



Order of Worship

July 11, 2021

[Livestream 10:30 am](#)



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Live stream Worship 10:30 AM
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Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

Psalm 95:6

No matter who you are—a committed follower of Jesus, a person curious about Christianity, or a skeptic of spirituality—God is calling you to worship him. Wherever you are on the journey, we hope that you feel welcomed and at home. Perhaps you have never been to church (or not in a long time) and fear that you will not know what to do, how to act, or what to say. Be assured: God's grace is for people just like you.

In our congregation, we follow an ancient liturgical pattern in our worship, drawing from the wisdom of Christians who have gone before us. Every Sunday we renew our commitment to God, offer him our prayers and gifts, confess our sins, receive forgiveness, and hear from God's word.

We find worshipping this way liberates us from our culture's obsession with that which is novel. We have also found worshipping this way to be deeply and profoundly formative over time. If you are not used to worship, or not used to worshipping in this manner, give yourself some time to get acclimated. We also make every effort to explain things as we go along. '

Although we are committed to worshipping in this manner, we realize that the danger of liturgical worship is that it can become an empty ritual. We understand that, at its heart, worship is profoundly relational. It encompasses both our relationship with God and our relationship with one another. Every week we gather to meet with God, strengthen our ties to one another, and welcome strangers into our congregation.

For these reasons, although our worship is structured and informed by ancient practices, we also strive for it to be warm and personal.

In all of this, our great confidence is that God enjoys meeting with us.

Let us worship!

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REFLECTION QUOTES

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

Jesus, *John 7:37-39 (NIV)*

I don't know why I love you like I do
After all the changes that you put me through
You stole my money and my cigarettes
And I haven't seen hide nor hair of you yet
I wanna know

Won't you tell me
Am I in love to stay?
Hey, hey
Take me to the river
And wash me down
Won't you cleanse my soul
Put my feet on the ground
Al Green, "Take Me to the River"

"It isn't Narnia, you know," sobbed Lucy. "It's you. We shan't meet you there. And how can we live, never meeting you?"

"But you shall meet me, dear one," said Aslan.

"Are -are you there too, Sir?" said Edmund.

"I am," said Aslan. "But there I have another name. You must learn to know me by that name. This was the very reason why you were brought to Narnia, that by knowing me here for a little, you may know me better there."

C.S. Lewis, *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Stand if able

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 8 (NIV)

Lord, our Lord,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory in the heavens.

**Through the praise of children and infants
 you have established a stronghold against your enemies,
 to silence the foe and the avenger.**

**When I consider your heavens,
 the work of your fingers,
 the moon and the stars,
 which you have set in place,
 what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
 human beings that you care for them?**

You have made them a little lower than the angels and
 crowned them with glory and honor.

You made them rulers over the works of your hands;
 you put everything under their feet:

**all flocks and herds,
 and the animals of the wild,**

the birds in the sky,
 and the fish in the sea,
 all that swim the paths of the seas.

**Lord, our Lord,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet thy tribute bring;
 Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?
 Come and worship, come and worship, praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor To our fathers in distress;
 Praise him, still the same forever, Slow to chide and swift to bless.
 Come and worship, come and worship, Glorious in his faith-ful-ness.

God our Father tends and spares us, Well our feeble frame he knows;
 In his hands he gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes.
 Come and worship, come and worship, Widely as his mer-cy goes.

Angels, help us to adore him, Ye behold him face to face;
 Sun and moon, bow down before him, Dwellers all in time and space.
 Come and worship, come and worship, Praise with us the God of grace!
 Come and worship, come and worship, Praise with us the God of grace!

The small symbols you will see throughout these pages correspond to a "Key to Liturgy" [available here](#) or printed and found in the lobby.



Our worship begins each week with a call to worship. We are gathered here today because God, our Creator, desires to have a relationship with us. Whether we realize it or not, he is the one calling us to himself—today and every day.

Henry Lyte, 1843,
 Nathan Partain, 2000.



LECTIO SACRA

Ezekiel 47:1-9 (NIV)

[1] The man brought me back to the entrance to the temple, and I saw water coming out from under the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east). The water was coming down from under the south side of the temple, south of the altar. [2] He then brought me out through the north gate and led me around the outside to the outer gate facing east, and the water was trickling from the south side.

