

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Let us worship Jesus Christ, the one who calls you today!  
Instead of the joy meant for him,  
he endured the cross, disregarding its disgrace.

All We hear his voice and bow down before him.

Leader He lived among us, healing the sick,  
proclaiming good news to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

All We hear his voice and bow down before him.

Leader He came to unbind the chains of every slavery;  
he came to satisfy the deepest hunger of our hearts;  
he is the bread of life!

All We hear his voice and bow down before him!  
We come to feast and to be made glad!

SONG OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD / M. LUTHER

1. A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing;  
our helper He, amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
doth seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great,  
and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not His equal

2. Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing,  
were not the right Man on our side,  
the Man of God’s own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is He;  
Lord Sabaoth His name,  
from age to age the same;  
and He must win the battle

3. And though this world, with devils  
filled, should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed  
his truth to triumph through us.  
The Prince of Darkness grim,  
we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure,  
for lo, his doom is sure;  
one little word shall fell him

4. That word above all earthly powers,  
no thanks to them, abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours  
through Him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go,  
this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill;  
God’s truth abideth still,  
his kingdom is forever!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

All: All-knowing and all-caring God,  
we gather this day drained by another week.  
We are like a parched desert, empty and in need of replenishment.  
Visit us with your presence, fill us with your Spirit;  
let us drink deeply from your streams of living water;  
let us eat to our soul’s delight.  
Overwhelm us with your kindness  
that our lives might acknowledge and worship you  
to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord. **Amen!**

SONGS OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS / T. CHISHOLM

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.

2. Summer and winter  
and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars  
in their courses above,

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.

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!

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME / B. FIELDING; B. LIGERTWOOD

1. You were the Word at the beginning  
One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in You our Christ

CHORUS 1  
What a beautiful Name it is  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

2. You didn’t want heaven without us  
So Jesus You brought heaven down  
My sin was great, Your love was greater  
What could separate us now?

CHORUS 2  
What a wonderful Name it is  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of compassion,  
in Jesus Christ you did not disdain the company of sinners  
but welcomed them with love. Look upon us in mercy, we pray.  
Our sins are more than we can bear; our pasts enslave us;  
our misdeeds leave scars on our lives of those of our neighbors.  
Forgive the wrongs we cannot undo;  
free us from a past we cannot change; heal what we can no longer fix.  
Grace our lives with your love and turn the tears of our past  
into the joys of new life with you. **Amen.**

Silence is kept together

SONG OF ASSURANCE

O, THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS / S. FRANCIS

1. O, the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!  
Rolling as a mighty ocean  
in its fullness over me!  
Underneath me, all around me,  
is the current of Thy love;  
leading onward, leading homeward  
to Thy glorious rest above!

2. O, the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
spread His praise from shore to shore!  
How He loveth, ever loveth,  
changeth never, never more!

3. O, the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
love of every love the best;  
‘tis an ocean full of blessing;  
‘tis a haven sweet of rest!  
O, the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
‘tis a heaven of heavens to me,  
and it lifts me up to glory  
for it lifts me up to Thee!

How He watches o’er His loved ones,  
died to call them all His own;  
how for them He intercedeth  
watcheth o’er them from the throne!

WORDS OF COMFORT & ASSURANCE

Leader Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to  
anger, and abounding in steadfast love. In Christ, we are forgiven and  
made new! Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

All Thanks be to God!

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.*

BRIDGE  
Death could not hold You  
The veil tore before You  
You silence the boast of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring  
The praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again  
You have no rival, You have no equal  
Now and forever God You reign  
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all Names

CHORUS 3  
What a powerful Name it is  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

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.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 6:1-15 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the  
Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup> And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the  
signs that he was doing on the sick. <sup>3</sup> Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he  
sat down with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand.  
<sup>5</sup> Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him,  
Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?”  
<sup>6</sup> He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. <sup>7</sup> Philip an-  
swered him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each  
of them to get a little.” <sup>8</sup> One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said  
to him, <sup>9</sup> “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what  
are they for so many?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was  
much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number.  
<sup>11</sup> Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them  
to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup> And when  
they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments,  
that nothing may be lost.” <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets  
with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. <sup>14</sup> When  
the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet  
who is to come into the world!”

<sup>15</sup> Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make  
him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God!

