



*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

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! **Serve the LORD with gladness!** Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God. It is he who made us, and we are his. **We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.** Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. **Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the LORD is good, his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Singing Together *Glorious And Mighty*

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Majesty Your glory is shining
Brighter than the moon and the stars
Marveling we honor and fear You
Above all gods

*Chorus Glorious and mighty
You're awesome in beauty
Joyful songs we raise!
Glorious and mighty
You're awesome in beauty
Greatly to be praised!*

Majesty You fashioned the heavens
Your decrees can never be changed
Over all the plans of the nations
Your judgments reign! (Chorus)

Majesty we'll sing with creation
When You come again in the clouds
Every knee will bow down and worship
The one true God! (Chorus)

Hearing God's Word

Psalm 86

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

Confessing Together

Have mercy on me, O God, in your faithful love, in your great tenderness wipe away my offences; wash me thoroughly from my guilt, purify me from my sin. God, create in me a clean heart, renew within me a resolute spirit, do not thrust me away from your presence, do not take away from me your spirit of holiness. Give me back the joy of your salvation, sustain in me a generous spirit. Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will speak out your praise. Sacrifice gives you no pleasure, burnt offering you do not desire. Sacrifice to God is a broken spirit, a broken, contrite heart you never scorn.

This is the message we have heard from God and proclaim to you, that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. **Thanks be to God.**

Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I'm come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

O that day when freed from sinning
I shall see Thy lovely face
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace
Come my Lord no longer tarry
Bring Thy promises to pass
For I know Thy power will keep me
Till I'm home with Thee at last
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Till I'm home with Thee at last

Behold Our God

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Who has held the oceans in His hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the One who knows all things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

*Chorus Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him*

Who has felt the nails upon His hand
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior risen now to reign
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior risen now to reign (Chorus)

*Bridge You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill the earth)
You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill the earth)
(Chorus 2x)*

Praying Together

The Collection

Hearing God's Word Proclaimed 1 Thessalonians 2: 17 – 3:13 This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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.**

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

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory for the sake of 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

May The Mind Of Christ

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May the mind of Christ, my Savior
Live in me from day to day
By his love and power controlling
All I do and say, all I do and say

May the word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour
So that all may see I triumph
Only through His power, only through His power

May the peace of God my Father
Rule my life in everything
That I may be calm to comfort
Sick and sorrowing, sick and sorrowing

May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea
Him exalting, self-abasing
This is victory, this is victory

May I run the race before me
Strong and brave to face the foe
Looking only unto Jesus
As I onward go, as I onward go

May his beauty rest upon me
As I seek the lost to win
And may they forget the channel
Seeing only Him, seeing only Him

Benediction

Grace Under Pressure: Sermons in 1 Thessalonians

A Resilient Church

1 Thessalonians 2: 17 – 3:13

Introduction: Are you a part of something bigger than yourself?

If you belong to God's story, then...

1. Expect Spiritual Opposition

2. Experience God's Gospel

3. Belong To The Everlasting Community

Application

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