. Come find what this world cannot offer
Come and find your joy here complete
Taste the living water, never thirst again
Rest here in His wondrous peace

3. Come and find your hope now in Jesus
He is all he said he would be
Grace is overflowing from the Saviour's heart
Rest here in His wondrous peace

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 Hear the words of the risen Jesus Christ from John 14: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."
Together Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

SONG OF PRAISE & HOPE: 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 SPEAKS TO US: John 20:24-29

24 Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." 26 Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

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 good always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. For 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: *Sweet Comfort + And He Shall Reign*

1. Whatever my God ordains is right
His holy will abides
I will be still whatever he does
And follow where he guides

CHORUS

Sweet comfort, sweet comfort
Yet shall fill my heart
Sweet comfort, sweet comfort
Sorrow shall depart

2. Whatever my God ordains is right
He makes my feet to stand
Though sorrow, need,
or death be mine
He holds me in his hand

3. This bitter cup, I take it
My fainting heart restored
So here I stand, unshaken
I trust upon the Lord

5. He is my God though dark my road
He holds me, I shall not fall
Whatever my God ordains as right
To him I leave it all.

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*

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*

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

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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!