

# Grace Pasadena Vespers

November 15, 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: *EVIDENCE (JOSH BALDWIN)*

1. All throughout my history  
Your faithfulness has walked beside me  
The winter storms made way for spring  
In every season, from where I'm standing  
**Chorus:** I see the evidence of Your goodness  
All over my life, all over my life  
I see Your promises in fulfillment  
All over my life, all over my life

2. Help me remember when I'm weak  
Fear may come but fear will leave  
You lead my heart to victory  
You are my strength and You always will be  
**Bridge:** See the cross, the empty grave,  
the evidence is endless  
All my sin rolled away because of You, oh Jesus  
**Chorus 2:** Why should I fear, the evidence is here

## PSALM OF RESPONSE: *From Psalm 63*

Leader You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you;  
I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you,  
in a dry and parched land where there is no water.  
**Together I have seen you in the sanctuary  
and beheld your power and your glory.  
Because your love is better than life,  
my lips will glorify you.**  
I will praise you as long as I live,  
and in your name I will lift up my hands.  
I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods;  
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.  
**On my bed I remember you;  
I think of you through the watches of the night.**  
Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings.  
**I cling to you; your right hand upholds me.**

## SONG OF PRAISE & HOPE: *The Lord's Prayer (Sung by the Staple Singers)*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## GOD SPEAKS TO US: *Matthew 6:7-13*

7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. 9 "This, then, is how you should pray:

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 10 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

## GOD FEEDS US: The Lord's Supper

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Minister Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Supper that we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope. We come in remembrance that our Lord Jesus Christ was sent of the Father into the world to assume our flesh and blood and to fulfill for us all obedience to the divine law, even to the bitter and shameful death of the cross. By his death, resurrection, and ascension he established a new and eternal covenant of grace and reconciliation, that we might be accepted of God and never be forsaken by him. We come to have communion with this same Christ, who has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the world. In the breaking of the bread he makes himself known to us as the true heavenly bread that strengthens us unto life eternal. In the cup of blessing he comes to us as the vine, in whom we must abide if we are to bear fruit. Let us pray.

All **Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

Heavenly Father, show forth among us the presence of your life-giving Word and Holy Spirit, to sanctify us and your whole church through this sacrament. Grant that all who share the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, may be one in him and may remain faithful in love and hope. And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

**Amen, amen!**

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: O Fount of Love (Matt Boswell & Matt Papa)

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1. O fount of love divine that flows  
From my Savior's bleeding side  
Where sinners trade their filthy rags  
For His righteousness applied  
Mercy cleansing ev'ry stain  
Now rushing o'er us like a flood  
There the wretch and vilest ones  
Stand adopted through His blood

2. O mount of grace to Thee we cling  
From the law hath set us free  
Once and for all on Calv'ry's hill  
Love and justice shall agree  
Praise the Lord the price is paid  
The curse defeated by the Lamb  
We who once were slaves by birth  
Sons and daughters now we stand

3. O well of joy is mine to drink  
For my Lord has conquered death  
Victorious forevermore  
The ancient foe is laid to rest  
Hallelujah Christ is King  
Alive and reigning on the throne  
Our tongues employed with hymns  
of praise, Glory be to God alone

## GOD SENDS US

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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!**

*\*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!*