



## The Fullness of Easter Joy

### The Beginnings and Guarantee of an Unending Feast of Joy

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.  
- Isaiah 25:6-7

For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.  
- 1 Corinthians 15:22-23

The last enemy to be destroyed is death.  
- 1 Corinthians 15:26

"My life flows on in endless song;  
Above earth's lamentation,  
I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn  
That hails a new creation  
Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing  
It finds an echo in my soul  
How can I keep from singing?"  
- How Can I Keep from Singing

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.  
-1 Peter 1:3-5

## Order of Worship

### Welcome & Announcements

#### Prelude

Leader: He is risen!  
**People: He is risen, indeed!**

#### Call to Worship: Psalm 118

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." "Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

**People: The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,**

**All: the right hand of the Lord exalts, the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!" You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!**

#### Hymns of Praise

**Free Grace**  
You children of God, by faith in His Son  
Redeemed by His blood, and with Him made one  
This union with wonder and rapture be seen  
Which nothing shall sunder, without or within

This pardon, this peace which none can destroy  
This treasure of grace and heavenly joy  
The worthless may crave it, it always comes free  
The vilest may have it, it was given to me

Free grace has paid for all my sin  
Free grace, though it cost so much to Him  
Free grace has freed even my will  
Free grace to the end sustains me still

It's not for good deeds, good tempers nor frames  
From grace it proceeds, and all is the Lamb's  
No goodness, no fitness expects He from us  
This I can well witness, for none could be worse

Sick sinner, expect no balm but Christ's blood  
Your own works reject, the bad and the good  
None ever regret it that on Him rely  
Though guilty as Saul or Jonah or I

**Fairest Lord Jesus**  
Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,  
O Thou of God and man the Son,  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
Thou art my glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of Spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling starry host;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

#### Prayer and Dismissal of the Children

#### Prayer for the World, the Church & the City

#### Confession

Rightous God, When our faith is rooted deeply in you, O God, our lives reflect your kingdom values of justice and righteousness, but sometimes our lives become so entangled with the values of the world, that your values take second place. Forgive us, O God, and reconnect us to the Holy Spirit, who is our source of power and life. Merciful God, strip our hearts and minds of all that prevents our lives being firmly rooted in you. May our lives bear fruit worthy of our faith in you, as we watch and wait for your breaking into our world once more, in the person of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen

#### Private Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 130

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.  
O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

#### Hymn of Assurance

**He Will Rejoice Over You**  
The Lord, our God is with you  
He is mighty to save.  
The Lord will take great delight in you.  
He will quiet you with his love.

The Lord, our God is with you  
He is mighty to save.  
The Lord will take great delight in you.  
He will quiet you with his love.

He will rejoice over you,  
He will rejoice over you

If you could only hear his voice,  
you will hear the Lord rejoice  
Rejoicing over you with singing

The Lord, our God is with you  
He is mighty to save.  
The Lord will take great delight in you  
He will quiet you with his love

### Tithes and Offerings

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### Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### Scripture – Isaiah 25:6-9, 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord  
**People: Thanks be to God**

### God's Word Today- Mike Hsu

**Sermon Title:** The Beginnings and Guarantee of an Unending  
Feast of Joy

Sermon Outline:  
1. The Larger Context Around Isaiah  
2. Glimmers of Joy Rather than Pie-in-the-Sky  
3. Christ the Firstfruits as the Beginning and Guarantee

Application Questions:  
In light of the triumph of the risen Jesus, where are the glimmers of joy  
in your life? How do you cultivate that joy in your life?

### The Lord’s Supper

### The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!  
**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

Minister: It is right, and good, and a joyful thing, always and  
everywhere to give thanks unto you, O Lord, our Father Almighty,  
everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with  
all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your holy  
name; evermore praising You and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth  
of Your glory are full. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

### Words of Institution and Declaration of Faith

Minister: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**People: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.**

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God, take them in  
remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on Him in your  
hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

### Hymn of Thanksgiving

#### Hosanna

I see the King of glory coming on the clouds with fire  
The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes  
I see His Love and Mercy washing over all our sin  
The people sing, the people sing

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest

I see a generation rising up to take their place  
With selfless faith, with selfless faith  
I see a near revival stirring as we pray and seek  
We're on our knees, we're on our knees

Heal my heart and make it clean  
Open up my eyes to the things unseen  
Show me how to love like You have loved me

Break my heart for what breaks Yours  
Everything I am for Your Kingdom's cause  
As I walk from earth into eternity

### Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the  
fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

### Peace

Minister: The Peace of the Lord be with you all  
**People: And also with you**

### Announcements

1. Zoom Prayer Meeting every Thursday 7-7:45 pm.
2. Please send Prayer requests & Tithes to  
[mail@gracevancouver.com](mailto:mail@gracevancouver.com)
3. There will be no Sunday service here on June 15<sup>th</sup> as we  
will be at our church retreat in Chilliwack.
4. Operation Baby Bottle- Pregnancy Care Centre  
fundraiser until Father's Day. Bottles available on the back  
table. Please return the bottles by Sunday, June 22<sup>th</sup>.
5. Free Parking available across from Canada Post.
6. Children's Church and Nursery are available  
downstairs.

### Tithes

2025 Annual Budget	\$250,000
Giving Last Week	\$3,755
Year-to-date Giving	\$82,954

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