

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 68:32-33

Leader Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth,
sing praise to the Lord,

**All to him who rides across the highest heavens, the ancient heavens,
who thunders with mighty voice.**

SONGS OF PRAISE

PRAISE THE LORD ALL YOU NATIONS/PEOPLE (PSALM 117) / MUSIC: NOAH SIEROTA

Praise the Lord all you nations
Extol him all people
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REFRAIN

*For great is your steadfast love toward us
Your faithfulness endures forevermore*

Praise the Lord
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10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD) / MATT REDMAN

CHORUS

*Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul,
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, Ohh my soul
I'll worship Your holy name*

1. The sun comes up,
it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass,
and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
when the evening comes

2. You're rich in love,
and You're slow to anger
Your name is great,
and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness,

I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
for my heart to find

3. And on that day
when my strength is failing
The end draws near,
and my time has come
Still my soul will sing
Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
and then forevermore

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY / HORATIUS BONAR

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest.
Lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, 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 water, 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.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark worlds light
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy days be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in Him my star, my sun,
and in that light of life I'll walk
till trav'ling days are done.

ENDING

I heard the voice of Jesus say
"Come unto Me and rest" x3

CONFESSION OF SIN

Heinrich Bullinger (1504–1575)

Leader I, a poor sinful person, confess myself before you,
my Lord God and Maker, that sadly I have sinned
much, with my senses, thoughts, words, and deeds,
as you, eternal God, know very well.

All I regret them and beg your grace. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

1 Peter 5:6-7

Leader Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may
lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares
for you.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

KING OF KINGS / BROOKE LIGERTWOOD, SCOTT LIGERTWOOD, JASON INGRAM

1. In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope, without light
'Til from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

CHORUS

*Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings*

2. To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake you died

3. And the morning that You rose
All of Heaven held its breath
'Til that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

4. And the church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

All 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.*

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Ascended Lord Jesus,
you reign over all things
and hold all things together by your power.
Yet we confess how often we struggle to trust your timing.
We grow impatient, fearful, and discouraged
when life feels uncertain or suffering lingers.
Teach us to wait with hope,
to trust your wisdom,
and to rest in the promise that you are making all things new.
Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Leader Holy Spirit,
you empower your people for witness and mission.
Forgive us for relying on our own strength
instead of depending on you.
Fill your church with boldness, humility, and love,
that we might faithfully bear witness to Jesus
in our homes, workplaces, and communities.
Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Leader Gracious Savior,
you did not abandon your people in your ascension,
but now reign, intercede, and remain present with us by your Spirit.
Draw near to those who are weary, anxious, grieving, or burdened.
Remind them that they are not alone
and that nothing can separate them from your love.
Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Leader Sovereign God,
you are gathering a people for yourself
from every nation, tribe, and tongue.
Strengthen your church throughout the world
and give wisdom to leaders in our communities and nations.
Send us out as faithful witnesses to the risen Christ,
trusting your timing, depending on your Spirit,
and living under the reign of our ascended King.
Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer. Amen.

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY

*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
place your offering in the blue box at the back of the sanctuary on Sunday mornings;
mail your offering to 254 N Lake Ave #287, Pasadena, CA 91101; or scan
the QR code to give via our app (iOS and Android) or website: www.
gracepasadena.org/give.*



SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:6-11

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going
to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by
his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you;
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the
ends of the earth."

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him
from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two
men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do
you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you
into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God!

MORNING MESSAGE

Nick Locke

Waiting in Dependence

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 and return to your seat. Communion will be taken together after the Song of Communion.

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 SONG

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY / M. BOSWELL, M. PAPA, M. BLEECKER

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| <p>1. Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us</p> <p>2. Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law; in Him we stand</p> | <p>3. Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold</p> <p>4. Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes</p> |
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COMMUNION ACCLAMATION

Leader Let us declare the great mystery of our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament

All **Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!**

Leader These are the gifts of God for you, the people of God.

CLOSING SONG

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY / REGINALD HEBER

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| <p>1. Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning
our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!</p> <p>2. Holy, holy, holy!
All the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim
falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art and evermore shall be</p> | <p>3. Holy, holy, holy!
Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see,
only Thou art holy,
there is none beside Thee;
perfect in power, in love and purity.</p> <p>4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!</p> |
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BENEDICTION

1 Peter 5:10-11

Leader And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

All **To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Men's Prayer Group | Fridays @ 7 am | Legge Alley Studio | Join us for prayer, Scripture reading and coffee

Sunday, May 24, Gathering | Bring your lunch and join us for fellowship on the patio after the service

Grace Pasadena Book Club | Next meeting is Wednesday, May 27, at 7:30 pm at Legge Alley Studio | Scan the QR code to RSVP

VBS | July 6-10, 9:30-11 am in La Canada | Mark your calendars and look for a registration form coming soon

Eastertide Prayer Guide & Guided Prayer Podcast | Scan the QR code for a digital version and link to the audio guide. Hard copies are available at the Welcome Table on Sunday mornings.



"You ascended from before our eyes, and we turned back grieving, only to find you in our hearts."

AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO
(354-430)

"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

MATTHEW 28:20

GIVING & BUDGET

	JAN-APR 2026	MAY 2026
GIVING & INCOME* AS OF 5/14/2026 _____	\$163,744	\$9,435
BUDGETED EXPENSE _____	239,313	59,137
DIFFERENCE _____	75,569	49,702

* includes general offerings, ministry specific giving, and interest income



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