

PRELUDE

OH HAPPY DAY / EDWIN HAWKINS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

All for his steadfast love endures forever!

Leader The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

All Christ the Lord is risen!

Leader This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

All He is risen indeed!

Psalm 118:1, 22-23

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY / CHARLES WESLEY

1. Christ, the Lord, is risen today, Alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!

Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia!

Christ hath opened Paradise. Alleluia!

3. Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!

Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Following our exalted Head; Alleluia!

Made like him, like him we rise: Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

IN CHRIST ALONE / K. GETTY; S. TOWNEND

1. In Christ alone my hope is found;

He is my light, my strength, my song;

This cornerstone, this solid ground,

Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,

When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My comforter, my all in all

Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,

Fullness of God in helpless babe

This gift of love and righteousness,

Scorned by the ones He came to save.

Till on that cross as Jesus died,

The wrath of God was satisfied;

For ev’ry sin on Him was laid

Here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay,

Light of the world by darkness slain;

Then bursting forth in glorious day,

Up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory,

Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;

For I am His and He is mine

Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death

This is the pow’r of Christ in me;

From life’s first cry to final breath,

Jesus commands my destiny.

No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man,

Can ever pluck me from His hand;

Till He returns or calls me home

Here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

All I 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.

I 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.

The Apostles’ Creed

RECEPTION OF NEW & COMMUNICANT MEMBERS

New & Communicant Members: James & Elaine Petralli, June Petralli, Sam Petralli, Adeline Wang, Phoebe Wang, Hannah Lanfer

- 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

HOW DEEP THE FATHER’S LOVE FOR US / STUART TOWNEND

1. How deep the Father’s love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

2. Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished.

3. I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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 Risen Lord Jesus, you have conquered sin and death, and yet we are often slow to believe the good news. We confess that we live with fear, that we doubt your promises, and that we hold back from trusting you fully. Open our eyes to see you, and soften our hearts to receive you. Call us again by name, and assure us that we belong to you. Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Leader God of life, you have raised your Son from the dead and begun the renewal of all things. We pray for a world still marked by death and sorrow— for places of violence and war, for those who live in fear, and for all who long for hope. Let the power of the resurrection break in, bringing peace where there is conflict, and life where there is despair. Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Leader Sovereign Lord, you rule not only over life, but over death itself. We pray for those in authority in our nation and throughout the world. Grant them wisdom, humility, and courage to lead with justice. Restrain what is evil, and guide rulers in ways that reflect your good purposes. Keep us from placing our ultimate hope in human leaders, and fix our trust on you, our risen King. Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Leader Gracious Father, you meet us in our weakness and call us your own. We pray for those in our church and community who are burdened, grieving, or afraid. For those facing illness, loss, or uncertainty— draw near to them with your comfort and peace. Remind them that death is not the end, and that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ. Shape us into a people marked by resurrection hope— quick to share good news, ready to serve, and faithful to go where you send 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 28:1-10

¹ Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” ⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God!

MORNING MESSAGE

Nick Locke

The Risen King

CONFESSION OF SIN

from Martin Bucer

Leader From all sin, from all error, from all evil—

All deliver us, O Lord.

Leader From the wiles of the devil and from everlasting death—

All deliver us, O Lord.

Leader Lord Jesus, by the mystery of your holy incarnation, by your holy nativity, by your baptism, fasting, and temptations—

All deliver us, O Lord.

Leader By your agony and bloody sweat,
by your cross and passions,
by your death and burial,
by your resurrection and ascension,
by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter—

All **deliver us, O Lord. Amen.** *(Silent Confession)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS **1 Peter 1:3-5**

Leader ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

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

DEATH WAS ARRESTED / A. KERSH; B. COKER; H. BALLTZGLIER; P. TAYLOR SMITH

1. Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin
Lost without hope with no place to begin
Your love made a way to let mercy come in
When death was arrested and my life began

2. Ash was redeemed only beauty remains
My orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance
When death was arrested and my life began

CHORUS
*Oh Your grace so free washes over me
You have made me new now life begins with You*

3. Released from my chains I’m a prisoner no more
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend
When death was arrested and my life began

CHORUS
*Oh Your grace so free washes over me
You have made me new now life begins with You
It’s Your endless love pouring down on us
You have made us new now life begins with You*

4. Our Savior displayed on a criminal’s cross
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand
That’s when death was arrested and my life began (x2)

5. Oh Your grace so free washes over me
You have made me new now life begins with You
It’s Your endless love pouring down on us
You have made us new now life begins with You

BRIDGE
Oh we’re free, free, forever we’re free
Come join the song of all the redeemed
Yes we’re free, free, forever amen
When death was arrested and my life began

FINAL REFRAIN
When death was arrested and my life began (x3)

COMMUNION ACCLAMATION

Leader Let us 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

AMAZING GRACE / JOHN NEWTON

1. Amazing grace,
how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

2. ‘Twas grace that taught
my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

3. Through many dangers,
toils and snares,
I have already come;
‘Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

4. When we’ve been there
ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
Than when we’ve first begun.

BENEDICTION

Hebrews 13:20-21

Leader ²⁰ Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eastertide Prayer Guide & Guided Prayer Podcast | Scan the QR code for a digital version and link to the audio guide. Hard copies are available at the Welcome Table on Sunday mornings.

Discipleship Classes: Practicing The Way | Join us in the Community Room at 8:45a on Sunday mornings



GIVING & BUDGET

	JAN-FEB 2026	MAR 2026
GIVING & INCOME* AS OF 4/3/2026 _____	\$80,555	\$38,784
BUDGETED EXPENSE _____	118,997	60,210
DIFFERENCE _____	38,442	21,426

* includes general offerings, ministry specific giving, and interest income



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O God, who for our redemption gave your only begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

Praise the Savior now and ever;
praise him, all beneath the skies;
prostrate lying, suff’ring, dying
on the cross, a sacrifice.
Victory gaining, life obtaining,
now in glory he doth rise.

Man’s work faileth, Christ’s availleth;
he is all our righteousness;
he, our Savior, has forever
set us free from dire distress.
Thro’ his merit we inherit
light and peace and happiness.

Sin’s bonds severed, we’re delivered;
Christ has bruised the serpent’s head;
death no longer is the stronger;
hell itself is captive led.

Christ has risen from death’s prison;
o’er the tomb he light has shed.

For his favor, praise forever
unto God the Father sing;
praise the Savior, praise him ever,
Son of God, our Lord and King.
Praise the Spirit; thro’ Christ’s merit
he doth us salvation bring.

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