

PRELUDE

GLORY, GLORY, HALLELUJAH / THE STAPLE SINGERS

1. Glory, Glory (*Glory, Glory!*)
Hallelujah (*Hallelujah!*)
Since I laid (*Laid my burden down!*)
My burden down (*Laid my burden down!*)
Glory, Glory (*Glory, Glory!*)
Hallelujah (*Hallelujah!*)
Since I laid my burden down!
Laid my burden down!

3. I am free (*Glory, Glory!*)
Free of my burden (*Hallelujah!*)
Since I laid (*Laid my burden down!*)
My burden down (*Laid my burden down!*)
I am free (*Glory, Glory!*)
Free of my burden (*Hallelujah!*)
Since I laid my burden down!
Laid my burden down!

2. I’ve been cleansed (*Glory, Glory!*)
By the blood of Jesus (*Hallelujah!*)
Since I laid (*Laid my burden down!*)
My burden down (*Laid my burden down!*)
I’ve been cleansed (*Glory, Glory!*)
By the blood of Jesus (*Hallelujah!*)
Since I laid my burden down!
Laid my burden down!

CALL TO WORSHIP

LeaderSeek the LORD while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the unrighteous their thoughts.

All**Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.**

Isaiah 55:6-7

SONG OF PRAISE

LIFT UP YOUR HEADS / WORDS: PS. 24, MUSIC: G. WEISEL

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here!

2. A helper just, He comes to thee;
his chariot is humility;
his kingly crown is holiness;
his scepter, kindness in distress!

3. O blest the land, the city blest,
where Christ the Ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes,
to whom this King in triumph comes!

4. Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart!
The Word made flesh descends to dwell
with joy for you who His mercies tell.

5. So come, my Lord, and enter in,
let new and nobler life begin!
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on
until Thy glorious victories won!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

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

COME YE SINNERS / J. HART

1. Come ye sinners, poor and needy,
bruised and broken by the fall!
Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pardoning love for all.
He is able, He is able;
He is willing, doubt no more!
He is able, He is able;
He is willing, doubt no more!

2. Let not conscience make you linger,
nor of fitness fondly dream;
all that He requires of sinners
is to lean and trust on Him.
He will save you, He will save you,
‘tis the Gospel’s constant theme!
He will save you, He will save you,
‘tis the Gospel’s constant theme!

3. Lo! Th’ incarnate God ascended,
pleads the merit of His blood;
venture on Him, venture wholly;
let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus,
can do helpless sinners good.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus,
can do helpless sinners good.

CONFESSION OF SIN

from The Book of Common Prayer

LeaderMost merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in
thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we
have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we
have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we
humbly repent.

All**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive
us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the
glory of your name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 6:37

LeaderAll those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to
me I will never drive away.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

OPEN MY LIPS / F. ORTEGA

Open my lips
I will sing your praise forever
Open my lips O Lord
I will sing your praise forever
A broken spirit and a contrite heart
These you will not despise
Open my lips
I will sing your praise forever

PASSING OF THE PEACE

LeaderMay 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

LeaderMerciful God, you are our hiding place and our deliverer. You see us
fully—our words, our actions, even the thoughts we try to keep hid-
den—and yet you invite us to come near. We confess that we often try
to cover our sin, to excuse ourselves, or to ignore our need for grace.
Teach us again the freedom of honest confession, and remind us of
the joy of forgiveness in Christ.
Lord, in your mercy,

All**Hear our prayer.**

LeaderFor our world, broken by pride and violence, we confess the ways
nations exalt themselves instead of seeking peace. Have mercy on
places torn apart by war, on leaders consumed with power, and on
peoples who suffer. Cover the earth with your steadfast love, and
bring healing where sin’s wounds run deep.
Lord, in your mercy,

All**Hear our prayer.**

LeaderFor our city and neighborhoods, we confess how easily we close our
eyes to injustice and turn away from those in need. Forgive us for in-
difference toward our neighbors, and open our hearts to compassion.
May your Spirit work through us to bring reconciliation, generosity,
and hope to the streets where we live.
Lord, in your mercy,

All**Hear our prayer.**

LeaderFor our church family, we confess that we sometimes wear masks
before one another—hiding struggles, pretending strength, and failing
to speak truth in love. Teach us to be a community where confession
is met with grace, where forgiveness is freely shared, and where the
joy of salvation resounds in our worship
Lord, in your mercy,

All**Hear our prayer.**

LeaderFaithful God, we entrust these prayers to you, confident in the
promise of your Word: “Blessed is the one whose transgressions are
forgiven, whose sins are covered.” Surround us with your shouts of
deliverance and lead us in the way of life.

