

Grace Pasadena Vespers

Easter Season | April 25, 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! Open our mouths and we will 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: PSALM 19

1 The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above[a] proclaims his handiwork.
2 Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.
3 There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.

4 Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.
In them he has set a tent for the sun,
5 which comes out like a bridegroom
leaving his chamber,
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.
7 The law of the Lord is perfect
reviving the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure,
making wise the simple;
8 the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is pure,

enlightening the eyes;
9 the fear of the Lord is clean,
enduring forever;
the rules[d] of the Lord are true,
and righteous altogether.
10 More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.
11 Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

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 SONG: *Sweet Comfort*

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.

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.

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.

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