

PRELUDE

O, GREAT IS OUR GOD / THE SING TEAM

1. O, great is our God,
So we should worship greatly
No song is too loud,
No orchestra too stately
To hail the majesty of our King
So lift your voices loud as we sing!

2. O, great is our God,
So let our songs be endless!
So awesome His ways, how could we
Comprehend them?
So we will make it known to our kids
And we will sing
About the gracious gifts You give!

CHORUS
We will sing Your praise,
And pour forth Your fame
We will bless Your name,
Let every one give thanks,
Because our God is great!

3. O, great is our God,
And we cannot contain it!
We sing from our souls,
Affected by His greatness!
His mercy covers all that He’s made
Showing His glory and His grace!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 68:4-6

Leader Sing to God, sing in praise of his name,
extol him who rides on the clouds;
rejoice before him—his name is the Lord.

All A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows,
is God in his holy dwelling.
God sets the lonely in families,
he leads out the prisoners with singing.

SONG OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

SING TO THE LORD (PSALM 96) / MUSIC: B. CHADWICK

Sing to the Lord a new song
Sing to the Lord, all the earth
Sing to the Lord a new song
Sing to the Lord, all the earth

For great is the Lord
Most worthy of praise
For great is our God
Most worthy of praise

Let the whole earth sing
To the Name above all names

PRAYER OF ADORATION

from The Book of Common Prayer

Leader O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving
you and our neighbor: grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we
may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another
with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

TAKE MY LIFE / F. HAVERGAL

1. Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, for Thee.
Take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2. Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for Thee.

3. Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from Thee.

4. Take my will and make it Thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
it shall be Thy royal throne.

5. Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for Thee.

WHO YOU SAY I AM / B. FIELDING & R. MORGAN

1. Who am I that the highest King
would welcome me?
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me, oh His love for me

Chorus 1
Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I’m a child of God, yes I am

2. Free at last, He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me, yes,he died for me

Chorus 2
Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I’m a child of God, yes I am
In my Father’s house
There’s a place for me
I’m a child of God, yes I am

Bridge
I am chosen, Not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me, Not against me
I am who You say I am

CONFESSION OF SIN

from The Book of Common Prayer

Leader Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in
thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we
have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we
have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

All We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son
Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in
your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.
(silent confession)

WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

1 John 1:8-9

Leader If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is
not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive
us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. — 1 Peter 2:24

SONG OF ASSURANCE

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE / C. BANCROFT

1. Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea;
A great High Priest, whose name is
Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

2. When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look, and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied

To look on Him and pardon me.
3. Behold Him there! The risen Lamb!
My perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself, I cannot die;
My soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God

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 lift up to you a world burdened by war, injustice,
and despair. In places where hope feels lost and people are crushed
by fear or oppression, bring peace, healing, and justice. Strengthen
your church throughout the world to be a voice of encouragement
and a witness to the salvation that comes through Christ.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

All For our nation, we pray for leaders at every level—federal, state, and
local. Grant them wisdom, humility, and a concern for the common
good. In a time when public discourse often discourages and divides,
help us to be people who speak with gentleness, truth, and grace.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Leader We pray for our city and neighborhoods—for those who feel unseen,
unheard, or burdened beyond what they can bear. Make us attentive
neighbors who come alongside the weary with compassion. Use us
to bring words of comfort and acts of love that point to your presence
and peace.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

All And for our church community—for Grace Pasadena—we thank you
for calling us into your family. Help us to build one another up in
love, to listen well, to speak words of encouragement rooted in your
truth, and to reflect the character of Christ. May this be a place where
the discouraged find rest, where your Spirit strengthens the weary, and
where we remind one another of your promises.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Leader Faithful God, we entrust these prayers to you, knowing that you hear
us, that you know us by name, and that you are with us always—even
to the end of the age.

All Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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
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

1 Thessalonians 5:9-11 (NIV)

⁹ For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our
Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we
may live together with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build each
other up, just as in fact you are doing.

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Nick Locke

Encouraging One Another

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. Pre-packaged elements, which are gluten-free are avail-
able in the line closest to the stage. Participate as you feel comfortable.

CHILDREN: Children who are baptized, can profess faith in Jesus Christ in an age appropri-
ate manner, and have talked to a pastor or an elder may participate in communion.

SONG OF RESPONSE & CELEBRATION

IS HE WORTHY? / A. PETERSON, B. SHIVE

1. Do you feel the world is broken?
We do.
Do you feel the shadows deepen?
We do.
Do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through?
We do.
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do.

2. Is all creation groaning? It is.
Is a new creation coming? It is.
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? It is.
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is.

Chorus 1
Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave, he is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
Is he worthy? Is he worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is he worthy of this? He is.

3. Does the Father truly love us?
He does.
Does the Spirit move among us?
He does.
And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those he loves? He does.
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? He does.

Chorus 2
Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave, he is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue,
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son.
Is he worthy? Is he worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is he worthy? Is he worthy?
Is he worthy of this? He is!
Is he worthy? Is he worthy?
He is! He is!

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.

SONG OF RESPONSE & CELEBRATION

DOXOLOGY / T. KEN

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

BENEDICTION

Leader The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.

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

Numbers 6:24-26

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children & Families Ministry - Summer Fridays | Join us this Friday, August 8, at 10 am in Sierra Madre. We'll meet for coffee at Syndicate, then walk to the park. For more details, email Caroline at families@gracepasadena.org.



Global Ministry - Girard Family Visit | Sunday, August 10 | Mark your calendars for a brunch at 9a before the service and a meet and greet after the service with the Girards to learn about their ministry in France. If you would like to donate to their ministry, write "Girard's Ministry" in the memo of your check or scan the QR code to donate via our online giving platform (their ministry will show in the Fund dropdown menu).



Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs - an album for Grace Pasadena by Bernard Chadwick and the Grace Pasadena Worship Team. Scan the QR code to find the album on Spotify (also available on Apple Music).



"There is never a holy sigh, never a tear we shed, which is lost... take heed of a spirit of discouragement... since we have so gracious a Saviour."

RICHARD SIBBES

"When we don't have the choice to sidestep pain, suffering, or discouragement, we can always trust that God is in the process of writing a beautiful story of redemption."

LINDSEY CARLSON

"A Christian needs another Christian who speaks God's Word to him... The Christ in his own heart is weaker than the Christ in the word of his brother."

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

ADVENT	We observe a season of Ordinary Time from Pentecost Sunday until the start of Advent. From the Latin "ordus" we look to the Spirit to re-order our lives according to the love of Jesus Christ. As the season of the Spirit, we especially remember the lives and actions of Jesus' followers. We think about how the first Christians lived their lives, and how we should live ours today. This season of Ordinary Time takes up half the year and it doesn't offer big exciting festivals such as Christmas or Easter. It is a season in which we learn to recognize the presence of God in the day-to-day. The color of the season is green, symbolizing new life.
CHRISTMAS	
EPIPHANY	
LENT	
EASTER	
PENTECOST	
ORDINARY TIME	

GIVING & BUDGET

2025 BUDGET	\$765,701
GIVING AS OF 7/31/2025	244,261
GIVING NEEDED TO MEET BUDGET	521,440



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ORDINARY TIME