

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader People of God,
the Lord of glory, Jesus Christ, sends his greeting to you.
And his greeting is this: Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ, through the working of the Holy Spirit.
This is the greeting of Christ, who arose from the grave.

All He died and rose that we might have eternal life.
All thanks be to him!

Leader This same Christ has ascended to the Father.
He ascended that we might experience God’s presence and power
through the Holy Spirit, who now lives in us!

All Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit!

SONG OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

SING TO THE LORD (PSALM 96) / MUSIC: B. CHADWICK

Sing to the Lord a new song
Sing to the Lord, all the earth (2x)

For great is the Lord
Most worthy of praise

For great is our God
Most worthy of praise
Let the whole earth sing
To the Name above all names

PRAYER OF ADORATION

All: In you, eternal Father,
and through your Son, Jesus Christ,
we find the beginning and end of all things.
In him we find hope, forgiveness, and courage for new beginnings.
Let then, O God, the fresh winds of your Spirit sweep into our lives this day,
so that this act of worship and the week to follow
may become a time of renewal and rededication to your ways of love. Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

PROVIDE FOR ME / R. DELMORE

Maker of the heavens
Maker of the earth
I look up to the mountains
Where does my help come from?

It comes from You, it comes from You
It comes from You
My strength and my shield

You will save me in times of trouble
You will hold me in times of doubt
You will provide for me
Lover of my soul

You will provide for me

HOLY SPIRIT, LIGHT DIVINE / ROOTS WORSHIP COLLECTIVE

1. Holy Spirit, light divine Shine upon this heart of mine Chase the shades of night away Turn my darkness into day Holy Spirit come, Holy Spirit come	3. Holy Spirit, all divine Dwell within this heart of mine Cast down every idol throne Reign supreme and reign alone Holy Spirit come, Holy Spirit come
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CHORUS
O Holy Spirit, presence of God
Giver of comfort, power and love
I give You my heart, light divine

2. Holy Spirit, power divine
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine
Long has sin without control
Held dominion o’er my soul
Holy Spirit come, Holy Spirit come

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Gracious God,
you have given us the law of Moses and the teachings of Jesus
to direct us in the way of life.
You offer us your Holy Spirit
so that we can be born to new life as your children.
Yet, O God, we confess that the ways of death
have a strong attraction and that we often succumb to its lure.
Give us the vision and courage to choose and nurture life;
may we love as you love us. Amen.

Silence is kept together

SONG OF ASSURANCE

WE ARE NOT OVERCOME / BIFROST ARTS

CHORUS Because of His great love We are not overcome Because of His great love We are not overcome	3. Have no fear, for your life Turn your cheek, Turn your cheek Bear the yoke, love in death The Lord will give life and breath
1. Flesh will fail, bones will break Thieves will steal, the earth will shake Night will fall, light will fade The Lord will give, and take away	
2. Put no trust in the earth In the ground you stand upon Flowers fade into dust The Lord will make a place for us	

WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

Leader In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there
is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that
God cannot heal. God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free.
Receive the forgiving love of God and remember who you are:
you are God’s beloved children and temples of God’s Holy Spirit!

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!

**Children from ages 2 to 5th grade are invited to join our children’s program. Children
return for communion. See Abbey for more information.*

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

¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to
the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so
that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In
him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and
believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guaran-
tee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God!

MORNING MESSAGE

“The Spirit’s Love”
Sermon Series: A Love That Is Longer, Greater & Stronger

Ephesians 1:11-14 (ESV)

Brannin Pitre

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - THE NICENE CREED

Brothers and sisters, in whom do you believe?

All:
We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds,
God of God,
Light of Light,
very God from very God;
begotten, not made;
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made.
Who, for us and for our salvation,
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
he was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried,
and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures;
and he ascended into heaven
and is sits on the right hand of the Father;
and he will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified;
and who spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life of the world to come. 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 and will be
available at the front during communion. 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 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 accept-
ed. 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 faith-
fully in life. Amen.

SONGS OF RESPONSE & CELEBRATION

OH HAPPY DAY / E. HAWKINS

Oh happy day! Oh happy day!
When Jesus washed
Oh when He washed
When He washed
All my sins away

Oh happy day
He taught me how to walk
Right and pray, right and pray!
And live rejoicing every day,
Every day!

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

Leader

May the love of the cross,
the power of the resurrection,
and the presence of the living Lord
be with you always.
And the blessing of the eternal God, creator and sustainer,
risen and ascended Lord and Savior, giver of holiness and love,
be upon you now and evermore.
Go from here, full of the Holy Spirit, to love God and neighbor.

All

Thanks be to God! Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **5/28:** Family Service @10am - children are invited to participate in the entire service.
- **7/22:** Door of Hope Summer Carnival at Maranatha High School. Help serve lunch and station an activity/craft booth. Email mercy@gracepasadena.org to sign up or for more info.

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



“Faith is a living, bold trust in God’s grace, so certain of God’s favour that it would risk death a thousand times trusting in it. Such confidence and knowledge of God’s grace makes you happy, joyful and bold in your relationship to God and all creatures. The Holy Spirit makes this happen through faith. Because of it, you freely, willingly and joyfully do good to everyone, serve everyone, suffer all kinds of things, love and praise the God who has shown you such grace.”

MARTIN LUTHER | *AN INTRODUCTION TO ROMANS*

O Holy Spirit, Love of God, infuse Thy grace, and descend plentifully into my heart; enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling, and scatter there Thy cheerful beams; dwell in that soul that longs to be Thy temple; water that barren soil, over-run with weeds and briars, and lost for want of cultivating, and make it fruitful with Thy dew from heaven. Oh come, Thou refreshment of them that languish and faint. Come, Thou Star and Guide of them that sail in the tempestuous sea of the world; Thou only Haven of the tossed and shipwrecked. Come, Thou Glory and Crown of the living, and only Safeguard of the dying. Come, Holy Spirit, in much mercy, and make me fit to receive Thee. Amen.

ST. AUGUSTINE

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-APR ‘23*	MAY ‘23*
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	\$546,803	\$136,429	\$12,575
BUDGETED GIVING _____	501,000	161,000	44,000
DIFFERENCE _____	+45,803	-24,571	-15,730

* as of 5/11/2023; figures exclude directed gifts from outside donors

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



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ASCENSION SUNDAY
THE LAST SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 21, 2023