

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
All **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble.**

Leader The Lord of hosts is with us;
All **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Leader Come, behold the works of the Lord and hear our good King say:
All **“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”**

— from Psalm 46

SONG OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

O, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES / C. Wesley; B. Chadwick

1. O, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise; the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name!

REFRAIN
Hallelujah,
I will sing my great Redeemer’s praise!

3. Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; ’tis music in the sinner’s ears, ’tis life, and health, and peace.

4. He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free; his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me. (REFRAIN)

5. He speaks and listening to His voice, new life the dead receive, the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe!

6. Hear Him, ye deaf, his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ; ye blind behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy. (REFRAIN)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

All: Mighty and tender God, voice of the voiceless, power of the powerless: we praise you for your vision of a community of wholeness, a realm of peace, in which all who hunger and thirst are nourished, in which the stranger is welcomed, the hurting are healed, and the captive is set free. Guide us by your truth and love until we and all your people make manifest your reign of justice and compassion. We pray in the name of your anointed one, our servant-king, to whom with you and the Spirit, one Holy God, be honor, glory, and blessing, this day and forever. **Amen!**

SONGS OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS / M. Bridges; F. Ortega

1. Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne; Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns, all music but its own! Awake, my soul, and sing, of Him who died for thee, and hail Him as thy matchless King, through all eternity.

2. Crown Him the Lord of love, behold His hands and side, those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified. No angel in the sky, can fully bear that sight, but downward bends his burning eye, at mysteries so bright.

3. Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife, for those He came to save. His glories now we sing,

who died and rose on high, who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

4. Crown Him the Lord of years, the potentate of time, Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime. All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou has died for me; Thy praise shall never, never fail through all eternity.

TREMBLE / Mosaic

1. Peace, bring it all to peace
The storm surrounding me
Let it break at Your name
Still, call the sea to still
The rage in me to still
Every wave at Your name

CHORUS
Jesus, Jesus
You make the darkness tremble
Jesus, Jesus, You silence fear
Jesus, Jesus

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader The kingdom is yours, but we turn away from your just rule: Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader The power is yours, but we trust in our own power and strength: Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Leader The glory is yours, but we fall short of the glory of God: Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

Silence is kept together

SONG OF ASSURANCE

GOD IS OUR REFUGE (PSALM 46) / Music: Bifrost Arts

God is our refuge, our strength and our shield
An ever present help
We would not fear
though the earth gives away
And the mountains crash into the sea

There is a river whose streams will make glad
City of our most high King
God is within her and she will not fail
He he helps her at brake of the day

Nations in uproar
men’s kingdoms they fall
He speaks and the earth melts away
The worst we imagine
the strongest of storms
Our fortress it will still remain

There is a river whose streams will make glad
City of our most high King
God is within her and she will not fail
Listen and hear the Lord say
Be still and know that I am God

Come let us see what the Lord has done
The ruins He brings to the earth
He makes wars to cease
to the ends of the earth
He shatters the bow and the spear

WORDS OF COMFORT & ASSURANCE

Leader Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. With his blood he has purchased people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. He has made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.

All **Thanks be to God!**

—based on Rev. 5:5, 9-1

MINISTRY MOMENT

Door of Hope is a Christian non-profit, based in Pasadena, serving Los Angeles County. Door of Hope is one of the only homeless providers that can shelter any kind of family together in their own private unit, including single moms, single dads, and two-parent families together with their children.

DOOR OF HOPE

GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

**During the offertory, we consider all that we have and all that God may be asking us to give. Please take this time to ask God how you might give of your financial gifts, personal time and even vocational calling. There are different ways to give. You may mail your offering to our office address: 16 N Marengo Ave Ste 609, Pasadena, CA 91101; or give via our website: www.gracepasadena.org/give.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader May the peace of the Lord be always with you.
Together **And also with you!**

** Children ages 2 to 5th grade are invited to participate in our children’s program during the sermon; children return for Communion. Our nursery, located behind the check-in table, is available for children ages 0-23 months (drop off only). A wiggle area for toddlers 2+ and their parents/guardians is available in the lounge next to the double glass doors leading to the back patio.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 4:7-18 (ESV)

⁷Tychicus will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. ⁸ I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, ⁹and with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place here.

¹⁰ Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, welcome him), ¹¹ and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. ¹² Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. ¹³ For I bear him witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis. ¹⁴ Luke the beloved physician greets you, as does Demas. ¹⁵ Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. ¹⁶ And when this letter has been read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea. ¹⁷ And say to Archippus, “See that you fulfill the ministry that you have received in the Lord.”