[3] As the man went eastward with a measuring line in his hand, he measured off a thousand cubits and then led me through water that was ankle-deep. [4] He measured off another thousand cubits and led me through water that was knee-deep. He measured off another thousand and led me through water that was up to the waist. [5] He measured off another thousand, but now it was a river that I could not cross, because the water had risen and was deep enough to swim in—a river that no one could cross. [6] He asked me, “Son of man, do you see this?” Then he led me back to the bank of the river. [7] When I arrived there, I saw a great number of trees on each side of the river. [8] He said to me, “This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, where it enters the Dead Sea. When it empties into the sea, the salty water there becomes fresh. [9] Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows everything will live.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

“Lectio Sacra” means “sacred reading.” It has been the practice of the church for thousands of years to have portions of the bible read during worship services. The assumption behind this practice is that we are people who need to be shaped by all of God’s word.

INTERLUDE

Stand if able

CONFESSION OF SIN

Worship Source Book, pg. 89-90

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, mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been

**help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Musical interludes are included in our service in order to provide space for reflection and worship.





RECEIVING OF GRACE

Adapted from Romans 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:17 (Worship Source Book, pg. 115)

Hear the good news!
Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ,
and Christ died for us,
Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us,
Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ
is a new creation
The old life has gone;
a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
Thanks be to God.

John Hart, Jess Alldredge.

Redeemed

All saints, dismiss your fear;
Let hope and joy succeed;
The great good news with gladness hear,
The Lord is ris'n indeed.

The shades of death withdrawn,
The rising Victor sings;
So wakes the sun, when rosy dawn
With loud hosanna rings, with loud hosanna rings.

Alleluia, the Lord is risen indeed!
Alleluia, in Christ we've been redeemed!
In Christ we've been redeemed!

The promise is fulfilled;
Salvation's work is done;
The law with mercy reconciled,
And God has raised his Son.

His death procured thy peace,
His resurrection's thine;
Believe; receive the full release;
'Tis signed with blood divine;
'Tis signed with blood divine.

Alleluia, the Lord is risen indeed!
Alleluia, in Christ we've been redeemed!
In Christ we've been redeemed!



PRAYING THE PSALMS

Psalm 1 (NIV)

Blessed is the one
 who does not walk in step with the wicked
 or stand in the way that sinners take
 or sit in the company of mockers,
**but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
 and who meditates on his law day and night.**
 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
 which yields its fruit in season
 and whose leaf does not wither—
 whatever they do prospers.

Not so the wicked!

**They are like chaff
 that the wind blows away.**

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
 nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

**For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
 but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.**

What Wondrous Love is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul O my soul
 What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this
 That caused the Lord of bliss
 To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul
 To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down
 When I was sinking down, O my soul!
 When I was sinking down,
 Beneath God's righteous frown
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing
 To God and to the Lamb I will sing!
 To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM"
 While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
 While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
 And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on
 And through eternity I'll sing on!

*American folk hymn, ca. 1835
 arr. Adam Behringer, 2011*

Praying through the Psalms each week teaches us how to pray, using the prayer book of ancient Israel. As we pray, there will be pauses for reflection.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Share with us your visit and prayer requests.](#)

PASSING THE PEACE

As recipients of God's grace, we gladly receive peace from him. In response to his grace, we also extend that grace to one another. Traditionally, Christians have greeted one another during this time in the service with the phrase, "May the peace of Christ be with you" and receive back the greeting "And also with you."



GOSPEL LESSON

Take Me to the River

Revelation 22:1-5 (NIV)

Rev. John Haralson

Sermons can be streamed and downloaded at graceseattle.org/

SERMON TEXT

[1] Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb [2] down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. [3] No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. [4] They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. [5] There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

OFFERING

To give to the Grace General Fund, you can give several ways:

- To give via text message, text GODISLOVE to 206.859.9405.
(This will take you to our on-line giving page)
- To give via the Grace app, look up "Grace Church Seattle" on the App Store or Google Play and click the giving tab within the app.
- Give via Venmo (Give to @graceseattle.org; all transactions are private)
- Give via PayPal (Give to bookkeeper@graceseattle.org)
- To gift stock, contact our bookkeeper@graceseattle.org
- Mail to check to:

Grace Church Seattle
400 E Pine St, #215
Seattle, WA 98122

To give to the Serving the City Fund or Deacons Fund, you can give several ways:

- For text, online, and app giving, specify "Serving the City" "Deacons Fund" in the "Fund" field.
- For all other giving, Indicate "Serving the City" or "Deacons Fund" in the memo or comments field.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Prayer for Those

Searching for the Truth

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.



