

GRACE TODAY

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Welcome to the Lord's day
worship service at Grace Church.

We are truly blessed to be here
this morning as we open God's
Word together, sing His praises,
and enjoy a time of fellowship
in His presence.

Be sure to take advantage of
the many fellowship and ministry
opportunities available to
our church family today and
throughout the week.



8:30 & 10:30* am

Sinfonia from Cantata No. 29 • Bach • Stephen Sturz, Organist

Hymn 116 Rejoice, the Lord Is King • Congregation

Hymn 125 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Jesus Shall Reign • Hatton/Lehman-Rice • Brass Ensemble, Organ

Psalm 24 • Beck • Worship Choir

Hymn 260 All Glory, Laud, and Honor • Congregation

I Will Worship You • Ward/Rice • James Phillipps

MESSAGE: **THE HUMBLE CORONATION OF KING JESUS**
John MacArthur • Matthew 21:1–11

Doxology Hymn • Congregation

I Will Sing of the Mercies • Fillmore/Sturz • Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing • Trad. • Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise • Congregation

Baptism • Carl Hargrove

Hymn 210 I Will Sing of My Redeemer • Offertory

MESSAGE: **ARMED WITH THE GOSPEL**
Costi Hinn • Romans 1:16–17

Postlude

Anthem

Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof;
The world, and those who dwell therein.

For He hath founded it upon the seas, And established it upon the floods.
Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord?
Or who shall stand in His holy place?

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart;
Who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, Nor sworn deceitfully.
He shall receive the blessing, the blessing from the Lord,
And righteousness from the God of his salvation.
He shall receive the blessing, the blessing from the Lord

This is the generation of those who seek Him,
Who seek Thy face, O God of Jacob.
Lift up your heads, O ye gates, And be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors;

And the King of glory shall come in, the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory? Who is the King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, O ye gates, And be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors;

And the King of glory shall come in, the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory? Who is the King of glory?
The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory!
The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory!

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Doxology Hymn

Hymn 135 O Worship the King

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

* Interpreting for the deaf is provided during the 10:30 a.m. service. Arabic and Korean translation for the 10:30 a.m. service is available at gracechurch.org/live. A limited number of headsets are available at the front desk for simultaneous translation.

Campus Ministries

THE WELCOME CENTER hosts a reception for visitors following each Sunday-morning service. Enjoy refreshments and find helpful people with answers to any questions you have about our church. You'll also receive one of Pastor MacArthur's books as a thank you for being with us today.

THE MEMBER CENTER has information about membership and baptism. It is located on the north side of the Heritage Building, across from the Welcome Center.

Today's Membership Class
102 • 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. • T375

THE PRAYER ROOM is staffed with counselors, ready to offer pastoral care. It is open after every service, and is adjacent to the Worship Center.

Generations of Grace Children's Sunday School

The following lesson was taught **today** in Sunday School (Preschool through Juniors)



MESSAGE **Jesus Endures the Cross**

PASSAGE **Matthew 26:57–27:2, 11–66**

PRINCIPLE Jesus died for sin, giving access to God.

FEATURED HYMN "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 312)

ASK YOUR CHILD Why did Jesus die?

APPLY By thanking Jesus for providing the only way of salvation.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Matthew 26:57–27:2, 11–66.

NEXT WEEK Matthew 28

On GraceWalk

- **Fundamentals of the Faith**
- **Local Outreach**

On the Patio

- **Spanish Ministry**
(by the Chapel)
- **VBS Volunteer Information**

Bookstore

The Bookstore is open after each service and during the week. It is located on the south side of the Worship Center.

HIGHLIGHT

ONE PERFECT LIFE

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Pastor John blends the four gospel accounts and other Scripture into one continuous story that will help you better grasp the life of Christ.

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"The Promised Arrival of the King"

- NRBTV CHANNEL 378 ON DIRECTV Sunday 6:30 pm

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- John MacArthur's sermons: audio, video, and transcripts
- Resource library: blog, devotionals, articles, Q&As, and more
- Mobile apps: "The Study Bible" and "Grace to You Sermons"

Adapted from the Generations of Grace Family Devotional, available at the bookstore.

