



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

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Call To Worship

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!** You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; **none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.** (Psalm 40:3-5)

Singing Together

O Worship The King

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O worship the King all glorious above
O gratefully sing His wonderful love
Our Shield and Defender the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

O tell of His might O sing of His grace
Whose robe is the light and canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

*Chorus You alone are the matchless King
 To You alone be all majesty
 Your glories and wonders what tongue can recite
 You breathe in the air, You shine in the light*

O measureless might ineffable love
While angels delight to worship above
Thy mercies how tender how firm to the end
Our Maker Defender Redeemer and Friend (Chorus 2x, Verse 1)

Hearing God's Word

Jeremiah 9:12-24

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

Confessing Together

There are many times we think we love you well, O God. But upon hearing your call to love you with all our heart, and all our mind, and all our strength, we confess that our love for you is a diluted love, made insipid and flat by lesser loyalties and a divided heart. Our love seems pure only for brief moments; soon our affections are drawn away. How easily our devotion dies. Forgive us; in deep mercy spare us, despite our lost first love for you; in grace rekindle our love for you in seeing anew Jesus' love for us. Amen.

Hear the good news: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

Singing Together

King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes

To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

*Chorus Praise the Father, praise the Son
 Praise the Spirit three in one
 God of Glory, majesty
 Praise forever to the King of Kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross

For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died (Chorus)

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And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death

And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint

By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me (Chorus 2x)

Praying Together

Hearing God's Word Proclaimed

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

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

Communing Together

What is your only comfort in life and death?

That I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who with His precious blood has fully paid for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil, and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; moreover, that all things must work together for my salvation, and by His Holy Spirit, Christ also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready, henceforth, to live for Him.

(Heidelberg Catechism, Question #1)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. 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.**

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

Singing Together

Lord From Sorrows Deep I Call

Lord from sorrows deep I call
When my hope is shaken
Torn and ruined from the fall
Hear my desperation
For so long I've pled and prayed
God come to my rescue
Even so the thorn remains
Still my heart will praise You

Storms within my troubled soul
Questions without answers
On my faith these billows roll
God be now my shelter
Why are you cast down my soul
Hope in Him who saves you
When the fires have all grown cold
Cause this heart to praise You

Blessed Be Your name

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

*Chorus Blessed be the name of the Lord
 Blessed be Your name
 Blessed be the name of the Lord
 Blessed be Your glorious name*

Gracefully Broken

Take all I have in these hands
And multiply God all that I am
And find my heart on the altar again
Set me on fire, set me on fire

*Chorus Here I am God arms wide open
 Pouring out my life gracefully broken*

My heart stands in awe of Your name
Your mighty love stands strong to the end
You will fulfill Your purpose for me
You won't forsake me, You will be with me (Chorus 2x)

Benediction for Mission

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Chorus

*Oh my soul put your hope in God
My help, my rock I will praise Him
Sing oh sing through the raging storm
You're still my God my salvation*

Should my life be torn from me

Every worldly pleasure
When all I possess is grief
God be then my treasure
Be my vision in the night
Be my hope and refuge
'Till my faith is turned to sight
Lord my heart will praise You (Chorus 2x)

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Blessed be Your name

When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say (Chorus)

Bridge 2x

*You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name
(Chorus 2x, Bridge)*

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*Bridge All to Jesus now, all to Jesus now
Holding nothing back, holding
nothing back
I surrender, I surrender
I surrender, I surrender (Chorus 2x)*

*Chorus Your power at work in me
I'm broken gracefully
I'm strong when I am weak
I will be free (3x) (Chorus)*

Weak Made Strong: Sermons in 2 Corinthians
More of Jesus
2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Preliminary thoughts

1. The boast (The powerful experience)

2. The thorn (The more powerful experience)

3. The cross (The most powerful experience)

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.