MORNING MESSAGE

Brannin Pitre

“Miraculous Change”  
Sermon Series: Characteristics of Change

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Our Father, you are the giver of all good gifts. Just as you provided  
manna for Israel in the wilderness in their time of need, may we  
trust you for all things. Soften our hearts towards your Son, whose  
word is our life.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Jesus Christ, you are the King of Kings and Lord of Lords: all  
authority belongs to you. Guide all earthly authorities in promoting  
peace and justice everywhere and let them not forget the hopes of  
the poor and hungry. Bless all who work in public service and their  
work to promote the common good. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Holy Spirit, your renewing power is stronger than the grip of death.  
Be a healer to the sick, a friend to the lonely, a comforter to the  
afflicted, a home to the wanderer, a refuge to the fearful, a provider  
for the poor. Bring reconciliation and relief to strained friendships  
and marriages. Gather home all who seek Jesus or who doubt his  
promises to satisfy hungry hearts. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

COMMUNION

**GUIDELINES:** *The sacrament of Communion is also called the Lord’s Supper or Eucharist.  
It is the family meal for those who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for  
salvation. The invitation is from Jesus Christ alone, not from this church or any minister. If you  
are baptized and can call yourself a Christian, come to the table.*

**DIRECTIONS:** *When instructed, please come forward to receive Communion. Receive the  
bread and juice from the servers. Participate as you feel comfortable.*

**PRAYER:** *Are you in need of prayer? Leaders of Grace are ready to pray with you during  
Communion; find them at either side of the Communion lines. Share your needs as you feel  
comfortable. If you do not want to share, simply say you need prayer and leave it at that.*

**CHILDREN:** *Children who are baptized, can profess faith in Jesus Christ in an age appropri-  
ate manner, and have talked to a pastor or an elder may participate in communion.*

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

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY / H. BONAR

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say:  
“Come unto Me and rest;  
lay down, thy weary one, lay down  
thy head upon My breast.”  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
weary and worn and sad;  
I found in Him a resting place,  
and He has made me glad

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Behold; I freely give  
the living waters, thirsty one,  
stoop down and drink and live.”  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
out of the Living Stream;  
my thirst was quenched,  
my soul revived, and now I live in Him

TAKE MY LIFE / F. HAVERGAL

1. Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, for Thee.  
Take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2. Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for Thee.

3. Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from Thee.

THE BENEDICTION & SENDING

Leader May the God of love, who shared his love, strengthen us in our love for others. May the Son who shared his life grant us grace, that we might share our life. And may the Holy Spirit dwelling in us empower us to be only and always for others.

All Thanks be to God! Amen!

LOVING OUR CITY & NEIGHBORS

The season of Lent calls us to find ourselves by turning to God and to others. If you’re already not familiar with our city ministry partners, would you take some time this Lent to learn about them and consider how you might join their work of loving our neighbors right here in our city? In the same way, could you get to know our Park Ministry and consider how you might support it? Information and opportunities are available at the Mercy Table in the lobby. Let’s keep a holy Lent together!

- **Door of Hope:** visit <https://doorofhope.us>
- **Elizabeth House:** visit <https://www.elizabethhouse.net>
- **Olive Crest:** visit <https://www.olivecrest.org>
- **Pasadena Park Ministry:** email Kelly at [mercy@gracepasadena.org](mailto:mercy@gracepasadena.org)

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **4/2:** Start of Holy Week  
4/2: Palm Sunday Service/Congregational Meeting to review 2023 budget  
4/7: Good Friday Service @ 6PM  
4/9: Easter Celebration in the Park @10AM
  - Family Easter Celebration before the service @ 9AM
  - Church + Community Potluck after the service (sign up here to bring something: [bit.ly/3kE8SyP](https://bit.ly/3kE8SyP))

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



KIDS’ CHECK-IN & CHECK-OUT

Parents and guardians, please use the QR code below to check in your kids for children’s church. Likewise, when kids return to the service, use the same QR code to check out your kids. This helps teachers and our children’s ministry director know your kids have been safely received. Please note that check-in and check-out can be done without a smartphone; find Abbey at the children’s table for more information and directions.



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

	<u>JAN-DEC ‘22</u>	<u>JAN-FEB ‘23*</u>	<u>MAR ‘23*</u>
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	<b>\$546,803</b>	<b>\$60,751</b>	<b>\$30,160</b>
BUDGETED GIVING _____	<b>501,000</b>	<b>78,000</b>	<b>39,000</b>
DIFFERENCE _____	<b>+45,803</b>	<b>-17,249</b>	<b>-8,840</b>

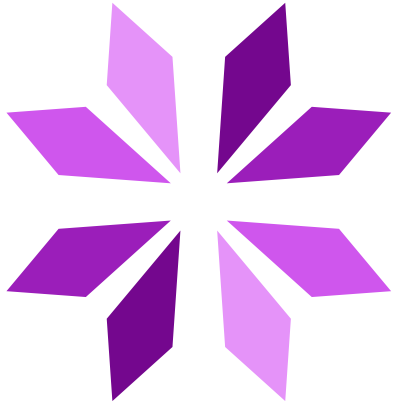
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“And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”

2 CORINTHIANS 3:18 (NIV)

“Growing in Christ is not centrally improving or adding or experiencing but deepening. Implicit in the notion of deepening is that you already have what you need. Christian growth is bringing what you do and say and even feel into line with what, in fact, you already are.”

DANE ORTLAND | *DEEPER*

“Change happens when the pain of staying the same is greater than the pain of change.”

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

THE 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 26, 2023