An Expression of Thankful Love To All of Grace Church

It has taken me a few weeks to process in my own heart and mind all that you have done to celebrate my fiftieth year. I have been overwhelmed by your kindness. I cannot imagine that anyone has ever been more graciously and generously honored for something to which he has made such a small contribution.

We all know that Grace Church is the work of the Lord, and it has been an incalculable privilege for me to simply deliver His Word. I have received grace upon grace, and much of that grace has been granted to me through you. You have been beyond encouraging, faithful, diligent, virtuous, and loving in every aspect of our church life. In my case, you have overdone the kindness in such lavish expressions of love as I have received during the recent celebration of fifty years.

I cannot image that anyone has ever been privileged to shepherd such a loving and generous flock, or serve alongside more gracious and faithful leaders, and do it for half a century. For all the expressions of honor—from the decorations around the campus, to the wonderful gifts to me and Patricia; from the beautiful banquet for our family, to the incredible Sunday celebration—and every other expression of kindness, all the MacArthurs want to declare our love and gratitude to Grace Church.

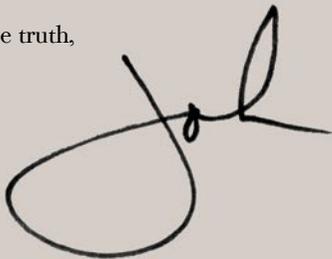
We have all had the very rare privilege to serve together in a unique church that God has singularly blessed, in spite of our weakness. We have seen Him work in power, through His Word, locally and globally, in ways that are beyond what we could ask or think. Considering all the blessings that have come to me through the years at Grace, the highlight is life-long relationships in the gospel for

the advance of the name of Christ and the blessed unity throughout the church that makes our fellowship joyful.

It is wonderful to realize that even after fifty years, there is more to come as the Lord continues the work through all of us to accomplish the purposes that redound to His glory.

Please know how hard it is to find the words to express my gratitude and that of Patricia and our family. I pray that the Lord will repay you with abundant, heavenly grace for all you have done to make our lives so rich.

Love in the truth,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John', written in a cursive style. The signature is located below the text 'Love in the truth,'.

From Bondage to Freedom

**An Interview
with Marty
Wolf from The
Friends of Israel
Gospel Ministry**

“The whole story of Passover is redemption—from physical bondage to physical freedom. As Christians, we have even more reason to celebrate because we know that Jesus is the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. He takes us from spiritual bondage to spiritual freedom, and every element of the Passover ceremony points us to Christ, the true and perfect deliverer.”

Marty Wolf, a long-time Grace Church missionary to the Jewish community in Los Angeles through The Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry, talks about Passover in terms of transformation. It presents an opportunity to remember God’s salvation, focusing on how He brought His people out of captivity into glorious freedom.

“The word Seder means order. A Seder, or Passover dinner, includes a reading of

the Haggadah—prayers, Scripture, and religious passages—and symbols that signify things like the tears that were shed, the labor that was done, and the suffering experienced by those who lived their lives in bondage.”

“As Christians, we can go through each of these symbols and explain why we don’t need them anymore. We can distill it down to the bread and the cup; we have Christ’s body and His blood that was shed for us. In a Seder, each person is to experience the Exodus vicariously—when you take communion, it’s as if you were at the foot of the cross.”

“The Haggadah includes Psalm 118:24, ‘This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.’ But that verse only has its fullest meaning in context with verses 22–23, ‘The stone which the builders

rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.’ The day that the Lord has made; that’s the day Christ went to the cross. And that’s why we can rejoice in it—because if He hadn’t gone to the cross, we wouldn’t be rejoicing in anything.”

“Thinking about what goes into a Seder every year at Passover should give us compassion for our Jewish friends. They’re celebrating redemption, but not the redemption we know in Christ. As you celebrate our Lord’s death and resurrection at Easter, remember the hope you have in knowing that His sacrifice was perfect—once-for-all. Use this time of year as an opportunity to ask questions of your Jewish friends. Passover is coming; what does that mean to them?”

Invite them to respond.

**“What will you do
with Jesus Christ?”**



Today's Guest Speaker



Costi Hinn pastors at Mission Bible Church in Orange County, California, where he has served for nearly seven years. His passion is preaching the gospel and serving the church. Pastor Hinn is co-author of *Defining Deception* and author of *God, Greed, and the (Prosperity) Gospel*. He and his wife, Christyne, live in Irvine with their three children.

