

PRELUDER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader ¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
² Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
⁴ who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

All ⁵ **who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

SONG OF PRAISE

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

PRAYER OF ADORATION

from The Book of Common Prayer

Leader Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE

OCEANS (WHERE FEET MAY FAIL) / MATT CROCKER, JOEL HOUSTON, SALOMON LIGHTELM

Bridge
Spirit lead me
where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper
than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour

2. Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sovereign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail
and fear surrounds me
You've never failed
and You won't start now

Psalm 103:1-5

ALAS AND DID MY SAVIOUR BLEED / ISAAC WATTS

1. Alas and did my Savior bleed?
And did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
for sinners such as I?
2. Was it for crimes that I have done,
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity; Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!
3. Well might the sun in darkness hide
and shut His glories in.
When Christ the mighty maker died
for man the creature's sin

Chorus
Hallelujah, I'm forgiven
Hallelujah, I'm forgiven
Hallelujah, I'm forgiven

CONFESION OF FAITH

All

We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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The Apostles' Creed

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RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

New Members: Lara Meikle, Matthew Wiese

- Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
- Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
- Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
- Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
- Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

SONG OF PRAISE

ABIDE WITH ME (EVENTIDE) / HENRY FRANCIS LYTE

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens;
Lord with me abide.
When other helpers,
Fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
2. Swift to its close
ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim,
its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see.
O thou who changest not,
abide with me.

3. I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless,
ills have no weight,
and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting?
Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.
4. Hold thou thy cross
before my closing eyes.
Shine through the gloom
and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks
and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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

Gracious God, we come before you mindful of the humility and love of Jesus. In the waters of baptism, he chose to step toward us rather than remain at a distance. When we are tempted to pull back from what is broken or hard, draw our eyes again to Christ, who meets us in our need and does not turn away.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Loving Father, when our sense of worth is shaken—by failure, fear, or the voices that tell us we do not belong—remind us that your love does not depend on our performance. Anchor us in the assurance that we are seen, known, and held by you. Teach us to live from that truth rather than from striving or fear.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Merciful God, we pray for a world marked by fear and unrest. Where power is misused, where communities are unsettled and families live in turmoil, bring wisdom, restraint, and compassion. Guard those who are vulnerable, comfort those who grieve, and guide leaders and authorities toward justice and peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Faithful God, draw near to all who are walking through uncertainty and hardship. Give strength to the weary, hope to the discouraged, and courage to those who seek healing and reconciliation. Shape us as your people to reflect your love, and teach us to trust that you are with us in every season.

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:13-17
¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Nick Locke*Into the Water with Us*

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.

CONFSSION OF SIN

Leader ¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

All ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

COMMUNION SONG

STEADFAST / SANDRA McCACKEN

1. I will build my house
Whether storm or drought
On the rock that does not move
I will set my hope
In your love, O Lord
And your faithfulness will prove

Chorus
You are steadfast
steadfast
2. By the word you spoke
All the starry host
Are called out by name each night
In your watchful care
I will rest secure
As you lead us with your light

3. I will not trust in the strength of kings
On your promise I will stand
I will shout for joy, I will raise my voice
Hallelujah to the Lamb!

Bridge
In the you moment of emptiness
All was fulfilled
In the hour of darkness
Your light was revealed
In the presence of death
Your life was affirmed
In the absence of holiness
You are still God

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

I SURRENDER ALL / J.W. VAN DE VENTER

1. 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.*

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

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



Psalm 51:1-2

BENEDICTION

Leader ²⁴ Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵ to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

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

Jude 1:24-25

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2025 Giving Statements | Contact Jessica at info@gracepasadena.org if you do not receive your statement by January 31.

Congregational Dinner | January 25 | Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a time of fellowship and vision casting for our year ahead! Scan the QR code to RSVP.

Epiphany Prayer Guide | Scan the QR code for a digital version. Hard copies will be available next Sunday!



GIVING & BUDGET

GIVING AS OF 1/8/2026 _____
BUDGETED EXPENSE _____
DIFFERENCE _____

JAN-DEC 2025	JAN 2026
\$571,245	\$1,560
765,701	60,001
194,456	58,441

"In Jesus Christ we behold a complete man. Thus in obedience to the Holy Spirit the body he assumed fulfilled in him every sacrament of our salvation. He came therefore to John, born of a woman, bound to the law and made flesh through the Word. Therefore there was no need for him to be baptized, because it was said of him: "He committed no sin." And where there is no sin, the remission of it is superfluous. It was not because

Christ had a need that he took a body and a name from our creation. He had no need for baptism. Rather, through him the cleansing act was sanctified to become the waters of our immersion."

HILARY OF POITIERS (310-367)

"Baptism was becoming even in our Lord, who needed no personal purification, for he was the head over all things to his church, and it was becoming that he should be as the members should be. Baptism beautifully sets forth our Lord's immersion in suffering, his burial, and his resurrection. Thus typically it fulfills 'all righteousness.'"

CHARLES SPURGEON (1834-1892)

"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

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THE 1ST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



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