¹⁸I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God!**

MORNING MESSAGE

Brannin Pitre

“The Fellowship of the Hidden”
Sermon Series: Hidden With Christ

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Jesus Christ, our Sovereign King, we praise you for your just and righteous reign over the cosmos:

All **for the order you give to creation; for your sovereign rule over the nations; for your faithfulness to your church; for your lordship in our lives.**

Leader You are at once King and servant, willing to give your life and caring even for what we might count as insignificant. So we approach your throne knowing you will listen to our prayers:

All **for creation and its care; for the nations of the world and its leaders; for our city and state; for your Church and for Grace Pasadena in its ministry; for the vulnerable and outcast; for all who suffer in mind, soul, or body; for all who care for the suffering and downcast. (silence)**

Leader We pray in your name, O Christ, our sovereign servant King. **Amen.**

COMMUNION PRAYERS FOR REFLECTION

For those searching: Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and lead me to the reality of who you are. Give me not only understanding, but also an experience of your love and presence. Amen.

For faith and belief: Lord Jesus, I am weak and sinful, but you call me beloved and accepted. I thank you for taking my place in death and offering forgiveness and renewal. I hear you calling, and so I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and my Lord. Amen.

For those struggling with sin: Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, to ask for help, and to follow you faithfully in life. Amen.

SONGS OF RESPONSE & CELEBRATION

SOON AND VERY SOON / TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King (x3)
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King
No more crying there, we are going to see the King (x3)
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King
Should there be any rivers we must cross?
Should there be any mountains we must climb?
God will supply all the strength that we need
Give us grace till we reach the other side
No more dying there, we are going to see the King (x3)
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King (x3)
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King

DOXOLOGY / T. KEN

Praise God,
from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen

THE BENEDICTION & SENDING

Leader May Christ our exalted King knit your hearts together, pour upon you his abundant gifts, and empower you to fulfill the ministry he has given to you, his beloved people; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All Thanks be to God! Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **11/27:** Last day to contribute to College Student Care Packages
- **12/3:** Women's Christmas Cookie Swap
- **12/4:** Family Event and Practicing the Presence @ 8:45AM
- **12/11:** Prayer Service for the Grieving @ 12PM
- **12/18:** All Church Family Advent Service @ 10AM
- **12/24:** Christmas Eve Service
- **12/25 & 1/1:** No Sunday Services; Services resume 1/8

Scan the QR code below for more details, other announcements and contact information!



GRACE PASADENA'S VISION STATEMENT

Grace Pasadena exists to **Experience** & **Extend** the life-giving grace of God

- **As** we grow in the knowledge of the gospel of Jesus Christ
- **In** every sphere of life
- **For** our neighborhoods, city and the world

GRACE PASADENA'S CORE VALUES

God-Centered Worship – We seek to be transformed in worship as we experience the wonder of God and respond appropriately

Gospel-Driven Identity – We seek a personal experience of the gospel that both humbles us, and assures us that we are more deeply valued and loved by God than we can possibly imagine

Outward-Facing Community – We seek the betterment of our city as we extend God's grace by loving our neighbors as ourselves

Kingdom-Minded Movement – We seek to extend the Kingdom of Jesus Christ by creating community and global partnerships that can reach and serve those in need

GIVING & BUDGET

	JAN-DEC '21	JAN-OCT	NOV '22'
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS	488,889	374,490	26,777
BUDGETED GIVING	468,000	384,000	39,000
DIFFERENCE	+20,889	-9,510	-12,223

¹as of 11/18/2022; figures exclude directed gifts from outside donors



“When we claim and constantly reclaim the truth of being the chosen ones, we soon discover within ourselves a deep desire to reveal to others their own chosenness. Instead of making us feel that we are better, more precious or valuable than others, our awareness of being chosen opens our eyes to the chosenness of others. That is the great joy of being chosen: the discovery that others are chosen as well. In the house of God there are many mansions.

There is a place for everyone - a unique, special place. Once we deeply trust that we ourselves are precious in God's eyes, we are able to recognize the preciousness of others and their unique places in God's heart.”

HENRI J.M. NOUWEN | LIFE OF THE BELOVED

Christ the King Sunday focuses our worship on the cosmic character of Christ's reign over the world. It is a proclamation to all that everything in creation and culture must submit to Christ and an invitation to actively and joyfully submit to his rule. The day is celebrated widely in some traditions and is normally scheduled on the last Sunday before Advent. It therefore serves as a transitional Sunday leading directly into Advent, the Christmas cycle, and the new Christian year. The day fits well with the eschatological emphasis and anticipation of Christ's second coming highlighted during Advent. It also helps worshipers, who are already thinking about Christmas, to remember that Christmas is about much more than a baby in a manger—it is about a sovereign Christ who came to be the “Prince of Peace.”

THE WORSHIP SOURCE BOOK

CHRIST THE KING
THE LAST SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT
NOVEMBER 20, 2022



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