

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent?  
Who shall dwell on your holy hill?  
All **He who walks blamelessly and does what is right.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

### A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD / M. LUTHER

1. A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing;  
our helper he, amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
does seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great,  
and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.  
2. Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing,  
were not the right Man on our side,  
the Man of God's own choosing.  
doth ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth his name,  
from age to age the same;  
and he must win the battle.

### 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

## CONFession 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.**  
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

## Psalm 15:1-2a

## RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

**New Members:** Sam & Brenna Tang, Charles Sy, Joe & Katrina Kim, Phil Coffin & Rosanna Lu, Abraham & Vicky Chung, Zoe Chung, Kaylee Chung

- 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?

### Question for the Congregation

- Do you, as a congregation, promise to love, support, and pray for these new members in their walk with Christ?

## SONG OF PRAISE

### YET NOT I, BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME / J. ROBINSON, R. THOMPSON, M. FARREN

1. What gift of grace  
is Jesus my Redeemer  
There is no more for heaven  
now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness,  
and freedom  
My steadfast love,  
my deep and boundless peace

**CHORUS 1**  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to His  
Oh how strange and divine,  
I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

2. The night is dark  
but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Savior He will stay  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed

**CHORUS 2**  
To this I hold,  
my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley  
He will lead  
Oh the night has been won,  
and I shall overcome  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

## 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 Jesus, our Savior and Teacher, you sat down on the mountain and opened your mouth to lift up those the world often overlooks. You call the poor in spirit blessed, and you promise them the kingdom of heaven. When we are tempted to measure our lives by strength, success, or recognition, loosen our grip on what cannot give life. Give us humble hearts that know their need for you and are glad to receive your grace. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, you bless those who mourn and those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. We bring before you the griefs we carry—losses named and unnamed, disappointments we hide, and longings that remain unmet. Meet us in our sorrow, and do not let us grow numb or cynical. Deepen our hunger for what is good and right, and satisfy us with your faithful presence. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Humble King, you call the meek blessed and promise them the earth. Shape us into a people who do not grasp for control or return harm for harm. In a world marked by anger and division, teach us the way of mercy and peace. Make us peacemakers in our homes, our church, and our city. May we be quick to listen, slow to speak, and eager to forgive, bearing witness to the reconciling work of your kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Faithful Lord, you tell us that those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake are not forgotten, but blessed. We pray for your church throughout the world, especially where faithfulness comes at great cost. Strengthen those who are mocked, marginalized, or opposed because they belong to you. Give courage to all who seek to follow you with integrity, and help us trust your promise that even now, your kingdom is at work among us. 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](http://www.gracepasadena.org/give).

## SCRIPTURE READING

<sup>1</sup> Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

<sup>2</sup> And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup> "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God!**

## Matthew 5:1-12

## MORNING MESSAGE

### *The Shape of the Blessed Life*

Nick Locke

## CONFSSION OF SIN

All

Lord God, You require us to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly before You. We confess that we have not loved You or our neighbor in this way. We repent of this. Grant that Your Holy Spirit drives us to seek these things through Christ. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader

God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

**1 Corinthians 1:28-30**

## 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

**BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL** / PAUL ZACH; ISAAC WARDELL; ORLANDO PALMER

Blessed are the merciful  
Blessed are the merciful  
Blessed are the merciful  
For they shall receive mercy, mercy

**PRECHORUS**  
Forgive us as we forgive those who sin against us  
Forgive us as we forgive those who sin against us

**CHORUS**  
Lord have mercy on us  
Show Your mercy through us  
Lord have mercy on us  
Show Your mercy through us  
Lord have mercy on us  
Show Your mercy through us  
Mercy

## 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

**GOD THE FATHER** / B. CHADWICK, M. CHOI

May God the Father go before you  
May God the Son light the way  
May God the Spirit bind us together  
In his great love

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Let us lay down our burdens  
as we gather in his name  
the peace of Christ within us  
is the glory of our faith

Praise God for his goodness,  
mercy, and grace  
Let the word of Christ be in us  
Give us wisdom as we pray

## BENEDICTION

Leader

<sup>16</sup> Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace,  
<sup>17</sup> comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

All

**Thanks be to God, Amen!**

**2 Thessalonians 2:16-17**



"One who desires what is in heaven does not fear reproaches on earth. He does not care about what people say about him but rather how God judges him. But one who rejoices in the praise of others and how much they praise him is saddened when he receives no praise. He feels sad at others' reproaches. But a person who is not lifted up by others' praise is not lowered by their reproach. Wherever any one seeks his own glory, just there he also fears reproach. A person who constantly seeks glory on earth constantly fears troubles on earth. But a person who seeks glory only with God fears no disturbance except for God's judgment."

**ANONYMOUS**

*Incomplete Work on Matthew (5th century)*

"You hear the voice of a beggar, but before God you are yourself a beggar. Someone is begging from you, while you yourself are begging. As you treat your beggar, so will God treat his. You who are empty are being filled. Out of your fullness fill an empty person in need, so that your own emptiness may be again filled by the fullness of God."

**AUGUSTINE**

*Commentary on the Lord's Sermon on the Mount (late 4th-early 5th century)*

"Lest you should think that the mere fact of being evil spoken of makes men blessed, Christ has set two limitations: when it is for his sake, and when the things that are said are false. Without these, he who is evil spoken of, so far from being blessed, is miserable."

**JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

*Homilies on the Gospel of Saint Matthew (late 4th-early 5th century)*



## GIVING & BUDGET

|                        | JAN-DEC 2025 | JAN 2026 |
|------------------------|--------------|----------|
| GIVING AS OF 1/29/2026 | \$571,245    | \$28,055 |
| BUDGETED EXPENSE       | 765,701      | 60,001   |
| DIFFERENCE             | 194,456      | 31,946   |



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