

GRACE COMMUNITY

Presbyterian Church, PCA

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 4, 2025

10:30am

Reflection:

“The prophecy of Jesus’ impending crucifixion in Jerusalem is a hinge passage. It concludes his lessons on the cost of discipleship and initiates Matthew’s discourse on Jesus’ death. Jesus expects discipleship to be costly, but he asks no more of them than he requires of himself. He will be mocked and flogged and crucified.”

Dan Doriani

Prelude

Welcome

————— WORSHIP IN PRAISE —————

Silent Preparation

Doxology

*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.*

Call to Worship.....from Psalm 115

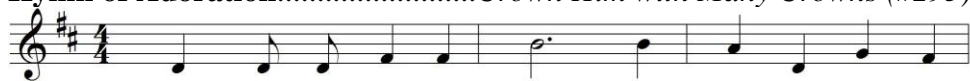
Minister: Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory,
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

People: **Why should the nations say, “Where is their God?” Our
God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.**

Minister: You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord! He is their help
and their shield.

People: **The dead do not praise the Lord. But we will bless the
Lord from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the
Lord!**

Hymn of Adoration.....Crown Him with Many Crowns (#295)



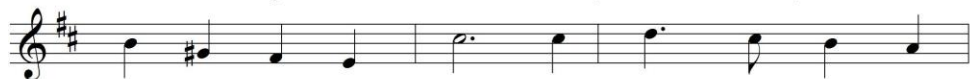
- 1.Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his
- 2.Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and
- 3.Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter
- 4.Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of



throne; hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all
side, rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in
sways from pole to pole that wars may cease, ab -
time; Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres in -



mu - sic but its own: a - wake, my soul, and sing of
beau - ty glo - ri - fied: no an - gel in the sky can
sorbed in prayer and praise: his reign shall know no end; and
ef - fa - bly sub - lime: all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for



him who died for thee, and hail him as thy
ful - ly bear that sight, but down - ward bends his
round his pier - ced feet fair flow'rs of par - a -
thou hast died for me: thy praise shall nev - er,



match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
dise - ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Preparation.....*Jesus, My Great High Priest*



1. Je - sus, my great High Priest, of - fered his blood and
2. To this dear Sure - ty's hand will I com - mit my
3. My Ad - vo - cate ap - pears for my de - fense on
4. Should all the hosts of death and pow'rs of hell un -
died; my guilt - y con - science seeks no sac - ri -
cause; he an - swers and ful - fils his Fa - ther's
high; the Fa - ther bows his ears and lays his
known put their most dread - ful forms of rage and
fice be - side. His pow'r - ful blood did once a - tone, and
bro - ken laws. Be - hold my soul at free - dom set; my
thun - der by. Not all that hell or sin can say shall
mis - chief on, I shall be safe, for Christ dis - plays his
now it pleads be - fore the throne.
Sure - ty paid the dread - ful debt.
turn his heart, his love a - way.
con - qu'ring pow'r and guard - ian grace.

The central act of Jesus' high priesthood is his own service, suffering and sacrifice on the cross. This sacrifice is depicted as complete, sufficient, and effective in atoning for the sins of all who believe. This hymn highlights His work as our great High Priest, past, present and future.

—————WORSHIP IN CONFESSION AND PARDON—————

Call to Confession.....*Psalm 32*

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

Words of Comfort and Promise.....*Psalm 32*

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Hymn of Response.....All Hail the Power of Jesus Name (#296)



1.All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let
2.Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of your God, who
3.Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye
4.Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the



an - gels pros - trate fall; bring forth the roy - al
from his al - tar call; ex - tol the Stem of
ran - somed of the fall, hail him who saves you
worm-wood and the gall, go, spread your tro - phies



di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of
Jes - se's rod, and crown him Lord of
by his grace, and crown him Lord of
at his feet, and crown him Lord of



all; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
all; ex - tol the Stem of Jes - se's rod, and
all; hail him who saves you by his grace, and
all; go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and



crown him Lord of all.
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“Extol the stem of Jesse's rod” refers to Jesus Christ. Jesse was the father of King David, and the "stem" or "root" of Jesse is a messianic title used to describe Jesus. "Extol" means to praise enthusiastically. So, the line calls for praising Jesus, who came from the line of David.

“Wormwood and the gall” refers to the bitterness of Christ's suffering and crucifixion. "Wormwood" is a plant known for its bitterness, and "gall" is a bitter liquid. In the Bible, these terms often symbolize affliction, calamity, and sorrow. This line reminds us of Christ's painful sacrifice for humanity.

WORSHIP AND THE MEANS OF GRACE

Confession of Faith.....*Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 18&19*
Ruling Elder Phil Bassett

Leader: Then who is this mediator—true God and at the same time a true and righteous human?

People: **Our Lord Jesus Christ, who was given to us to completely deliver us and make us right with God.**

Leader: How do you come to know this?

