

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader This is the good news— the grave is empty; Christ is risen.
All He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Leader This is the good news—the light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never put it out.
All Alleluia!
Leader This is the good news—once we were no people;
now we are God’s people.
All Alleluia!
Leader Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace
we now share with each other. Christ is risen!
All He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

SONG OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY / C. WESLEY

1. Christ, the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!
2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Alleluia!
Christ hath burst the gates of hell, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia!
Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!
5. Hail, the Lord of earth and Heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to Thee both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail, the resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

All: Glory to you, O God: On this day you won victory over death,
raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.
Glory to you, O Christ: For us and for our salvation
you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life.
Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: You lead us into the truth.
Glory to you, O blessed Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! **Amen! Alleluia!**

SONGS OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS / E. MOTE

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness! I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.	4. When He shall come with trumpet sound, O, may I then in Him be found! Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
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CHORUS
*On Christ the solid rock I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. **Amen.**

SONG OF ASSURANCE

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*

WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

Leader	When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.But thanks be to God! He gives us the vic- tory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
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All Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

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 20:24-29 (ESV)

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.”

Reader	This is the word of the Lord.
All	Thanks be to God!

EASTER MESSAGE

Brannin Pitre

“Belief Beyond All Doubt”

EASTER SONG OF RESPONSE

Ain’t No Grave

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR THE WORLD

Leader	O Christ, born of the Father before all ages, you took upon yourself our humanity and you rose for us: we worship you.
All	Glorify to you, O Lord.
Leader	Son of God, source of life, we invoke your goodness upon us and upon the entire human family. Allow us to live by your life and to walk as children of light in the joy of Easter.
All	Hear us, Lord of glory.
Leader	Increase the faith of your church; may it faithfully bear witness to your resurrection. Grant the churches of this city a new unity, that we may be your hands and feet and a signpost of your great love.
All	Hear us, Lord of glory.
Leader	Strengthen those who are weak in faith and reveal yourself to doubting hearts. Give strength to the sick, support the elderly, and reassure the dying by your saving presence.
All	Hear us, Lord of glory.
Leader	We pray for the nations of the world. Bring your peace to the areas of conflict. Bring your restoration to the places broken by selfish ambition. Bring the refugee and homeless to safety. Do not forget the cries of the poor and needy.
All	Hear us, Lord of glory. 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. Today, find a pastor or leader after the service. 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 appropriate 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

GLORY, GLORY, HALLELUJAH / THE STAPLE SINGERS

1. Glory, Glory (Glory, Glory!)
Hallelujah (Hallelujah!)
Since I laid (Laid my burden down!)
My burden down (Laid my burden down!)
Glory, Glory (Glory, Glory!)
Hallelujah (Hallelujah!)
Since I laid my burden down!
Laid my burden down!

I’ve been Cleansed (Glory, Glory!)
By the blood of Jesus (Hallelujah!)
Since I laid my burden down!
Laid my burden down!

2. I’ve been Cleansed (Glory, Glory!)
By the blood of Jesus (Hallelujah!)
Since I laid (Laid my burden down!)
My burden down (Laid my burden down!)

I am free (Glory, Glory!)
Free of my burden (Hallelujah!)
Since I laid my burden down!
Laid my burden down!

PRESSING ON / B. DYLAN

I’m pressing on
Yes, I’m pressing on
Pressing on
To the higher calling of my Lord
Many tried to stop me
Shake me up in my mind
Say prove to me that He is the Lord
Show me a sign
What kind of sign they need
When it all comes from within
When what’s lost has been found

What’s to come has already been
Shake the dust of your feet
Don’t look back
Nothing can hold you down
Nothing that you lack
Temptation’s not an easy thing
When the devil has his reign
‘Cause he’s saying I got no choice
That it’s runnin’ in my veins
But I keep...

THE BENEDICTION & SENDING

Leader

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“I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord.
May Christ’s rising lift your spirits and gladden your hearts.
Alleluia! Amen.

All those who believe in Christ will never perish.
May you pass with Christ from death to life.
Alleluia! Amen.

Christ has gone to prepare a place for us.
May his resurrection bring you all joy and peace
in believing so that you may abound in hope.
Alleluia! Amen.

Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—
bless you now and forever. Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- TODAY AFTER THE SERVICE:** Join us for our annual Easter Picnic!

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 ‘22	JAN-FEB ‘23*	MAR ‘23*
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	\$546,803	\$60,751	\$43,607
BUDGETED GIVING _____	501,000	78,000	39,000
DIFFERENCE _____	+45,803	-17,249	+4,607

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