Logos Institute Classes

Church History: From Christ to the Crusades

April 15–May 20 (Mondays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m. • Instructor: Nathan Busenitz

OT Wisdom Literature

April 18–June 6 (Thursdays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m. • Instructor: Alex Youngstrom

Discipleship Counseling 3

April 24–June 26 (Wednesdays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Instructors: Bill Shannon, George Sanders • Cost: \$75

Spanish Track: Consejería Bíblica Niveles 2 & 3 (Biblical Counseling 2 & 3)

April 15–July 8 (Mondays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m. • Instructor: Jonathan Tucker

For more information or to register, visit gracechurch.org/logos.

Grace Advance Teams Meeting **Virginia and British Columbia**

Today • 12:30–1:30 p.m. • T363

Bring a lunch and join us as we discuss these summer ministry trips. For more information email info@graceadvance.org.

Glorifying the Risen Savior

Good Friday Communion Service

April 19 • 7:30 p.m.

Special music by the Worship Choir, Orchestra, and Vocalists
Nursery care (birth–five years) will be available.

Resurrection Sunday Worship Services

April 21 • 7:00, 8:30, & 10:30 a.m.

Nursery care (birth–five years) will be available for all services; Sunday School will meet at the regular times.

There will be no Sunday evening service on April 21.

Russian Outreach Bible Study

Today • 12:30–2:30 p.m. • CC230s

If you speak or understand Russian, know someone who does, or have a heart to see Russian-speaking people saved, please visit one of our Sunday afternoon meetings. Join us as we pray about how to reach the Russian community in Los Angeles with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Sojourners Women's Fellowship

Thursday, April 18 • 9:30–11:30 a.m. • T270s

Speaker: Linda Damarjian

Topic: "Expressing Godly Kindness"

Childcare for children pre-K and younger by reservation. All women are welcome. Call 818-887-9717 for more information.

8:30 a.m.

Anchored (All ages) T360s
Pastors: Carl Hargrove,
Bill Shannon

Children's Sunday School
Visit the Welcome Center for
room locations.
Pastor: Ace Davis

Cornerstone (All ages) T370s
Pastors: Nathan Busenitz,
Hohn Cho, Mark Tatlock,
Harry Walls

Developmentally Disabled
CC130E
Pastor: Rick McLean

GraceLife (All ages)
Family Center
Pastors: Phil Johnson,
Mike Riccardi

Junior High (Grades 7–8)
T70s (Basement)
Pastor: Jay Lennington

Spanish Adult Sunday School
H221-222
Teachers: Josiah Grauman,
José Soria, Santiago Armel

Spanish Worship Service
Chapel
Pastors: Henry Tolopilo,
Michael Mahoney,
Josiah Grauman

Steadfast (All ages) T260s
Pastor: Brian Biedebach

10:30 a.m.

Children's Sunday School
Special needs class available
Visit the Welcome Center
for room locations.
Pastor: Ace Davis

Crossroads
(College & young adults)
Family Center
Pastor: Austin Duncan

Developmentally Disabled
CC130E
Pastor: Rick McLean

High School (Grades 9–12)
T70s (Basement)
Pastor: Josh Petras

Joint Heirs (All ages) T260s
Pastors: Tom Patton, John Street

Mainstream (All ages) T360s
Pastors: Rich Gregory,
Carlos Chung

Sojourners (All ages) T370s
Pastors: William Varner,
Joe Zhakevich

Spanish Adult Sunday School
H221-222
Teachers: Rubén Pidal,
José Martínez, Josué Pineda

Spanish Worship Service
Chapel
Pastors: Henry Tolopilo,
Michael Mahoney,
Josiah Grauman

12:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Outreach
H223-224

5:00 p.m.

Sunday Night Prayer Group
T385

6:00 p.m.

Adventure Club
Family Center (Grades 4–6)
Chapel (Grades 1–3)
T270s (Ages 3–5)

Mondays 9:00 a.m.

**Monday Morning Prayer
Group**
Welcome Center

Building Abbreviation Key
T = Tower
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CC = Children's Center

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