

Sunday Worship

The Point of a Plague

October 4, 2020

The Gospel &
Redemption in a Time of
Exodus

Live Stream Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome/Call to Worship

> *Welcome from Grace Sacramento.*

> *My name is ... Thank you for joining us on the live stream of our worship service this morning.*

(anything personal you want to share)

1. *We want to connect and hear from you. If you're visiting for the first time or are new to Grace, we would love to meet you, help answer any questions, add you to our weekly email or get you connected to our wonderful community. Find the "contact us" tab on our website at www.wearegracesac.org and tell us how we can care for you and your family.*

2. *If you are in need of help whether material, or prayer or any another kind of assistance, follow the resources button on our website and click on either request prayer or request help.*

3. *If you'd like to give to Grace from home follow the "give" link on the menu for instructions for online giving or where to mail a gift if you'd like. [Pause]*

> *Please stand if you are able and join me as I call us into worship this morning from Psalm 34. Please read with me the parts in bold.*

Call to Worship (Psalm 34:1-3)

I will bless the Lord at all times;
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.**

Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt His name together!

Let's continue to worship!

Great Things

Intro, V1, C, Turnaround V2, C, Bx2, C, Ending, Outro

Cornerstone

V1, C, V2, C, V3, Cx2

Confession/Assurance

In a Psalm of David, in Psalm 69, David cries out to God for salvation. He says,

Call to Confession (Psalm 69:1-3, 5)

Save me, O God!
For the waters have come up to my neck.
I sink in deep mire,
where there is no foothold;
I have come into deep waters,
and the flood sweeps over me.
I am weary with my crying out;
my throat is parched.
My eyes grow dim
with waiting for my God.

David laments his sin before a God who already knows. One who knows everything about him. And confesses the foolishness of sin before God.

O God, you know my folly;
the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you.

Let's confess before a God who already knows. Nothing we do or have ever done is hidden before God. Let's confess our sins together to our God of mercy and grace.

Corporate Confession of Sin

O God of grace and truth:

**We confess it is all too easy for us to sacrifice convictions for convenience,
standards for status,
principles for promotion,
absolutes for ambition.**

**We are readily seduced by power and prestige,
by pleasures and possessions.
From what the world offers, we turn to You unfulfilled.**

**Forgive our half-heartedness and our double-mindedness.
Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
Renew and refresh us through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Personal Confession of Sin

[Silent Reflection]

Words of Assurance (1 John 1:9)

Hear the Gospel of Christ and these assuring words from 1 John 1:9.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Thanks be to God!

Come Ye Sinners

V1, V2, V3, V4, V5

Doxology

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you

And also with you

Prayers of the People

Our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, our cup seems to run over with reasons to pray. Let us bring the needs of the church, the world, and all in need, to God's loving care. When you hear the words: "Lord, in your mercy", if you would respond by saying: "hear our prayer".

God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ You promise to hear us when we pray to You in His name. Confident in Your love and mercy, we offer our prayer.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

FOR THE CHURCH

Strengthen Grace Sacramento in its work and worship. Fill our hearts with Your self-giving love, that our voices may speak Your praise, and our lives may conform to the image of Your Son. Nourish us with Your Word and sacraments that we may faithfully minister in Your name, and witness to Your love and grace for all the world.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

FOR THE WORLD

Renew our nation in the ways of justice and peace. Guide those who make and administer our laws to build a society based on trust and respect. Erase prejudices that oppress. For all that seems to be tearing us apart. For the hate and rancor. For blaming of others for the pains we face. For the fear and the fear-mongering. Forgive us.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

FOR ALL THOSE IN NEED

Look with compassion on all who suffer. Support with Your love those who are ill and struggling to receive adequate care, for those who are homeless or abandoned, and for those who live without hope. As You have moved toward us in love, so lead us to be present with them in their suffering in the name of Jesus Christ.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who have lost livelihoods, who are struggling with bills, putting food on the table. For families and our children who are struggling with school and socializing and normalcy and the flood of emotions that come day after day. For the numbness that emotional overload brings. For the lonely. For those who have felt the emptiness of this time and yearn for laughter and tears with their friends, the warm touch of a loved one, and the feeling of shared life.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, in Your loving purpose answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes. In all things for which we pray, give us the will to seek to bring them about, for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Ministry Moment

WORD

Scripture Reading

Exodus 7:3-13

Please stand if you are able for a reading from God's Holy Word. Today's Scripture reading is from ...
Please read with me the verses in bold.

[3] But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and though I multiply my signs and wonders in the land of Egypt,

[4] Pharaoh will not listen to you. Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and bring my hosts, my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great acts of judgment.

[5] The Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring out the people of Israel from among them."

[6] Moses and Aaron did so; they did just as the Lord commanded them.

[7] Now Moses was eighty years old, and Aaron eighty-three years old, when they spoke to Pharaoh.

[8] Then the Lord said to Moses and Aaron,

[9] "When Pharaoh says to you, 'Prove yourselves by working a miracle,' then you shall say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and cast it down before Pharaoh, that it may become a serpent.'"

[10] So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the Lord commanded. Aaron cast down his staff before Pharaoh and his servants, and it became a serpent.

[11] Then Pharaoh summoned the wise men and the sorcerers, and they, the magicians of Egypt, also did the same by their secret arts.

[12] For each man cast down his staff, and they became serpents. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs.

[13] Still Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the Lord had said.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

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TABLE

Over All I Know

SENDING

Benediction

Live Stream Closing Video

Communion
