



*Grace Church Stamford welcomes you
to our Sunday Service
where our aim is to meet Jesus Christ
through his Word and Spirit*

January 1, 2023 AD

Call To Worship

Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! **Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.** Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! **For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.** For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens. **Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

Singing Together

All People That On Earth Do Dwell

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All people that on earth do dwell
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice
Serve him with joy, his praises tell
Come now before Him and rejoice!

Know that the Lord is God indeed
He formed us all without our aid
We are the flock he comes to feed
The sheep who by His hands were made!

*Chorus O let the earth rejoice!
 Lift up your voice!
 And magnify his holy name! (2x)*

O enter then his gates with joy
Within his courts his praise proclaim
Let thankful songs your tongues employ
O bless and magnify his name!

Because the Lord our God is good
His mercy is forever sure
His faithfulness at all times stood
And shall from age to age endure! (Chorus)

*Bridge 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!
 (Chorus 2x)*

Hearing God's Word

Hebrews 10:1-25

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Confessing Together

Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to high standards, and we continuously fall short. You tell us to turn the other cheek and go the extra mile; to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. Not only do we fail to comply with these commands, we find them so outlandish that we don't even try to live up to them. Forgive us for our failures and for our fatigue; for our stubbornness and for our sin. Hear us now as we continue to confess our sins...

We have worshipped other gods. We have worshipped and served the creature rather than the creator. We have sought satisfaction in this world's pleasures rather than in You. We have loved to praise our own glory more than yours.

We have taken your name in vain. We have prayed religious prayers to impress others. We have uttered your name countless times without reverence or love. We have listened to others use your name in vain without grieving.

We have murdered in our hearts. We have often destroyed our neighbor with our tongues. We have been quick to uncharitably judge others. We have considered revenge when we were sinned against.

We have committed adultery with our eyes. We have loved temptation rather than fighting it. We have lusted after unlawful and immoral pleasures. We have justified our lusts by using the world as our standard.

We have stolen what is not ours and coveted what belongs to others. Our lives overflow with discontent, ungratefulness, and envy. We have complained in the midst of Your abundant provision. We have sought to exalt ourselves through owning more.

We have lied to you and to others. We have told distorted truths, half-truths, and untruths. We have despised the truth to make ourselves look better. Even in our confession, we look for ways to hide our guilt.

O God, we have sinned against your mercy times without number. We are ashamed to lift up our faces before you, for our iniquities have gone over our heads. If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? How shall we answer you? We lay our hands on our mouths. We have no answer to your righteous wrath and just judgment.

We have no answer. But God Himself has mercifully provided one for us. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all." **Thanks be to God.**

Singing Together *Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)* Jane Laurie Borthwick, Jason Ingram, Kari Jobe, Kathrina Amalia Von Schlegel | © 2013 Worship Together Music 11280377

Be still my soul the Lord is on thy side
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain
Leave to thy God to order and provide
In every change He faithful will remain
Be still my soul thy best thy heavenly friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end

Be still my soul thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past
Thy hope thy confidence let nothing shake
All now mysterious shall be bright at last
Be still my soul the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below

*Chorus In You I rest, In You I find my hope
In You I trust, You never let me go
I place my life within Your hands alone
Be still my soul*

Be still my soul the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord
When disappointment grief and fear are gone
Sorrow forgot Love's purest joys restored
Be still my soul when change and tears are past
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last
(Chorus 2x)

All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

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All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all!
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all!

Let ev'ry kindred ev'ry tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all!
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all!

Praying Together

The Collection

Communing Together*Invitation*

Our Savior Jesus Christ has ordained and instituted this Holy Supper to nourish and sustain those who are born again and grafted into his family: his church. Christ has instituted an earthly and visible bread as the sacrament of his body and wine as the sacrament of his blood. **Just as truly as we take and hold the sacraments in our hands and eat and drink them in our mouths, by which our life is sustained, so truly we receive into our souls, for our spiritual life, the true body and true blood of Christ, our only Savior.** We receive these by faith, which is the hand and mouth of our souls. The banquet is a spiritual table at which Christ communicates himself to us with all his benefits. **By the use of this holy sacrament we are moved to a fervent love of God and our neighbors.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

Joining with the saints throughout the ages, on heaven and earth, we profess our faith: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of our Lord. So let a person examine themselves, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, you graciously feed us with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation. May we who have received this sacrament be strengthened in your service; we who have sung your praises tell of your glory and truth; we who have seen the greatness of your love see you face to face in your kingdom. For you have made us your own people by the death and resurrection of your Son, our Lord, and by the life-giving power of your Spirit. Amen.

*** Prayer for those searching for truth** Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. While I find that hard to believe, help me to believe your claims. Guide me, teach me, 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 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 away from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

Singing Together***All Glory Be To Christ***

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Should nothing of our efforts stand no legacy survive
 Unless the Lord does raise the house in vain its builders strive
 To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me, what is your life?
 A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ!

Chorus *All glory be to Christ our king*
 All glory be to Christ!
 His rule and reign we'll ever sing
 All glory be to Christ!

His will be done His kingdom come on earth as is above
 Who is Himself our daily bread praise Him the Lord of love!
 Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price
 We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ! (Chorus)

When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true
 The Lamb who was for sinners slain is making all things new
 Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light
 And we shall e'er his people be, all glory be to Christ! (Chorus 2x)

Benediction for Mission

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## God's Word Proclaimed

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### Sermon Series in Colossians: Stronger Through Prayer

#### How To Pray In The New Year

Psalm 40

How to grow in faith through prayer...

1. God's Track Record

2. Our commitment

3. Applying Christ

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