All**Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 32:1-11 (NIV)

Of David. A maskil.

- ¹ Blessed is the one
whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.
- ² Blessed is the one
whose sin the Lord does not count against them
and in whose spirit is no deceit.
- ³ When I kept silent,
my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
- ⁴ For day and night
your hand was heavy on me;
my strength was sapped
as in the heat of summer.
- ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and did not cover up my iniquity.
I said, “I will confess
my transgressions to the Lord.”
And you forgave
the guilt of my sin.
- ⁶ Therefore let all the faithful pray to you
while you may be found;
surely the rising of the mighty waters
will not reach them.
- ⁷ You are my hiding place;
you will protect me from trouble

and surround me with songs of deliverance.

⁸ I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

⁹ Do not be like the horse or the mule,
which have no understanding
but must be controlled by bit and bridle
or they will not come to you.

¹⁰ Many are the woes of the wicked,
but the Lord’s unfailing love
surrounds the one who trusts in him.

¹¹ Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous;
sing, all you who are upright in heart!

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God!

MORNING MESSAGE Nick Locke

The Gift of Confession

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 SONGS

GOD’S TABLE / B. COLEMAN

We will come to God’s table
And there remember God’s mercy

We will come to God’s table
And there remember the cross

We will come to God’s table
And there remember God’s family

We will come to the table of the Lord

HOLY GOD, HOLY AND MIGHTY / F. ORTEGA

Holy God, Holy and Mighty
Holy immortal one
Have mercy, have mercy on us

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

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER / MUSIC: F. ORTEGA

Glory be to the Father,
Glory be to the Son,
Glory be to the Holy Ghost! (2x)

As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be:
world without end, world without end;
Amen, amen!

BENEDICTION Hebrews 10:22-23

Leader Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

All Thanks be to God! Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Start-of-the-Year Pool Party BBQ | August 27, at 6:30 pm | Contact Bailey at bailey@gracepasadena.org for more information

Reception for the Chadwicks | Sunday, August 31, after the service on the patio

Newcomers Lunch | Sunday, September 7, after the service | If you’re new to Grace, we’d love to get to know you. Look for a sign-up form soon to let us know you’d like to participate.

A Prayer Guide for the fall (begins September 7 and runs to the start of Advent) will be available soon! Digital and hard copies will be made available.

Children’s Ministry Volunteer Training | Sunday, September 14, at 8:30 am on the patio | Email Caroline at families@gracepasadena.org if you plan to attend or have any questions.

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GIVING & BUDGET		
2025 BUDGET		\$765,701
GIVING AS OF 8/21/2025		272,098
GIVING NEEDED TO MEET BUDGET		493,603

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“We are anxious people, covering our flaws, shaping our image, straining to present an acceptable version of ourselves to the world around us. And of course, all of this is merely symptomatic of a deeper issue. We don’t just want to appear pretty or skinny or smart—we want to be good, acceptable, lovable. We want to know that we’re approved. But in a world drained of transcendence, there is only the approval of the mob to fill the void.”

MIKE COSPER
(21ST CENTURY PASTOR AND AUTHOR)

“Look—everybody knows there’s something wrong with them. They just don’t know what it is. Everybody wants confession, everybody wants some cathartic narrative for it. The guilty especially. And everybody’s guilty.”

RUST COHLE
(FICTIONAL DETECTIVE IN TRUE DETECTIVE,
HBO SERIES, SEASON 1)

“Jesus, the only Son of God, died a violent, unspeakable death so we could know what freedom from sin tastes like. Jesus laid his power down, suffered and became sin so that we would not be condemned. Every time we confess how we have missed the mark of God’s love and truth, we open ourselves up to the mending work of the cross. Jesus’ wounds hold true life-changing power. This is the shocking reality that confession can open up to us.”

ADELE CALHOUN
(21ST CENTURY CHRISTIAN AUTHOR AND TEACHER)

AUGUST 24, 2025
ORDINARY TIME