



GRACE
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Sunday, April 13, 2025

Welcome & Preparation: Tom Ayres

Song of Worship: **To God Be the Glory**

To God be the glory, great things he hath done:
so loved he the world that he gave us his son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done.

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to ev'ry believer the promise of God.
The vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done.

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

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Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done.

Prayer of Adoration:

Silent Praise & Thanksgiving:

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

"Say to the daughter of Zion,
 'Behold, your king is coming to you,
 humble, and mounted on a donkey,
 on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

The disciple went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

Call to Worship:

Psalm 118:26, Zechariah 9:9, Psalm 118:28-29

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

All: We bless you from the house of the Lord.

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

All: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Leader: Behold, your king is coming to you;
 righteous and having salvation is he,

**All: humble and mounted on a donkey,
 on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

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!**

Songs of Worship:**Lord Most High**

From the ends of the earth (From the ends of the earth)
 From the depths of the sea (From the depths of the sea)
 From the heights of the heavens (From the heights of the heavens)
 Your Name be praised

From the hearts of the weak (From the hearts of the weak)
 From the shouts of the strong (From the shouts of the strong)
 From the lips of all people (From the lips of all people)
 This song we raise Lord

Throughout the endless ages
 You will be crowned with praises
 Lord Most High

Exalted in every nation
Sovereign of all creation
Lord Most High
Be magnified

From the ends of the earth (From the ends of the earth)
From the depths of the sea (From the depths of the sea)
From the heights of the heavens (From the heights of the heavens)
Your Name be praised

From the hearts of the weak (From the hearts of the weak)
From the shouts of the strong (From the shouts of the strong)
From the lips of all people (From the lips of all people)
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Be magnified

Agnus Dei

Alleluia alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia

Holy holy
Are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb
You are holy holy

Are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb
Amen

Alleluia alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns

Alleluia alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia

Holy holy
Are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb
You are holy holy

Are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb
Amen

(Interlude)

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For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia

Holy holy
Are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb
You are holy holy

Are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb
Amen

Before The Throne

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and 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 heav'n He stands No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

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,
To look on Him and pardon me.

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,
With Christ my Savior and my God!

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Children's Dismissal & Announcements: Fill out our [Connection Card](http://www.gracehamptons.org/connect). www.gracehamptons.org/connect

- **Building Renovation Feasibility Team Meeting TODAY.** After the worship service, head over to Classroom 1 next to Pastor Mark's office.
- **Communications Team Meeting TODAY.** Come down to Fellowship Hall after the worship service! We're looking for people who love Grace Church with a knack for writing, editing, photography, graphic design, and/or social media that want to use their skills to serve on the new Communications Team! For more information, contact Hannah Faye Huizing (hfaye@gracehamptons.org).
- **GraceYouth Senior High Gathering TONIGHT.** The 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, 7PM. High school students are invited to the Middlekauff home for some great times and Bible discussion. For more information, contact Lesley Middlekauff (lesleym@gracehamptons.org).
- **No GraceGroups, Ladies Bible Study, or GraceYouth Group this week.**
- **Good Friday Service.** Friday, April 18th. 7:30PM. Join us for a special service as we remember Jesus' death on our behalf.
- **Easter Sunday Worship Service.** Sunday, April 20th, 10AM. Celebrate the resurrection of Jesus with us! Stick around after the Easter worship service for good family-friendly fun with our egg hunt.
- **Guys Night Out: Shotgun Fun.** Sunday, April 27th, 3PM, Location TBD. Turn off the TV, turn up the testosterone, and bring your legal shotgun to shoot some clay pigeons. Don't have a shotgun? We'll provide one for you. Guys 18 and over. For more information, contact Nate Burns (nathanielburns@gmail.com)
- **Ladies Night Out: Clothing Swap!** Monday, April 28th, 7PM. Join us for our Annual Clothing Swap at Lesley Middlekauff's (14 Ocean View Parkway Southampton). Perform a bit of spring cleaning in your closet and bring any unwanted clothing and accessories to the swap! We'll shop through each other's stuff, then donate whatever is left to local charities. For more information, contact Adriana Pariz (adriana@gracehamptons.org)
- **Little Free Pantry.** Our LFP has become essential to our community and gets regular, consistent use and so our supplies are once again severely depleted. Please consider donating items to help us regularly re-stock the pantry. Visit gracehamptons.org/LFP to find our [Amazon link](#) to order supplies and have them shipped straight to Grace Church!

Offertory: *To give via text, text the word "GIVE" to [833-892-6212](tel:833-892-6212). First time givers will have to fill out a short form with billing information. After the initial setup, giving is as easy as sending a text message.*

Prayer of Confession:

Leader: Almighty and Merciful Father, you have called us to be your people and have made us one body. Yet we have not lived like we are one body.

All: **We have not loved one another as we ought. Selfish ambition has gripped us, and we have failed to look out for others' interests above our own. Conceit has gripped us, and we have failed to associate with and care for those who are different from ourselves. We have not treated one another as those in whom Christ dwells. Forgive us for our offenses against you, and go on to subdue everything in us that is contrary to your purposes. By the power of your Spirit make us a community that shows forth your acceptance, kindness and love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Private Confession:

Words of Encouragement: 1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

Prayer of the People: Silvia Mendez

Sermon Series: *1 Corinthians: Christ's Church Alive in the Gospel*

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:3

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^{12:27} Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

^{13:1} If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

¹³ So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Sermon: *The Still More Excellent Way of Love*

Rev. Mark Middlekauff

The Lord's Supper:

Hymn of Response: The Love of God

The love of God is greater far Than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star, And reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled, And pardoned from his sin.

O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure
The saints' and angels' song.

When years of time shall pass away, And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,
When men, who here refuse to pray, On rocks and hills and mountains call,
God's love so sure, shall still endure, All measureless and strong;
Redeeming grace to Adam's race— The saints' and angels' song.

O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure
The saints' and angels' song.

Could we with ink the ocean fill, And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill, And every man a scribe by trade,
To write the love of God above, Would drain the ocean dry.
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, Though stretched from sky to sky.

O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure
The saints' and angels' song. *(Repeat)*

Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Dismissal:

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

All: **Hallelujah, Amen!**