

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 9, 2017

*To protect the Worship environment,
please, no drinks in the Sanctuary, and remember to turn off cell phones.*

THE GATHERING

*#173 All Glory, Laud and Honor

All glory, laud and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring:
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!

The company of angels are praising Thee on high,
And mortal men and all things created make reply:
The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went:
Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present.

To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise:
Thou didst accept their praises accept the praise we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!

TEXT: Theodulph of Orleans; translated by John M. Neale MUSIC: Melchior Teschner

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 118 (selected verses)

LEADER: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

**ALL: The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.**

LEADER: This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**ALL: This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

LEADER: Save us, we pray, O LORD!

**ALL: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

LEADER: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

**ALL: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!**

*Jesus, Everlasting King

(chorus)

Jesus, everlasting King, accept the tribute which we bring,
Accept the well-deserved renown, and wear our praises as Your crown.

O send Your Spirit to impart, rest and repentance to our hearts,
Like the dear hour when from above, we first received Your pledge of love.

(repeat chorus)

The gladness of redemption's day, our hearts would wish it long to stay,
Nor let our faith forsake its hold, nor comforts sink, or love grow cold.

(repeat chorus)

May ev'ry time of worship see, Your grace revealed more rich and free,
Till we are raised to sing Your name, at the great supper of the Lamb.

(repeat chorus)

O that the months would roll away, and bring the coronation day;
The King of Grace shall fill the throne, with all His Father's glories on.

(repeat chorus 2x)

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*THE GOSPEL READING: John 12:12-19

THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**All: Gracious heavenly Father,
You sent the King of heaven, Jesus Christ,
to subdue our restless hearts
and to defend us against all spiritual harm.
Yet we confess that we too often pursue with greater zeal
the cares and riches of this world
than You and Your kingdom.
Our divided hearts have served other tyrannical masters
instead of Your Son,
whom to serve is perfect freedom
because His yoke is easy and His burden is light.
So rule us by Your Word and Spirit
that Jesus Christ alone reigns unrivaled in our hearts.
For we pray in His mighty name, Amen**

PRIVATE (A time of silent and private confessions for personal sins)

LEADER: Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance:
"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." (1 Timothy 1:15a)

ALL: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! (John 12:13)

*Hosanna

I see the King of glory, coming on the clouds with fire
The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes

I see His love and mercy, washing over all our sin
The people sing, the people sing

(chorus)

Hosanna, Hosanna, hosanna in the Highest
Hosanna, Hosanna, hosanna in the Highest

(repeat)

Heal my heart and make it clean
Open up my eyes to the things unseen
Show me how to love like You have loved me
Break my heart for what breaks Yours
Everything I am for Your Kingdom's cause
As I walk from earth into eternity

(repeat chorus 2x)

Hosanna in the Highest

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* THE RESPONSIVE READING: John 1; 6; 8; 10; 11; 14; 15 (selected verses)

LEADER: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

ALL: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

LEADER: No one has ever seen God;

ALL: the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

LEADER: Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you.

ALL: Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

LEADER: Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world.

ALL: Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

LEADER: Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

ALL: I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.

LEADER: I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

ALL: I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

LEADER: Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

ALL: Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

LEADER: Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

ALL: She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

LEADER: I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.

ALL: I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

***God With Us**

You've come to bring peace, to be love, to be nearer to us
You've come to bring life, to be light, to shine brighter in us
Oh Emmanuel, God with us

(chorus)

Our Deliverer, You are Savior
In Your presence we find our strength
Over everything, our Redemption, God with us
You are God with us

You've come to be hope, to this world, for Your honor and name
And You've come to take sin, to bear shame, and to conquer the grave
Oh Emmanuel, God with us

(repeat chorus)

You are here, you are holy, we are here to give you glory (Lord) (2x)

Our Deliverer, You are Savior
In Your presence we find our strength
Over everything, our Redemption, God with us

(repeat chorus)

You are God with us

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***THE DEDICATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Although giving is a significant part of worship, we do not collect the offering during our service. Two boxes are placed by the doors to receive your offering. Tithes and offerings for the General Fund are placed in the box without the "steeple." Offerings for the Building Fund are to be placed in the box with the "steeple," with check payable to Grace EPC Building Fund.

