

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.

3. And though this world, with devils
filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

4. That Word above all earthly powers
no thanks to them abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God’s truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever!

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

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
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CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

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 commu-
nion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and
the life everlasting.

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

3. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised
to overthrow the grave

CHORUS 3
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released,
I can sing I am free
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

4. With every breath
I long to follow Jesus
For He has said
that He will bring me home
And day by day
I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

CHORUS 4
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete,
still my lips shall repeat
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 heav-
en. 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,

All Hear our prayer.

Leader Merciful Lord, you bless those who mourn and those who hunger and
thirst for righteousness. We bring before you the griefs we carry—loss-
es 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,

All Hear our prayer.

Leader 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,

All Hear our prayer.

Leader Faithful Lord, you tell us that those who are persecuted for righteous-
ness’ 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,

All 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 5:1-12

¹ Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his dis-
ciples came to him.
² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satis-
fied.
⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.
¹¹ “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of
evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² 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!

MORNING MESSAGE

Nick Locke

The Shape of the Blessed Life

CONFESSION OF SIN

Based on Micah 6:8

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

1 Corinthians 1:28-30

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.

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

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

Let us lay down out 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

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Leader

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

All

Thanks be to God, Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Officer and Leader Nominations | Pick up a nomination form at the Welcome Table | submissions are due by February 8

Adult Sunday School: Practicing The Way | Join us in the Community Room at 8:45a on Sunday mornings | next class will be held Sunday, February 15

Annual Super Cereal Bowl Sunday | Join us February 8, at 9:15 am on the patio for fellowship and cereal

Wednesday Women’s Study | begins February 11 | scan the QR code to register

Ash Wednesday Service | February 18 | more details to follow

Grace Pasadena Book Club | Meets the last Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm at Legge Alley Studio

Epiphany Prayer Guide | Scan the QR code for a digital version. Hard copies are available at the Welcome Table on Sunday mornings



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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“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)

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

THE 4TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY