



LENT

DYING TO LIVE

2020

Grace Point Church | Ann Road
March 22, 2020
Sunday Online Gathering

Even though we are not gathered physically this Sunday, we can experience Spiritual unity through the same liturgy, prayers, Scripture readings, and songs. Though we will not have our Gathering Center today, we will have each other. It's a good reminder that the church is ultimately not a building, but a people in Christ being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit (Eph. 2:22).

Let's lift our voices and hearts as we pray, sing, and listen to God's Word knowing that He is present with us, feeding us with His grace.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We begin our time with a call to worship to remember that worship starts with God, not us. (2 Cor. 4:6)

Psalm 121:1-8 (ESV),

"I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
 who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved;
 he who keeps you will not slumber.
Behold, he who keeps Israel
 will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper;
 the Lord is your shade on your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day,
 nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all evil;
 he will keep your life.
The Lord will keep
 your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore."



SONG OF ADORATION

In response to His revelation of Himself, we praise God for who He is and what He has done. (Ps. 105:1-3)

“All Creatures” arrangement by King’s Kaleidoscope

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
O Praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,
O Praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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LAMENT & PROFESSION OF FAITH

What God created good, sin has corrupted; we mourn the sin and brokenness in the world without losing faith. We bring our pain in honesty to the Lord who hears and to the One in whom we hope. (Ps. 13:1-6)

Prayer based on Psalms 5 & 10 (ESV),

Give ear to our words, O Lord;
consider our groaning.
Give attention to the sound of our cry,
our King and our God,
for to You do we pray.

Let all who take refuge in You rejoice;
Let them ever sing for joy,
And spread Your protection over them,
That those who love Your name may exult in You.

O Lord, You hear the desire of the afflicted;
You will strengthen their heart;
You will incline Your ear.
The Lord is king forever and ever! Amen.



SONG OF ASSURANCE

God's response to the sin of those who profess Jesus as Lord is healing, forgiveness and pardon. (Rom. 8:1)

“Nothing but the Blood” arrangement by Grace Point Music

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

For my pardon, this I see,
nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing this I plea,
nothing but the blood of Jesus

This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Glory, glory this I sing
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
All my praise for this I bring
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

*Oh! Precious is the flow
that makes me white as snow.
No other fount I know;
nothing but the blood of Jesus!*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Jesus's work of reconciliation on the Cross unites us with God and also with one another. (Eph. 2:13-22)

Romans 15:5-6,13 (ESV),

“May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”

OFFERING

The grace of God shown in Christ frees us to be a generous people. (John 3:16; 2 Cor. 8:9)



SONG OF THANKSGIVING

We celebrate the truths and benefits provided us in Jesus with thanksgiving. (Ps. 103:1-5; Eph. 1:3)

“Man of Sorrows” by Hillsong Worship

Man of sorrows Lamb of God
By His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid

Sent of heaven God's own Son
To purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed Him to that tree

Silent as He stood accused
Beaten mocked and scorned
Bowing to the Father's will
He took a crown of thorns

Now my debt is paid
It is paid in full
By the precious blood
That my Jesus spilled
Now the curse of sin
Has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed

*Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honor unto Thee*

SCRIPTURE READING

All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for all things by pointing us to Jesus. (2 Tim. 3:16; John 5:39)

Matthew 11:28-30 (ESV),

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you,
and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, teach us to pray... (Luke 11:1; Matt. 6:9-13)

"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."

MESSAGE

With the Word being central, the sermon teaches, corrects, encourages, consoles, builds up, equips the church for good works and, above all, exalts Jesus. (1 Cor. 14:3; 1 Thess. 5:14; 2 Tim. 3:16-17)

COMMUNION (LORD'S SUPPER)

Communion is a physical proclamation of the gospel (1 Cor. 11:26). It is a meal of celebration for all who trust and believe in Jesus (1 Cor. 11:27-32). Instituted by Jesus, this family meal reminds us of all that Jesus has done — His work of creation, His virgin birth, perfect life, teachings and miracles, His death on the cross, His glorious resurrection and ascension, His sending of the Spirit, His promised return and present reign. We not only remember these events (past and yet to come) as historical or future occurrences, but how these events of His working transform and sustain us now. The Lord's Supper is a celebration of Christ's spiritual presence, the work He accomplished on the cross and the ongoing spiritual nourishment He provides. As this meal unites the church in Christ Himself, we corporately renew our commitment to carry forth His mission by His strength and power (Phil. 1:6, 2:12-13; Col. 1:29).



SONG OF COMMITMENT

Reminded of the New Covenant promises in Jesus, we respond with fresh resolve to live in obedience to His good and gracious commands. (1 John 5:1-5)

“Doxology” Traditional

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

SONG OF SENDING

The consummation of all things will be accomplished in Jesus and He calls and leads His Church into the world to carry forward His mission. (Matt. 28:18-20)

“Absent from Flesh” by Sojourn Music

Absent from flesh O blissful thought
What joy this moment brings
Freed from the blame
my sin has brought
From pain and death and its sting

Absent from flesh O Glorious day
In one triumphant stroke
My reckoning paid my charges dropped
And the bonds 'round my hands
are broke

*I go where God and glory shine
To one eternal day
And this failing body I now resign
For the angels point my way*

Absent from flesh then rise my soul
Where feet nor wings can climb
Beyond the sky where planets roll
And beyond all keep of time

SENDING FORTH (BENEDICTION)

We are reminded that we are never alone; the Spirit of Christ unites, comforts and leads us as we live to make disciples of Jesus that live in community for the community. (Matt. 28:18-20; John 16:13-15)

Numbers 6:24-26 (ESV),

“The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”



