

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,

All and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

Psalms 23:5-6 (NIV)

SONGS OF PRAISE

I SURRENDER ALL / J.W. VAN DE VENTER

All to Jesus I surrender,
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.

REFRAIN
I surrender all, I surrender all;
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
Let me feel Thy Holy Spirit,
Truly know that Thou art mine.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessing fall on me.

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS / ISAAC WATTS

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them through his blood.

3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

CONFESSION OF SIN

MOST MERCIFUL GOD / G. W. LaFOLLETTE

1. Most Merciful God, we confess
That we have sinned against You
By what we have done,
by what we have left undone (repeat)

CHORUS
We have not loved You
With our whole heart, our whole heart
We have not loved our neighbors
as we've loved ourselves

2. For the sake of Your Son,
Jesus Christ have mercy and forgive us
That we may delight
In Your will, Your will

CHORUS 2
And walk in Your ways
In Your ways, in Your ways
To the glory of Your name
Of Your name, of Your name

3. Most Merciful God,
we humbly repent
Help us to walk in Your ways
Most Merciful God,
Most Merciful God (repeat)

Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Romans 5:6-8 (NIV)

Leader You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ
died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person,
though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God
demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners,
Christ died for us.

ALL YOUR WORKS ARE GOOD / S. McCracken

1. The moon it marks the seasons,
The sun knows when to go down
The ocean holds its creatures,
The river knows its bounds

2. The birds, the trees, the cattle,
And all things great and small
We find our place in creation,
Your hand sustains it all

CHORUS
All Your works are good
All Your works are good
From everlasting, to everlasting
All Your works are good

3. He makes the clouds His chariot,
He wraps Himself in light
He stretches out the heavens,
Like a tent across the sky

4. He knows our every burden,
When darkness veils our eyes
He comes with spring returning,
Bringing death to life

5. As we labor until evening,
There's a message on the wind
Be still and know your Maker,
Be satisfied in Him
Be still and know your Maker,
Be satisfied in Him

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

Together 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 God of grace, in Jesus you welcomed sinners and outcasts, and you
still welcome us today. Yet we confess that we often prefer comfort to
compassion and familiarity to faithfulness. Forgive us for the ways we
keep others at a distance and for the pride that keeps us from admit-
ting our need. Make us more like the woman who came to you with-
out pretense—honest, humble, and full of love.

Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Leader For our world—your world—so marked by division and hostility, we
pray for the healing that only your grace can bring. Where people are
written off or pushed aside, remind us that no one is beyond the reach
of your mercy. Where nations cling to power, teach their leaders to
walk in humility and justice. Bring peace where there is war, and hope
where despair has taken root.

Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Leader For our nation, we ask for wisdom and compassion in public life. Give
courage to those who pursue what is right, and soften the hearts of
those hardened by fear or resentment. Where we have grown cynical
or self-protective, restore our trust in your sovereignty and our commit-
ment to love our neighbors—even those who make us uncomfortable.

Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Leader For our city and neighborhoods, we pray that your Spirit would open
our eyes to the people we overlook. Make our homes and tables
places of welcome. Give comfort to the lonely, rest to the weary, and
community to the forgotten. Let your church be known here in Pasa-
dena as a people of grace and hospitality.

Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Leader For your church, O Lord—your body in this place and throughout the
world—teach us what it means to love much because we have been
forgiven much. Fill us with your Spirit so that our worship, service,
and relationships reflect your mercy. Keep us close to the cross, where
pride dies and new life begins.

Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Leader Faithful God, hear the prayers of your people. Give us eyes to see oth-
ers as you see them and hearts open to your transforming grace. Lead
us from fear to faith, from judgment to joy, and from self-reliance to
trust in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All Lord, in your mercy,
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.

KINGDOM OF GOD / J. GUERRA

1. Oh, that I could see your face
How I'm longing for that day
Brighter sun of holy grace
Make my heart a holy place

CHORUS
Blessed are the poor
who have nothing to own
Blessed are the mourners
who are crying alone
Blessed are the guilty
who have nowhere to go
For their hearts have a road
to the kingdom of God
And their souls are the songs
of the kingdom of God
And they will find a refuge,
for theirs is the kingdom of God

2. Beauty shining from your face
Always longed to see this place
Is there somewhere I can stay?
Even just a couple days?

BRIDGE
The Lord is our shepherd
we shall not want
In valley or pasture, we shall not want
Our cup runneth over and over
For now and forever,
for now and forever
(repeat)

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 7:36-50 (NIV)

³⁶ When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the
Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. ³⁷ A woman in that town who lived a
sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there
with an alabaster jar of perfume. ³⁸ As she stood behind him at his feet weeping,
she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed
them and poured perfume on them.