Prayer for Those

Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Our World Belongs to God, st. 5-6

God holds this world in sovereign love.

He kept his promise, sending Jesus into the world.

He poured out his Spirit and broadcast his news
that sinners who repent and believe in Jesus
can live and breathe and move again
as members of the family of God.

**We rejoice in the goodness of God,
renounce the works of darkness,
and dedicate ourselves to holy living.**

As covenant partners, called to faithful obedience,
and set free for joyful praise,
we offer our hearts and lives to do God's work in his world
with tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended,
we expect the Day of the Lord.

**And we are confident
that the light that shines in the present darkness
will fill the earth when Christ appears.**

Come, Lord Jesus! Our world belongs to you.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Introduction to the Lord's Table

The Words of Institution

Prayer for Receiving Communion

Lord Jesus, your perfect life, death, and resurrection are the source of all blessing in this life and the life to come. As I eat this bread and drink this cup, renew me in the joy and glory of knowing and serving you. I come to this table on the basis of your merit only and not my own. As you have completely and fully offered yourself for me, I now completely and fully offer myself to you as a living sacrifice. Amen.

Receiving Communion

We will come forward by rows, starting at the front and alternating sides to ensure distancing in the center aisle. As you come forward, please maintain distance with your neighbor.



Communion Elements:

Cup: Wine or Grape Juice

Challah Bread: Contains wheat, egg, milk, instant yeast

Rice Crackers: Organic Brown Rice Flour, Organic White Rice Flour

Prefilled, factory-sealed communion elements also available:

Communion wafer ingredients: wheat flour, water, vegetable shortening (soybean oil, cottonseed oil).

Gluten-free wafer ingredients: flour mix (garbanzo bean, tapioca, sorghum, fava beans, potato starch), water, canola oil, salt.

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Christ, whose glory fills the skies;
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph over shades of night.

Dayspring from on high, be near.
Daystar in my heart appear.
Dark and cheerless is the morn,
Unaccompanied by Thee;

*But the Son he shines, at the Father's side
And in the darkness, he is
God with us, by his Spirit; comforter and friend,
Comforter and friend*

Joyless is the day's return,
Till thy mercy beams I see,
Till they inward light impart
Glad my eyes and warm my heart

*And the Son he shines, at the Father's side
And in the darkness, he is
God with us, by his Spirit; comforter and friend,
Comforter and friend*

Visit then this soul of mine
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief.
Fill me, Radiance divine,
Scatter all my unbelief.

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BENEDICTION

Romans 5:13 (NIV)

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.



SENDING

Let us go forth and serve the world
as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

SUNDAYS

Sunday Worship 10:30 AM. Join us for in-person worship or join us via [livestream](#) on YouTube on Grace Church Seattle's page.

Grace Kids. Children's worship guide available every week. Limited Nursery (6 months to 36 months) available for parents who [Pre-register for Nursery](#) each week. A family room is also provided in the Upstairs Chapel with a Livestream viewing. For more information, check the Grace Kids Page on our [website](#).

Youth. Currently, YCG is on hiatus until the Fall, but for the summer we will be having monthly picnics to play games and fellowship with one another. Additionally, Grace is partnering with Central Community Church, Icon Church and St. Joseph's for a monthly youth gathering every 3rd Thursday at 6pm. For more details on summer picnics and Youth Central, please email Pastor Jason at jason@graceseattle.org.

Pastoral Care. Please contact us if you have needs or if you have resources you would like to offer our community. We can be reached here (pastoralcare@graceseattle.org).

CONNECT

Connect Groups. We have a wide variety of groups: Community Groups, Bible Studies, Prayer Groups, Men's Groups, and Women's Groups. To find a group, or if you are interested in starting one, please contact our Director of Community Formation, Jamie Afshari jamie@graceseattle.org.

SERVE

Congregation. There are many ways to serve in the congregation. Please contact [Alyssa Werner](#) or go to our [website](#) for more information.

City. Grace partners with a number of great organizations in the city. To find out more, please contact [Pastor Jason](#) or go to our [website](#).

GIVE

You can give financially to Grace many ways.