People: **The holy gospel tells me. God began to reveal the gospel already in Paradise; later God proclaimed it by the holy patriarchs and prophets and foreshadowed it by the sacrifices and other ceremonies of the law; and finally God fulfilled it through his own beloved Son.**

The First Reading of God’s Word.....Isaiah 49:1-7
pp 609-610

The Second Reading of God’s Word.....Matthew 20:17-28
p 825

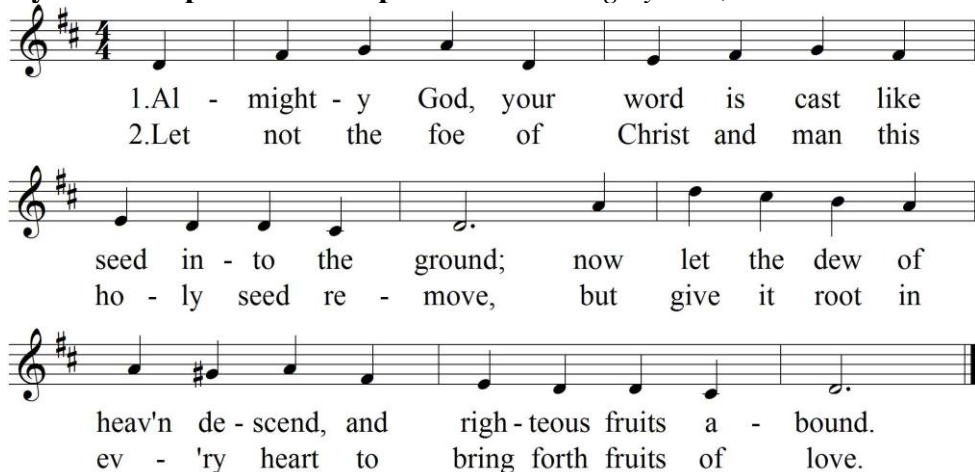
Reader: This is the Word of God.

People: Amen!

We offer an optional **Children’s Lesson** for children 4 years old through 1st grade. If you choose to have your children participate, you may dismiss them for CL as we sing the hymn of response. Please know we welcome and encourage your children to remain with you during the sermon. However, in the CL they will be hearing from the same text that the sermon is based upon, so you may discuss the message as a family after church if you wish to do so.

Prayer of Consecration and Illumination

Hymn of Response and Preparation.....*Almighty God, Your Word is Cast*



1. Al - might - y God, your word is cast like
2. Let not the foe of Christ and man this
seed in - to the ground; now let the dew of
ho - ly seed re - move, but give it root in
heav'n de - scend, and righ - teous fruits a - bound.
ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.

Hearing from God's Word.....Matthew 20:17-28

Rev. Kyle Oliphint

Our Savior, Our Servant

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Please see instructions on the inside back cover of your bulletin.

“A priest presents God to us; he also presents us to God. He brings together the divine and the human. Priests do not protect God's holiness from human sinfulness by setting up barriers to access. Nor do priests protect human weakness from divine judgment by arranging ritual defense systems.

The priest opens up routes closed by fear or guilt or ignorance or superstition so that there is access. A priest mediates. He is just as much on God's side as on our side. He is just as much on our side as on God's side. If we aspire after more than we are, a priest promises help. If we regret the mess we are in, a priest promises help. If the Son of Man does the work of priest, there is much to be in awe of but nothing to be afraid of: mediation results in loving union. If the Son of Man does the work of priest, there is much to be repented of but nothing of which to despair: mediation results in gracious forgiveness.”

Eugene Peterson

“Your Redeemer traverses the rugged path of suffering, along which He went with heaving heart and heavy footsteps, that He might pave a royal road of mercy for His enemies.”

Charles Spurgeon

Communion Hymns

Jesus, I Come – *William Sleeper/Greg Thompson*

1. Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee;
Out of my sickness, into Thy health,
Out of my want and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

2. Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee;
Out of earth's sorrows, into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

3. Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee;
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair, into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee;
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Come Ye Sinners – *Joseph Hart/Folk Melody*

1. Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love and pow'r.

2. Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.

3. Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;

If you tarry 'til you're better,
You will never come at all.

4. Lo! th' incarnate God ascended,
Pleads the merit of His blood:
Venture on Him, venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude.

5. Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him.

Poor Sinner, Dejected with Fear – *W. Gadsby/K. Bowser and M. Jones*

1. Poor sinner, dejected with fear,
Unbosom thy mind to the Lamb;
No wrath on His brow He does wear,
Nor will He poor mourners condemn;
His arm of omnipotent grace
Is able and willing to save;
A sweet and a permanent peace
He'll freely and faithfully give.

2. Come just as thou art, with thy woe,
Fall down at the feet of the Lamb;
He will not, He cannot say, "Go,"
But surely will take out thy stain

A fountain is opened for sin,
And thousands its virtues have proved
He'll take thee, and plunge thee therein,
And wash thee from filth in His blood.

3. The soul that on Jesus relies,
He'll never, no never deceive;
He freely and faithfully gives
More blessings than we can conceive;
Yea, down to old age He will keep,
Nor will He forsake us at last;
He knows and is known by His sheep;
They're His, and He will hold them fast.

WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE

(Please consider filling out your prayer request **now** and dropping it in the offering plate.)

Offertory.....*At the Name of Jesus*

*At the name of Jesus
Ev'ry knee shall bow,
Ev'ry tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure
We should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning
Was the mighty Word.*

*Humbled for a season
To receive a name
From the lips of sinners,
Amongst whom he came.
Faithfully he bore it,
Spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious
When from death he passed.*

Closing Hymn.....*Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus*



1. Hail, thou once de - spi - sed Je - sus! Hail, thou Ga - li - le - an King!
2. All thy peo - ple are for - giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood;
3. Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'rand bless - ing thou art wor - thy to re - ceive;



Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; thou didst free sal - va - tion bring.
o - pened is the gate of heav - en; peace is made twixt man and God.
loud - est prais - es, with out ceas - ing, meet it is for us to give.



Hail, thou ag - o - niz - ing Sav - ior, bear - er of our sin and shame
Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for - ev - er to a - bide;
Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spir - its, bring your sweet - est, no - blest lays;



By thy mer - its we find fa - vor; life is giv - en through thy name.
all the heav'n - ly hosts a - dore thee, seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side.
help to sing our Sav - ior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise



Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on thee were laid;
There for sin - ners thou art plead - ing; there thou dost our place pre - pare;
Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Ga - li - le - an King!



by al - might - y love a - noint - ed, thou hast full a - tone - ment made.
ev - er for us in - ter - ced - ing till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; thou didst free sal - va - tion bring.

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week's Sermon Passage

Matthew 20:29-34

Financials

1st Quarter 2025: \$203,063

Upcoming Events

- **Monthly Potluck Lunch: Immediately after worship!**

Set-up/Clean-up Coordinator: Melinda Timpf (timpf@sbcglobal.net)

Please bring the following:

ALL: main dish

By Last Name:

A-J: side

K-O: dessert

P-Z: salad

Missions Spotlight: Metanoia

- **VBS 2025!** Mark your calendars **June 23-27**
- **Membership at GCPC:** If you are interested in becoming a member of GCPC, please contact our Ministry Coordinator, Sherrie Hamby (officgcpcfw@gmail.com). She will coordinate a meeting with the elders and those interested in becoming members of our church. We will publicly receive our newest members during our worship service **Sunday, October 5th, 2025.**
- **Asst Pastor Search Update:** In the Lord's providence the candidates we brought in for interviews have chosen other opportunities and so the search is continuing. Please pray that we will trust the Lord as a church while we search and wait on His perfect timing to bring us the man He's chosen for us.

Guys of Grace (GoG) (text @guysofgr to the number 81010 for periodic updates on all things GoG related)

- **GoG Fellowship Nights:** These **bi-monthly fellowship** nights are meant as an informal time for our guys to get together and

discuss/do the things that interest them—theological discussion, sports, fire pit, pipe smoking, etc. These events are BYOB (Beef, Brew), and we will have the grills running. Our next fellowship night will be on Friday, **May 23rd, 2025 at 6:00pm** at the church. Contact Jordan Sims for more information jorsim613@gmail.com.

- **Men's Group:** The Guys of Grace study will begin their study of Philemon, this Wednesday, **May 7th**, at 7pm. Please contact Sean Henry for more information: seanph10@yahoo.com
- **Tuesday Morning Men's Prayer Meeting:** 6:15am every Tuesday in the Conference Room.

Ladies of Grace (LoG) (text @loggr to the number 81010 for periodic updates on all things LoG related)

- **Ladies' Summer Bible Study:** Our next study will begin **the first week June**. We will watch ten video lessons from R.C. Sproul titled "Classic Collection" and discuss the accompanying outline and questions. Sign-ups available before and after church in the foyer during the month of May. Cost is \$3 for the outline and the videos are free (links will be provided). Contact Jen Smith for more information: 817-627-7655.
- **Ladies' Prayer Meeting:** Thursdays at 10:00am Please contact Robbi Parker for Zoom link: oarsinsailsup@gmail.com.

Missions of Grace (MoG)

- Please take this survey from **Missions of Grace** following our Missions Conference:



Student Ministries of Grace (SMoG) (text @smogrem to 81010 for periodic reminders of all things SMoG related)

- **All Events Listed:** Please see SMoG page on our website: <https://gpcfw.org/resources/student-ministries-of-grace/> or scan the QR code for a full calendar of events for SMoG through May, 2025.



SMoG will meet this Wednesday night, May 7th.

Greystone at Grace: Summer Book Club

This summer we will discuss J. Gresham Machen’s *Christianity and Liberalism*. Although written in the early 1900s, Machen’s classic defense of Reformed Orthodoxy remains relevant today. We will meet once a month from June to August at Jared and Melissa Brown’s home. More details to come. If you are interested in joining the conversation, please contact Jared Brown. You can email Jared: j.brown@greystoneinstitute.org.

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