



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

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Call To Worship

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD, **let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;** let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. **For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.** In his hands are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. **The sea is his, for he made it, and the hands formed the dry land. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

Singing Together Rejoice

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Come and stand before your maker full of wonder full of fear
Come behold his power and glory yet with confidence draw near
For the one who holds the heavens and commands the stars above
Is the God who bends to bless us with an unrelenting love

*Chorus Rejoice, come and lift your hands and raise your voice
He is worthy of all praise
Rejoice, sing the mercies of your king
And with trembling rejoice*

We are children of the promise the beloved of the Lord
Won with everlasting kindness bought with sacrificial blood
Bringing reconciliation to a world that longs to know
The affections of a father who will never let them go (Chorus)

All our sickness all our sorrows Jesus carried up the hill
He has walked this path before us He is walking with us still
Turning tragedy to triumph turning agony to praise
There is blessing in the battle so take heart and stand amazed

*Chorus 2 Rejoice, when you cry to him he hears your voice
He will wipe away your tears
Rejoice in the midst of suffering
He will help you sing (Chorus)*

Hearing God's Word

Revelation 3:14-22

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

Confessing Together

For the half-heartedness of loving of what is really Life, for being satisfied with too little of your power in me, for the way I take your good gifts for granted: Lord Jesus, forgive me. For my boredom with the Word, for the cowardice that makes me afraid to be known as a Christian, for a faith that shakes like a leaf in the wind: Heavenly Father, forgive me. For my indifference to the pain of others, for the sluggishness of my desire for you, for believing the lie that I need pleasures I can taste and touch, more than I need you: Heavenly Father, forgive me. For all my offenses and all my wanderings: O God, forgive me for your own Name's sake. Amen.

May almighty God, who caused light to shine out of darkness, shine in our hearts, cleansing us from all our sins, and restoring us to the light of the knowledge of God's glory, in the face of Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Singing Together

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

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Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings
But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good
But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name
But mine is armor for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore

How Vast The Love of Jesus

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Come gaze upon your Savior
Behold your great High Priest
Draw near in awe and wonder
His cross has spoken peace.

Come rest from sin and striving
Find endless stores of grace
The heart that turns to Jesus
Is cleansed from every stain

Chorus *Oh, how deep, how wide how long*
 Oh how vast the love of Jesus
 Oh how sure, how sweet, how strong,
 Oh how vast His love for us

So lift your eyes to Jesus
Arise from doubt and shame
His blood cries, 'It is finished!'
Our life is in His name (Chorus)

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

Bridge *Come rejoice now O my soul*
 For His love is my reward
 Fear is gone and hope is sure
 Christ is mine forevermore (3x)

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

What now can separate us
Can death or pain or fear
We have this strong assurance
In Christ we've been brought near
And in his strength we'll labor
His promises our hope
Thus far His love has led us
His love will lead us home (Chorus 2x)

Praying Together

Hearing God's Word Proclaimed

Malachi 2:17 – 3:18

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

Communing Together

Invitation

Hear the words of our Savior: 'Come to me all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.'

We come not because we ought, but because we may; not because we are righteous, but because we are repentant; not because we are strong, but because we are weak; not because we are whole, but because we are broken.

Awaiting his coming in glory, let us pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

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.**

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

Most gracious God, we praise you for what you have given and for what you have promised us here. You have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. Now we give ourselves to you; and we ask that our daily living may be part of your kingdom, and that our love may be your love reaching out to the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Singing Together

O Great God

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O great God of highest heav'n
Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
Conquer every rebel pow'r
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me
Make me Yours forever more

I was blinded by my sin
Had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within
Had no taste for heaven's joys
Then Your Spirit gave me life
Opened up Your word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son
Gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised
With my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heav'n
Glorify Your Name through me

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Benediction for Mission

The Gospel According to Malachi

Malachi 2:17 – 3:18

*** 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.