

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Leader Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances;  
All for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

SONG OF PRAISE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY / R. HEBER

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!  
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  
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.  
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!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Leader O Lord God, Father of mercies, the fountain of comfort and blessing, of life and peace, of plenty and pardon, who fills heaven with your glory, and earth with your goodness—I give you the most earnest, the most humble, and most enlarged returns of my glad and thankful heart, for you have refreshed me with your comforts, and enlarged me with your blessing. You have made my flesh and my bones to rejoice, for, besides the blessings of all mankind, the blessings of nature, and the blessings of grace, the support of every minute, and the comforts of every day, you have opened your bosom, and at this time have poured out an excellent expression of your loving kindness. Amen.

— from Jeremy Taylor (17th Century Anglican Bishop and Devotional Writer)

SONGS OF PRAISE

EVIDENCE / J. BALDWIN

1. All throughout my history  
Your faithfulness has walked beside me  
The winter storms made way for spring  
In every season, from where I’m standing

CHORUS

I see the evidence of Your goodness  
All over my life, all over my life  
I see Your promises in fulfillment  
All over my life, all over my life

2. Help me remember when I’m weak  
Fear may come but fear will leave  
You lead my heart to victory  
You are my strength and You always will be

BRIDGE

See the cross, the empty grave  
The evidence is endless  
All my sin rolled away  
Because of You, oh Jesus

ENDING

Why should I fear, the evidence is here

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

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader Loving Father,  
Be merciful and forgive our sin.  
Cleanse our unrighteousness.  
Heal our hurts, and reconcile our broken relationships.  
Pour Your Spirit upon us with renewing grace.  
Restore to us the ‘joy of our salvation’.  
Forgive our excessiveness and ingratitude.  
Make us a thankful people with charitable hearts,  
Who drink from the well of Your grace,  
That this broken world will taste  
The new wine of the gospel.  
Through Jesus, Amen.

from Rev. Mike Khandjian

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader <sup>12</sup>... [Give] joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. <sup>13</sup> For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:12-14

SONG OF ASSURANCE

COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING / R. ROBINSON

1. Come Thou fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount I’m fixed upon it,  
mount of Thy redeeming love!  
3. Oh to grace how great a debtor,  
daily I’m constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to Thee:  
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here’s my heart, oh take and seal it;  
seal it for Thy courts above

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
hither by Thy help I’m come;  
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed His precious blood

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

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name

[Thank God for who He is and His abundant faithfulness.]

Your kingdom come; your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven

[Pray for God’s rule and reign to become a reality.]

Give us this day our daily bread

[Pray for God’s daily provision in your life.]

Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors

[Confess your sins to the Lord, and forgive people who have wronged you.]

Lead us not into temptation

[Ask for God to guide you in ‘paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.’]

But deliver us from evil

[Pray for God’s protection against any of the strategies of Satan.]

For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. 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 30:1-12 (NIV)

A psalm. A song. For the dedication of the temple. Of David.

<sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, Lord,  
for you lifted me out of the depths  
and did not let my enemies gloat over me.  
<sup>2</sup> Lord my God, I called to you for help,  
and you healed me.  
<sup>3</sup> You, Lord, brought me up from the realm of the dead;  
you spared me from going down to the pit.  
<sup>4</sup> Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people;  
praise his holy name.  
<sup>5</sup> For his anger lasts only a moment,  
but his favor lasts a lifetime;  
weeping may stay for the night,  
but rejoicing comes in the morning.  
<sup>6</sup> When I felt secure, I said,  
“I will never be shaken.”  
<sup>7</sup> Lord, when you favored me,  
you made my royal mountain[c] stand firm;  
but when you hid your face,  
I was dismayed.  
<sup>8</sup> To you, Lord, I called;  
to the Lord I cried for mercy:  
<sup>9</sup> “What is gained if I am silenced,  
if I go down to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you?  
Will it proclaim your faithfulness?  
<sup>10</sup> Hear, Lord, and be merciful to me;  
Lord, be my help.”

<sup>11</sup> You turned my wailing into dancing;  
you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,  
<sup>12</sup> that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent.  
Lord my God, I will praise you forever.

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

## Nick Locke

## Wailing into Dancing

***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.

*BY THE MARK / D. RAWLINGS & G. WELCH*

1. When I cross over  
I will shout and sing  
I will know my savior  
By the mark where the nails have been

**Chorus**  
*By the mark where the nails have been  
 By the sign upon his precious skin  
 I will know my savior when I come to him  
 By the mark where the nails have been*

2. A man of riches  
May claim a crown of jewels  
But the king of heaven  
Can be told from the prince of fools

3. On Calvary Mountain  
Where they made him suffer so  
All my sin was paid for  
A long, long time ago

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.

## DOXOLOGY / T. KENNEDY

Praise God,  
from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
*Amen*

## Colossians 3:15, 17

Leader Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

## Reception for the Chadwicks | Today! after the service on the patio

**Newcomer's Lunch** | Sunday, September 7, after the service | If you're new to Grace, we'd love to get to know you. RSVP by scanning the QR code below.

**A Prayer Guide for the fall** (begins September 7 and runs to the start of Advent) is now available at the Welcome Desk and on our website.

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

**Scan the QR code to:**



- RSVP for the September 7 Newcomer's Lunch
- fill out a Connect Card
- sign up for our weekly e-newsletter
- set up online giving
- access **Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs**, an album for Grace Pasadena by Bernard Chadwick and the Grace Pasadena Worship Team

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GIVING AS OF 8/28/2025	278,772
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"This is a virtue characteristic of real Christians; it is their worship of God at its best... To thank with all your heart is an art—an art which the Holy Spirit teaches."

**MARTIN LUTHER** | *WHAT LUTHER SAYS*  
(16<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY REFORMER)

"We are surrounded by God's benefits. The best use of these benefits is an unceasing expression of gratitude."

JOHN CALVIN | *GOLDEN BOOKLET OF THE  
TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE*  
(16<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY REFORMER)

A divine ‘punishment’ is also a divine ‘gift,’ if accepted, since its object is ultimate blessing, and the supreme inventiveness of the Creator will make ‘punishments’... produce a good not otherwise to be attained.”

**J.R.R. TOLKIEN** | *THE LETTERS OF J.R.R. TOLKIEN*  
(20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY AUTHOR)

"God takes our misery and suffering so seriously that he was willing to take it on himself."

TIMOTHY KELLER | *THE REASON FOR GOD*  
(21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY PASTOR AND AUTHOR)

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**ORDINARY TIME**