³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this
man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of
woman she is—that she is a sinner."

⁴⁰ Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher,"
he said.

⁴¹ "Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five
hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² Neither of them had the money to pay him
back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

⁴³ Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven." "You have
judged correctly," Jesus said.

⁴⁴ Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman?
I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my
feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You did not give me a kiss, but
this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did
not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. ⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell
you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever
has been forgiven little loves little."

⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

⁴⁹ The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even for-
gives sins?"

⁵⁰ Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God!

MORNING MESSAGE

Nick Locke

The Unexpected Guest

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

TAKE MY LIFE / F. HAVERGAL

1. Take my life and let it be
Consecrated Lord to Thee
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise
Let them flow in ceaseless praise

2. Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee
Swift and beautiful for Thee

3. Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee.
4. Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart; it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

5. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.

COMMUNION ACCLAMATION

Leader

Therefore we 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

AARON’S BLESSING / MUSIC: F. ORTEGA

May the Lord bless you and keep you
May the Lord bless you and keep you
May the Lord make His face to shine on you
May the Lord make His face to shine on you
And be gracious to you
And be gracious to you

May the Lord lift His countenance on you
May the Lord lift His countenance on you
May the Lord lift His countenance on you
May the Lord lift His countenance on you
May He keep you in perfect peace
May He keep you in perfect peace

BENEDICTION

from the Kenyan Rite, Anglican Church of Kenya

Leader

All our problems

All

We send to the cross of Christ.

Leader

All our difficulties

All

We send to the cross of Christ.

Leader

All the devil’s works

All

We send to the cross of Christ.

Leader

All our hopes

All

We set on the risen Christ.

Leader

And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All

Thanks be to God, Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today! Fall Festival | 4-6 pm at Eaton-Blanche Park | scan the QR code for more information

New Member’s Class | begins Sunday, Nov 2, at 11:45 am for 4 weeks | scan the QR code to RSVP

College Dinner | Tuesday, Nov 4 at 6 pm | email info@gracepasadena.org to RSVP

Worship Night | Wednesday, Nov 19, at 7 pm at Legge Alley Studio

Sunday School: Practicing the Way | Sunday mornings at 8:45a

Women’s Bible Study | Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 am | scan the QR code to register

The fall session of City Groups has begun! | visit our website or contact Erisa ekhines@gmail.com if you’re interested in joining or leading a group

Open Tables | **College students**, interested in connecting with families at Grace? We’d love to have you join our new college ministry, Open Tables. Fill out the form by scanning the QR code to learn more and get paired with a family.



GIVING & BUDGET

	JAN-SEP 2025	OCT 2025
GIVING AS OF 10/22/2025	\$360,553	\$15,530
BUDGETED EXPENSE	573,356	61,446
DIFFERENCE	212,803	45,916



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“Let the candor with which our Lord accepted this invitation, and his gentleness and prudence at this ensnaring entertainment, teach us to mingle the wisdom of the serpent with the innocence and sweetness of the dove. Let us neither absolutely refuse all favors nor resent all neglects from those whose friendship is at best very doubtful, and their intimacy by no means safe.”

JOHN WESLEY
EXPLANATORY NOTES UPON THE NEW TESTAMENT
(18TH CENTURY ENGLISH THEOLOGIAN AND FOUNDER OF METHODISM)

Reflecting on the Christian life, Bernard of Clairvaux was once asked what the four cardinal virtues were. His answer revealed the heart of one who knew the depths of grace: “Humility, humility, humility, and humility.”

BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX
AS CITED IN BACK TO VIRTUE BY PETER KREEFT
(12TH CENTURY FRENCH ABBOT AND THEOLOGIAN; KREEFT IS A 20TH-CENTURY AMERICAN CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHER)

“The true reason why faith is given such an exclusive place by the New Testament, so far as the attainment of salvation is concerned, over against love and over against everything else in man, is that faith means receiving something, not doing something or even being something. To say, therefore, that our faith saves us means that we do not save ourselves even in the slightest measure, but that God saves us.”

J. GRESHAM MACHEN | *WHAT IS FAITH?*
(20TH CENTURY AMERICAN THEOLOGIAN AND FOUNDER OF WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY)

“Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Your feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.”

FRANCES RIDLEY HAVERGAL
“TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE”
(19TH CENTURY ENGLISH HYMNWRITER AND POET)

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ORDINARY TIME