

CALL TO WORSHIP

LeaderThe Lord who calls us to worship today
is the same Jesus who refused the temptation
to worship the evil one.
Rather than receive the glorious kingdoms of this world,
he endured the shame of the cross,
and today is Lord of lords and King of kings.
Now are gathered in him
all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge,
glory and power.
With the saints of all ages we say,
“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom
and strength and honor and glory and praise!”

AllAlleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! —based on Col. 2:3; Rev. 5:12, NIV

SONG OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING / WORDS: ST. FRANCIS

1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
O, praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O, praise Him! O, praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heav’n along,
O, praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice
O, praise Him! O, praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. And all Ye men of tender heart,
forgiving others take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on Him cast your care,
O, praise Him! O, praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship Him in humbleness,
O, praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father,
praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one!
O, praise Him! O, praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

All: We give you thanks, great God,
for the hope we have in Jesus,
who died but is risen and rules over all.
We praise you for his presence with us.
Because he lives, we look for eternal life,
knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come
can separate us from your great love
made known in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen! Alleluia!

SONGS OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

IN CHRIST ALONE / S. TOWNEND & K. GETTY

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 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.

BUILD MY LIFE / M. REDMAN; P. BARRETT

1. Worthy of every song
we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise
we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath
we could ever breathe
We live for You

2. Jesus, the Name above
every other name
Jesus, the only One
who could ever save
Worthy of every breath
we could ever breathe
We live for You, oh, we live for You

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.
We have lived by our own strength
and not by the power of your resurrection.
We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
We have lived for this world alone
and doubted our home with you.
In your mercy, forgive us and help us.
By your Spirit, may our lives together
reflect the great hope we have in you. Amen.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

AT THE CROSS / I. WATTS; B. CHADWICK

1. Alas and did my Savior bleed?
And did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
for such a worm as I?

2. Was it for crimes that I have done,
he groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity; Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!

3. Well might the sun in darkness hide
and shut His glories in.
When Christ the mighty maker died
for man the creature’s sin.

4. But drops of grief can ne’er repay
the debt of love I owe:
Here Lord, I give myself away,
’tis all that I can do.
Hallelujah, I’m forgiven.

WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

Leader“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
victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. — 1 Cor. 15:55-57

AllThanks be to God! Alleluia!

MINISTRY MOMENT: Strategic Planning Committee - Facilities Update

PASSING OF THE PEACE

LeaderMay the peace of the Lord be always with you.

TogetherAnd 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

Romans 15:4-13 (ESV)

⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that
through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might
have hope. ⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in
such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you
may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
⁷ Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of
God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show
God’s truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹ and
in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,
“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,
and sing to your name.”
¹⁰ And again it is said,
“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”
¹¹ And again,
“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him.”
¹² And again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope.”
¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the
power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

ReaderThis is the word of the Lord.

AllThanks be to God!

MORNING MESSAGE

Brannin Pitre

“A Strategic Hope”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LeaderGod of heaven and earth, keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace. Grant us faithfulness and zeal,
and bring the whole created order to worship at your feet.
We pray for our congregation: lead us into the next season,
and may we follow you with humility and courage.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

AllLord, hear our prayer.

LeaderGod of mercy, help us to trust that you welcome us in Jesus
so that we run to you day after day.
Open our arms to welcome one another in your love.
Give us eyes to see your faithful love for us in all things,
including the difficult and dark things. For this, O Lord, we pray:

AllLord, hear our prayer.

LeaderGod of hope, heal the sick; rescue the lost; deliver the oppressed;
bring home all who have wandered away.
Direct our lives and energies to the work of justice and healing.
We pray for our deacons and mercy ministries;
encourage them and show us all how we might join their work.
Lift the eyes of all to Jesus, the one who has overcome
sin and death in his life, death, and resurrection.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

AllLord, 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. 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 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

IN MY FATHER’S KINGDOM / F. ORTEGA; B. CHADWICK

This bread is my body
Broken for you
This cup is my blood of the covenant
Poured out for you

I will not drink of the fruit of this vine
Until I drink it anew with you
In my Father’s kingdom
In my Father’s kingdom

I’VE GOT PEACE LIKE RIVER / TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL

1. I’ve got peace like a river
I’ve got peace like a river
I’ve got peace like a river in my soul
I’ve got peace like a river
I’ve got peace like a river
I’ve got peace like a river in my soul

3. I’ve got love like an ocean
I’ve got love like an ocean
I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul
I’ve got love like an ocean
I’ve got love like an ocean
I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul

2. I’ve got joy like a fountain
I’ve got joy like a fountain
I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul
I’ve got joy like a fountain
I’ve got joy like a fountain
I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul

GRACE TO YOU AND PEACE / MUSIC: F. ORTEGA

Grace to you and peace from God our Father
Grace to you and peace from God our Father
And the Lord Jesus Christ
And the Lord Jesus Christ
And the Lord Jesus Christ

THE BENEDICTION & SENDING

LeaderAs Christ burst forth from the tomb, may new life burst forth from us and show itself in acts of love and healing to a hurting world. And may that same Christ, who lives forever and is the source of our new life, keep your hearts rejoicing and grant you peace this day and always.

Christ is risen!

AllHe is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Amen!

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

ADVENT
CHRISTMAS
EPIPHANY
LENT
EASTER
PENTECOST
ORDINARY TIME

“The fullness of the resurrection requires more than a day to unpack. The Easter season is a fifty-day celebration that ends on Pentecost Sunday (the Greek word *pentekoste* means “fiftieth”). The Easter season is a time to let the implications of the resurrection sink in deeper, inviting us to realign our worldview and conform our living to the reality that we have been raised with Christ to new life. Easter is full of joy and the laughter of love—the grave is empty, love has won, Christ is risen! Give yourself over to the experience of that joy...”

— from “Seeking God’s Face” by Philip Reinders

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **4/23:** NEW Adult Formation series begins. Join us for four Sundays (4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/21) about the ways the story line of Scripture is reflected in stories and films.
- **5/6:** Beautification & Gardening Project at Elizabeth House
- **5/13:** Men’s Pickleball & Cookout from 10-2PM

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. (Each week, you will need to create a new pin.) This helps teachers and our children’s ministry director know your kids have been safely received. To check-in and -out the old fashioned way, please find Abbey at the children’s table.



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-MAR ‘23*</u>	<u>APR ‘23*</u>
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS ____	\$546,803	\$104,508	\$16,427
BUDGETED GIVING _____	501,000	117,000	44,000
DIFFERENCE _____	+45,803	-12,492	-27,573

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“If we minimize grace the world sees no hope for salvation. If we minimize truth, the world sees no need for salvation. To show the world Jesus, we must offer unabridged grace and truth, emphasizing both, apologizing for neither.”

RANDY ALCORN | *THE GRACE AND TRUTH PARADOX*

“The encourager, no matter how dark the day, always brings a message of hope. Those who encourage... are in effect only beggars telling other beggars where to find help.”

DERICK BINGHAM | *OXYGEN FOR THE SOUL*

“The cross stands as the focal point of the Christian faith. Without the cross the Bible is an enigma, and the Gospel of salvation is an empty hope.”

JAMES MONTGOMERY BOICE

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 23, 2023