THE WELCOME

At this time, please fill out the friendship register found at the side aisle. As the register is passed, please note those with whom you are worshipping so that you can greet one another after the service. If this is your first Sunday at Grace, please accept our invitation to worship with us again soon. If you would like information about Grace EPC, please take one of our brochures from the table in the narthex. If you are looking for a church home, please let us know and we will be happy to visit with you.

(CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR THEIR CLASSES AT THIS TIME:
K-4TH GRADE — LINE UP IN THE HALLWAY OUTSIDE SANCTUARY.
CONNECT CLASS [5TH & 6TH GRADE] HEAD DIRECTLY TO ROOM 7)

(10:45AM SERVICE: INTERNATIONALS WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL
TEACHING TIME MAY BE DISMISSED AT THIS TIME TO ROOM 17 —JUST TO THE RIGHT AS YOU LEAVE THE SANCTUARY.)

(THOSE WHO ARRIVE AFTER THE SERVICE HAS BEGUN MAY BE SEATED AT THIS TIME)

THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

John 20:30-31

RESPONSE TO THE READING OF THE WORD

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

THE MESSAGE FROM SCRIPTURE

Bill Vogler

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Table of the Lord is open to each person who acknowledges himself/herself to be a sinner in the sight of God and without hope for salvation except in His sovereign mercy; who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners; who receives and depends upon Christ alone for salvation as He is offered in the gospel; and who promises and resolves in humble reliance upon the Holy Spirit, to endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Christ.

If this is your profession of faith, you are welcome at the Lord's Table. As you come, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and eat. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him.

Upon a Life I Did Not Live

Upon a Life I have not lived, upon a Death I did not die,
Another's Life; Another's Death, I stake my whole eternity.

Not on the tears which I have shed, not on the sorrows I have known,
Another's tears; Another's griefs, on these I rest, on these alone.

(chorus)

O Jesus, Son of God,
I build on what Thy cross has done for me;
There both my death and life I read,
My guilt, and pardon there I see, there I see.

Lord, I believe; O deal with me, as one who has Thy Word believed!
I take the gift, Lord, look on me, as one who has Thy gift received

(repeat chorus)

(repeat verse 1)

(repeat chorus 2x)

Words: Horatius Bonar, Music: Kevin Twit

All My Hope

Light in my darkness, peace for my soul.
You are my rescue.
You never let go. (repeat)

(chorus)

All my hope is in You.
All my strength is in You.
With every breath, my soul will rest in You.

Here in my weakness, always the same.
Your love is my shelter.
Your life is my way.

(repeat chorus)

Constant Savior. Friend forever.
Lord, You have my heart.
Sure foundation. Never failing.
Lord, You have my heart.

(repeat chorus)

All the earth beneath You. All my life before You.
With every breath, my soul will rest in You.
With every breath, my soul will rest in You.

Words and Music by Reuben Morgan and Jason Ingram

Immortal, Invisible

Immortal, You are not like a man
That You change Your mind, or change Your plan.
Invisible, our human eyes can't see
The depth of Your majesty

(chorus)

You're the God of forever and ever amen!
The Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End
We sing Hallelujah, we worship in awe
Immortal, Invisible God

Immortal, You are not bound by death
You're the living God, my very breath
Invisible, You are not bound by space
But Your glory is filling this place
Yes, Your glory is filling this place
(repeat chorus)

Immortal, yet You once died for me
To pay my debt, to set me free
Invisible, You will not always be
Cause You're coming to reign as our King
And the saints will fall down at Your feet

(repeat chorus 2x)

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***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

ALL: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.

THE SENDING

***THE BENEDICTION**

***#625 Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

AFTER SERVICE PRAYER

It is our sincere desire to pray effectively for the particular needs of those worshipping with us this morning. If you have a prayer concern that you want shared with the congregation during the prayers of the people, please call the church office or one of the elders prior to the service with your request. If you desire prayer on a personal matter, we invite you to meet with the elders in the front pews after the Benediction.

Available for prayer after 8:15 worship: Joe Harvey & Michael Boulton
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Michael Lemon & Larry Swinson

*Congregation will stand.