



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

January 31, 2021 AD

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 his hands formed the dry land. **Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!** (Psalm 95:1-6)

Singing Together *How Great Is Our God*

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The splendor of the King clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice all the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice and trembles at His voice

*Chorus How great is our God
Sing with me how great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God*

And age to age He stands and time is in His hands
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one, Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb (Chorus)

*Bridge Name above all names
You are worthy of all praise
My heart will sing how great is our God (2x)*

Hearing God's Word

Isaiah 42:1-9

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

Confessing Together

O most great, most just and gracious God, you are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, but you have promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all who repent and believe in him. We confess that we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. We have neglected and abused your holy worship. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors. We have not sought first your kingdom and righteousness. You have revealed your wonderful love to us in Christ and offered us pardon and salvation in him, yet we still turn away. We have run into temptation, and the sin we should have hated, we have committed. Have mercy on us, merciful Father. In your Son is our salvation, in your promises our hope. Take us for your children, and give us the Spirit of your Son, and in the end receive us into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our only Savior. Amen.

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous, our God is merciful. The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me. Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you. (Psalm 116:5-7) **Thanks be to God.**

Singing Together

Before The Throne of God Above

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Before the throne of God above
I have a strong a perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God (Chorus 3x)

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

*Chorus Hallelujah, Hallelujah
 Praise the one risen Son of God!*

Praying Together

Hearing God's Word Proclaimed

Matthew 3:13 - 4:17

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Communing Together

LAMENT: Psalm 40:1-2

I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

REJOICING: Psalm 40-3-4

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD. **Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!**

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, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but 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.**

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed. **Therefore, let us remember the feast.**

You came down from Heaven's throne
This earth You formed was not Your home
A love like this the world had never known
A crown of thorns to mock Your name
Forgiveness fell upon Your face
A love like this the world had never known

*Chorus On the altar of our praise
 Let there be no higher name
 Jesus Son of God
 You laid down Your perfect life
 You are the sacrifice
 Jesus Son of God, You are Jesus Son of God*

You took our sin You bore our shame
You rose to life You defeated the grave
And a love like this the world has never known
'Cause You took our sin You bore our shame
You rose to life You defeated the grave
A love like this the world has never known (Chorus)

*Bridge Be lifted higher than all You've overcome
 Your name be louder than any other song
 There is no power that can come against Your love
 The cross was enough, the cross was enough
 The cross was enough, the cross was enough (Chorus 2x)*

Benediction for Mission

**Youth Group
meeting tonight
6:30pm at the
church bldg**

**Wednesday
Life Group meeting
next Sunday
in-person**

Temptations Sermon Series

The Victory of Obedience

Matthew 3:13 – 4:17

Introduction

1. The Wilderness Battle Ground

2. The Active Obedience of Christ

Application

*** 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.