- Our General Fund, which goes to support the mission and worship of our congregation
- Our Deacons Fund, which goes to help those in our congregation and community who are facing unexpected financial need
- Our Serving the City Fund, which goes directly to our efforts to serve the hurting and marginalized in our city

For more information, please go to graceseattle.org/giving

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Celebration & Service: Picnic, Live Music & Line Dancing! June 18, 12:00-3:00 PM, in the parking lot after the worship service. Bring your own lunch, blanket, and/or chairs. Live band, ice cream, drinks, face painting for kids provided. We are also celebrating with Progress House, one of our Serving the City partners who works with women coming out of incarceration. Street parking will only be available on June 18 for both the worship service and the party afterward. If you have any questions about the event or would like the [volunteer sign-up link](#), email Nicole at nicole@graceseattle.org.

Sunday Volunteers Needed!

With the return to in-person worship, we need people willing to help with communion, ushering, check-in, reading, and sound crew. Please contact Alyssa at alyssa@graceseattle.org to sign up!

Grace Kids Volunteers Needed!

Please contact Linn at linn@graceseattle.org if you are able to volunteer again with the Grace Kids ministry. It would be wonderful to offer nursery, toddler class, and a sermon time activity for our children again during the worship service. We are rebuilding the ministry and would love to have returning and new volunteers.

Women at Grace, please join us for a summer Bible study discussing the book of James.

We have been meeting every other Tuesday evening (7/13, 7/27, 8/10 and 8/24) on Zoom from 7-8:30. Sign up is open and won't close throughout the duration of the study so it's not too late to join even if that means for only one session! Email Jamie at jamie@graceseattle.org or Nicole at nicole@graceseattle.org to sign up.

Summer Women's Socials: Ladies, join us this Saturday, July 17, as Shelly Morse's Home (525 High Ave S. Renton, WA 98057), from 7-9PM. Bring a snack or drink to share - and your swimsuit if you want to hot tub or swim! Questions? Contact Joy at j.b.hadden@gmail.com. Also, mark your calendars now for another Women's Social Event on Saturday, August 28!

Creation Care Conversation: Join us at 12:30PM at The Layne on Sunday, July 25. What is creation care? And why does it matter? From a Christian perspective, it is living out our faith as stewards of God's creation. In this conversation, we will be looking at why discipleship in this particular area matters by starting with what Scripture says about the world, our relationship to it, our responsibility for it, and how all of that informs how we live. Lunch will be provided. If you have questions, reach out to Nicole at nicole@graceseattle.org. Register [here](#).

GraceLife Distribution List GraceLife (gracelifeseattle@googlegroups.com) is an email group designed to foster spontaneous generosity and hospitality among anyone and everyone who regularly attends Grace. The distribution list allows anyone who signs up to send out an email to the larger group. It's designed to let others know about a party you'd like to invite others to join, a game night you'd like to host, a request to borrow something, a post to give goods away, a need you'd like to ask for help from the larger group, etc. Email Alyssa at alyssa@graceseattle.org to join.

Do you hunger for deeper intimacy with Jesus? Do you long to be secure in your identity as God's beloved? Or maybe, you simply wonder if there isn't something more to this life on earth - more purpose to a life of faith. **The Spiritual Exercises** is a 500 year old "retreat in daily life" consisting in daily prayer and weekly meetings with a trained spiritual guide (in person on Capitol Hill or Zoom). Like going to the gym to reap the benefits of physical fitness, the Exercises provide the opportunity to focus on strengthening our spirit for the long spiritual journey ahead with the aid of one who has gone before. Space is limited. Scholarships are available. *Applications are due August 1.* Retreat runs mid September 2021 - May 2022 www.SoulCareSeattle.com

Grace is Hiring! Part-Time Ministry Facilitators: We are in need of ministry facilitators (who assist in providing support to volunteers and set-up for Sunday morning services) for the summer on the following dates, (8/8 and 8/29). Volunteers for those specific dates are welcome, but we are in need of 3 new Ministry Facilitators—these positions are paid and would continue into the fall. This role requires about 4 hours of work per Sunday and we hope to have a small team that rotates the duties so that each facilitator only works once a month. If you are interested in learning more about this role, or know someone who might be a good fit, contact Alyssa at alyssa@graceseattle.org.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

7/11 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Service 10:30AM
(In-Person and Livestream)

7/18 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Service 10:30 AM
(In-Person & Livestream)
Post-Service Congregational Celebration

7/25 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Service 10:30 AM
(In-Person & Livestream)

8/1 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Service 10:30AM
(In-Person and Livestream)

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