



*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 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

This Is Our God

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God our Father full of power
Maker of the heavens, Maker of the world
Forming all things seen and unseen
Truly the Almighty beyond all measured worth
Holy is His Name

*Chorus We believe the Lord our God is One
Father Spirit Son this is our God!
We believe forever He will reign
Let the church proclaim this is our God!*

Our Lord Jesus sent to save us
Born unto a virgin lived a perfect life
Greatly suffered dying for us
From the grave He's risen seated now on high
Holy is His Name (Chorus)

*Bridge Jesus will come back again
To judge the living and the dead
Usher in the age to come
Let everyone sing amen
Let everyone sing amen*

Spirit holy One in glory
Speaking through the prophets
Empowering the Church
Life is given by and through Him
With the Son and Father worshiped and adored
Holy is His Name (Chorus)

Hearing God's Word

Psalm 69: 1:18

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

Confessing Together

Most gracious and most merciful God, we confess to you and to one another that time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers but with hearts that have been closed to your grace. We have lifted our hands to you in praise, but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil. We have rehearsed your commandments but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor. We pray, Lord, that you forgive our lack of faith and pardon our acts of injustice. Grant us the healing that comes from your presence and the cleansing of your all-powerful Word, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

God is slow to anger and full of compassion, forgiving all who humbly repent and turn to his Son as Savior and Lord. God therefore forgives you in Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation. **Amen.**

Singing Together *My Hope Is Built*

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My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus name

*Chorus On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil (Chorus)

His oath His covenant His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay (Chorus)

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne
(Chorus 2x)

You Alone Can Rescue

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Who O Lord could save themselves
Their own soul could heal?
Our shame was deeper than the sea
Your grace is deeper still (2x)

*Chorus You alone can rescue
You alone can save
You alone can lift us from the grave!
You came down to find us
Led us out of death
To You alone belongs the highest praise!*

You O Lord have made a way
The great divide You healed
For when our hearts were far away
Your love went further still
Yes Your love goes further still (Chorus)

*Bridge We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes
You're the giver of life!
We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes
You're the giver of life! (2x) (Chorus 2x)*

Move-Up Ceremony

Praying Together

The Collection

Hearing God's Word Proclaimed 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-13 This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Communing Together

Invitation

Come to this table: you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been to this sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

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.**

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day, and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we glorify your name and lift our voices in joyful praise: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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.**

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.

*** 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

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

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Jesus, I my cross have taken
All to leave and follow Thee
Destitute despised forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shall be
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought or hoped or known
Yet how rich is my condition.
God and heaven are still my own!

Go, then earthly fame and treasure
Come disaster scorn and pain
In Thy service pain is pleasure
With Thy favor loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father
I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl and clouds may gather
All must work for good to me!

Haste then on from grace to glory
Armed by faith and winged by prayer
Heavens eternal day's before Thee
God's own hand shall guide me there
Soon shall close the earthly mission,
Swift shall pass thy pilgrim days
Hope soon change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight and prayer to praise!

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Benediction

Grace Under Pressure: Sermons in 1 Thessalonians

The Apostolic Church

1 Thessalonians 2: 1-13

Introduction: Retreat?

What did Paul say to convince the Thessalonians he wasn't retreating but was the real deal?

1. Entrusted

2. Loved

3. Directed

Application

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