

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.
Save us, we pray, O LORD!
O LORD, we pray, give us success!

**All Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

SONGS OF PRAISE

PREPARE THE WAY O ZION / FRANS MIKAEL FRANZÉN

1. Prepare the way, O Zion,
your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley
a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory
foretold in sacred story.
Oh blest is Christ that came
in God's most holy name!

2. He brings God's rule, O Zion,
He comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom
and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding
for grace and joy abounding.
Oh blest is Christ that came
in God's most holy name!

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS / M. BRIDGES

1. Crown Him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! How the heavenly anthem
drowns, all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing,
of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy matchless King,
through all eternity.

2. Crown Him the Lord of love,
behold His hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified
No angel in the sky,
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye,
at mysteries so bright.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader We appeal, O Lord, to your mercies, knowing you are that God who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn and live. You are our Savior, who wishes all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of your truth. Therefore, O Lord, we humbly ask you not to withdraw your mercies from us because of our sins, but rather, O Lord, lay upon us your saving health, that you may show yourself toward us to be a Savior. For what greater praise can there be to a Physician, than to heal the sick; neither can there be any greater glory to you being a Savior, than to save sinners.

All Hear our prayer. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

Psalm 118:19, 25-26

3. Fling wide your gates, O Zion,
your Savior's rule embrace!
His tidings of salvation
proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow before Him,
their voices will adore Him.
Oh blest is Christ that came
in God's most holy name!

3. Crown Him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife,
for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

4. Crown Him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou has died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
through all eternity.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

OH THE DEEP DEEP LOVE OF JESUS / SAMUEL TREVOR FRANCIS

1. Oh, 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 His love
Leading onward, leading homeward
To His glorious rest above.

2. Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Spread His praise from shore to shore!
Praise His mercy, praise His goodness;
Praise His love forevermore.

How He watcheth o'er His loved ones,
Died to call them all His own;
How for them He edeth,
Watcheth o'er them from His throne.

3. Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Love of ev'ry love the best
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing;
'Tis a haven sweet of rest.
Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory,
Lifts me up eternally.

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 Lord Jesus, our King,
you came to us in humility, not in power,
and yet we often look for you in the places
you have not promised to be.
We confess our tendency to trust our own expectations
rather than your word.
Open our eyes to see you clearly,
and give us hearts that receive you as you are.
Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Leader Sovereign God,
your kingdom does not advance through force,
but through self-giving love.
We pray for a world marked by conflict and fear—
for nations at war, for those facing injustice,
and for all who feel the weight of uncertainty.
Restrain evil, uphold the vulnerable,
and let your peace take root where it feels far off.
Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Leader God of all authority,
you call leaders to serve with wisdom and humility.
We pray for those entrusted with power in our nation and beyond.
Guard them from pride,
and guide them toward what is just and good.
Help us not to place our hope in human strength,
but in your steady and faithful rule.
Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Colossians 3:1-4

Leader Merciful Father,
you have shown us your heart in Christ,
who gave himself for us.
We pray for those in our church and community
who are burdened, grieving, or in need.
Draw near to them with comfort and care.
Shape us into a people who reflect your love.
Make us ready to serve, quick to notice,
and willing to lay down our lives for others.
As we enter this Holy Week,
fix our attention on Jesus,
and form his humility in us.
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 give via our app (iOS and Android) or website: www.gracepasadena.org/give.

OFFERING SONG

A MEDITATION ON PSALM 118 / MUSIC: NOAH SIEROTA

1. The stone they rejected
is the cornerstone
I've seen with my eyes
what the Lord he has done
He's done it this day
I'll be glad and rejoice
Blessed who came
From the house of the Lord

Chorus

*You are my God and I'll praise you
You are my God and I'll exalt you
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good*

2. The Lord he is God
Made his light shine on us
A sacrificed lamb on the altar bound up
To save us for him
Victory by the Son
I'll give thanks to him
Salvation by the One
His love endures forever
His love endures forever
His love endures forever

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:1-11

¹ Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵ "Say to the daughter of Zion,
'Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰ And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹ And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God!

MORNING MESSAGE

Nick Locke

The Humble King

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

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST / GREGORY W. LAFOLLETTE

1. Holy, Holy, Holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory

CHORUS

*Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest
and blessed is He who comes in the
name of the Lord*

CHORUS 2

*Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest
and blessed is He
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest
and blessed is He who comes in the
name of the Lord*

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

HOW GREAT THOU ART / C. BOBERG

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

CHORUS

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.*

2. And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing,
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

3. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,
and take me home what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"

BENEDICTION

Psalm 72:17-19

Leader May his name endure forever,
his fame continue as long as the sun!
May people be blessed in him,
all nations call him blessed!
Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.
Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may the whole earth be filled with his glory!

All **Thanks be to God, Amen!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Week: Good Friday @ 6pm, Easter Sunday @ 10am | Scan the QR code to RSVP for our Easter brunch and sign up to bring a dish to share!

Holy Week 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

Discipleship Classes: Practicing The Way | Join us in the Community Room at 8:45a on Sunday mornings



Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

Praise him who comes, and is to come! Hosanna to the Father's mighty Son, here and in the highest. Praise him who once humbled himself in love to save our human race. Praise him for his Father's boundless grace! Who would not stop to see and wonder at how low your love bent down? A donkey once carried you here on the earth. You, in your might and holiness! And in your pity for us, you serve and bless our fallen race. This day is joy-filled for all creation. My glad soul will sing a song of praise, and wave branches of thanksgiving that were once just palm branches, thrown in front of you by children. Now we own your hidden majesty, and we cry with those children: "Hosanna to the Son of David!" Amen.

EPHRAIM THE SYRIAN

THEOLOGIAN AND WRITER (306–373)

GIVING & BUDGET

	JAN-FEB 2026	MAR 2026
GIVING & INCOME* AS OF 3/26/2026	\$80,555	\$28,916
BUDGETED EXPENSE	118,997	60,210
DIFFERENCE	38,442	31,294

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



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