



*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;  
to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and desire victory;  
to all who sin and need a Savior;  
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;  
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
and to all who will come,  
this church opens wide her doors  
and offers welcome  
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

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## Reflections

The other gods were strong; but Thou wast weak;  
They rode, but Thou didst stumble to a throne;  
But to our wounds only God's wounds can speak,  
And not a god has wounds, but Thou alone.

-Edward Shillito  
*Jesus of the Scars*

Missions exists because worship doesn't. Worship is ultimate, not missions, because God is ultimate, not man. When this age is over, and the countless millions of the redeemed fall on their faces before the throne of God, missions will be no more.

-John Piper  
*Let the Nations Be Glad*

God is glorified not only by his glory's being seen, but by its being rejoiced in.

-Jonathan Edwards  
*The Miscellanies*

I think we delight to praise what we enjoy because the praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment; it is its appointed consummation. It is not out of compliment that lovers keep on telling one another how beautiful they are; the delight is incomplete until it is expressed. In the same way, we delight to praise God because our praise of him not merely expresses, but it completes our enjoyment.

-C.S. Lewis  
*Reflections on the Psalms*

# Grace Presbyterian Church

*The Lord's Day*

February 16, 2020

10:30 a.m.

## Prelude

## Words of Welcome

## Preparation for Worship<sup>1</sup>

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*Praise*

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## Call to Worship

**Psalm 148:1-4,13-14**

Leader: Praise the LORD.

*People: Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.*

Leader: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

*People: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him all you shining stars.*

Leader: Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

*People: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted;  
his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.*

*All: And he has raised up for his people a horn,  
the praise of all his faithful servants,  
of Israel, the people close to his heart.*

*Praise the LORD.*

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<sup>1</sup> As a courtesy, please program all communication devices to silent mode. Thank you!

**Song of Praise**

*Jesus, Everlasting King*

**Prayer of Adoration**

**Song of Adoration**

*Doxology*

**Private Praise and Adoration**

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**Renewal**

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**Scripture Reading**

**Isaiah 45:22-24a**

“Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth;  
for I am God, and there is no other.  
By myself I have sworn,  
my mouth has uttered in all integrity  
a word that will not be revoked:  
Before me every knee will bow;  
by me every tongue will swear.  
They will say of me, ‘In the LORD alone  
are deliverance and strength.”

**Confession of Sin**

*Minister &  
People:*

*Merciful and mighty God, We ought to be filled with wonder and amazement that we belong to you, and get to gather with you and your people for worship. We confess that instead of being amazed by this, we have grown accustomed to this thought and are sometimes bored with the obligation to gather with your people for worship. We think we are doing you a favor when we come to church, and we arrive with distracted minds and divided hearts. We joyfully give the best of our time, energy, effort, gifts, and wealth to our favorite idols and interests while grudgingly laying our leftovers before you - and then we are proud of that second-rate offering. We are easily capable of finding worship dull and boring, and we resent your command to gather together weekly. Lord, have mercy on us. We are deeply sinful and selfish and our best acts of worship are blemished, deformed and twisted with self-interest and pride.*

*Holy Spirit, stir our cold and lazy hearts with gratitude. Open our eyes to see all that is true of you and all that is ours in Christ, until we can't stop praising him. May the knowledge of who you are, what we deserve, and the reality of what we receive in Jesus, melt our stony hearts with joy, fill our dull minds with unbearable delight, and fill our hearts and lips with unending praise.*

## Private Confession and Reflection

### Words of Encouragement

Psalm 145:17-19

The LORD is righteous in all his ways  
and faithful in all he does.  
The LORD is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.  
He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;  
he hears their cry and saves them.

### Song of Thanksgiving

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

### Peace of God and Announcements

Minister: The peace of the Lord be with you!

*People: And also with you.*

*If parents prefer, children 4 years old – 2nd grade  
are invited to attend Children's Church in the Education Building at this time.*

### The Prayers of the People (concluded with the Lord's prayer)

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we  
forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen!*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Commitment* \_\_\_\_\_

### The Offering

The offering is a way for members and friends of Grace Church to support the church's mission and ministry. If you are our guest today, please feel under no compulsion to give.

## Scripture Reading

## Psalm 95:1-11

- Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;  
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before him with thanksgiving  
and extol him with music and song.
- 3 For the Lord is the great God,  
the great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth,  
and the mountain peaks belong to him.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands formed the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down in worship,  
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;
- 7 for he is our God  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
the flock under his care.
- Today, if only you would hear his voice,
- 8 "Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah,  
as you did that day at Massah in the wilderness,
- 9 where your ancestors tested me;  
they tried me, though they had seen what I did.
- 10 For forty years I was angry with that generation;  
I said, 'They are a people whose hearts go astray,  
and they have not known my ways.'
- 11 So I declared on oath in my anger,  
'They shall never enter my rest.'"

## Sermon

Mr. Chris Yates

### TO WORSHIP WELL PATHWAYS

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#### COMMUNION

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#### *Guidelines for Reception of Communion*

*Communion is a family meal for Christians. We welcome all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation which proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer using the prayers that follow as guidelines. We hope that this time is helpful as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ, and with his people, the church.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: Therefore, lift up your hearts.

*People: We lift them up to the Lord!*

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

*People: It is right to give him thanks and praise!*

## Song of Communion

*Alas and Did My Savior Bleed*

## Prayer of Consecration and the Words of Institution

### Prayer for those not communing:

#### Prayer for Covenant Children (Not Yet Confirmed)

Lord Jesus, thank you for placing me inside your family, the church. Help me more and more to know you, to love you, and to follow you as your faithful disciple. Amen.

#### Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you, as I consider the reasons for doing so. 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 to 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 from my sins and receive you as my Savior. Amen.

#### Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking only to you, the author and finisher of my faith. Amen.

#### Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.



## Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

Grace Presbyterian uses wine in the celebration of Holy Communion. If you prefer non-alcoholic grape juice, please take a cup from the outer circle of the tray. Gluten-free wafers are provided in cups in the center of the cup trays. Please hold the elements until all have received so we can celebrate this meal together.

## Song of Commitment

*The Church's One Foundation*

## Benediction<sup>2</sup>

**Philippians 4:4-7**

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

## Dismissal

Minister: Now, let us go forth to serve this community and the world as those who love our Lord Jesus Christ.

**ALL:** *Thanks be to God!*

The pastoral staff and other church leaders are available following the service to pray with you or to answer your questions about the Christian faith or Grace Church.

## Worship Music<sup>3</sup>

Thank you for sharing your gifts and talents with Grace Presbyterian Church.

Brent Allmon, saxophone  
David Fox, keyboard  
Damon Henrichs, guitar

Debra Moses, flute  
Rae Moses, piano  
Jennifer Reddick, flute

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<sup>2</sup>The benediction is much more than a wish or even a prayer. It is a renewed ordination of the people of God to their service to each other, to their community and the world. God declares his own favor toward his people.

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*Sermon Notes*

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**Psalm 95:1-11**  
*TO WORSHIP WELL*  
**PATHWAYS**

**Welcome, Guests!** We are excited you're here with us today. We hope that you were warmly welcomed and would love for you to be a part of Grace. Please take a moment to fill out the visitor information on the back of the bulletin, tear it off and drop it in the offering plate or give it on to an usher.

**Parents of Infants - Three-Yr Olds:** Our nursery and early-childhood classes provide a warm, nurturing, and well-supervised environment. Our workers welcome the opportunity to love your child! When using the nursery, please check in and label all items (bags, cups, etc.) with your child's name. If you need assistance or have any questions about the Nursery, please contact our Nursery Coordinator, Kate Weimar, at [mothersdayout@gracewoodlands.org](mailto:mothersdayout@gracewoodlands.org).

**Cry Room:** A cry room is available for the comfort of our new parents in order to ensure that everyone enjoys our services. It is located in the back of the sanctuary and it is well equipped (comfortable rockers, changing table, etc.) but if you are in need of anything, one of our ushers will be glad to assist.

### **Sunday Mornings at Grace**

8:30 am Prayer

9:30 am Christian Education Classes

10:15 am Coffee Break

10:30 am Worship

11:45 am Intercession

**Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry:** To clasp hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world. We would like to invite you to be a part of this uprising at 8:30 each Sunday morning in the Prayer Room (114). Join us as we pray for the expansion of God's Kingdom.

**Congregational Meeting:** We will have a congregational meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, March 1st, to vote for the Pastoral Search Committee. Please make every effort to attend.

**Christian Education Classes:** Next week, we are offering two classes to choose from, a new one taught by Damon Webster, and a continuation of the one Anthony Bocciardi has been teaching. Come and learn more about the love story between God and us, His people.

• **In the Beginning...** Damon Webster  
Where did we come from? What is our purpose? Why is there so much pain and suffering in the world? What is our hope in the midst of this brokenness? Scripture discusses these questions for us, beginning in its opening pages. Please join Damon for a six-week discussion of the book of Genesis.

• **Foundational Christian Doctrine, part 2** Anthony Bocciardi  
If you missed the first six weeks of this foundational class, no problem! Join Anthony in digging into the Westminster Confession of Faith. We live what we believe, but how well do our most cherished convictions compare with the foundational tenets of Christianity that form our compass, our rudder? Anthony invites us to grow in being the fragrant aroma of Christ, so that we and our neighbors can envision a different, better kingdom even as we struggle to live out our faith in the present-day culture.

**Join us weekly at 9:30 - upstairs in the Education Building.**

**Community Groups:** To be part of the church is to be part of a community. Community is where we connect, build relationships, study, and serve together. Groups consisting of 8-15 people meet regularly. Signup sheets are on the tables in the Narthex. If you are needing more information about community groups or missed the signup sheets, email Nick Jones.

### **Children's Ministries:**

- **Children's Christian Education** classes are offered for Preschoolers (2-3yrs old), Pre-K and Kindergarten, 1st-2nd Grade, 3rd-4th Grade, and 5th-6th Grade. Classes meet in the Education Building at 9:30 am 2nd Grade and under are on the 1st floor, 3rd Grade and above meet on the 2nd floor.
- **Children's Church** is offered for children ages 4 years old through 2nd grade. During passing of the peace, the children line up with their leader in the back of the sanctuary to exit worship. During the song of communion, children will rejoin their families to observe communion with the rest of the

church body. We gather in room 108 in the Education Building to sing songs, pray, and hear a children's sermon. We also collect a children's offering during the service. This format is designed to model worship for our children and teach them the importance of meeting together as the body of Christ.

- **SNiCK and 56ers:** All children, 8 weeks through 6th Grade, are invited to join us on Sunday nights from 5-7 pm. We eat and laugh and play during our time together. The goal is to have fun at SNiCK through friendship and fellowship.
- **Save the Date:** VBS will be June 1st -5th and prep week will be May 25th-29th.

**Student Ministries** is designed for students 7th grade through 12th grade. If you would like to be put on the mailing list for Student Ministries, or would like more information about an upcoming youth event, or have any questions at all, contact Caleb McDuffee at [caleb@gracewoodlands.org](mailto:caleb@gracewoodlands.org). Have your student connect with us on Instagram (called GPCyouth) or ask to be put in our Youth group GroupMe, our primary medium for communication to hear about upcoming youth group events!

- **Christian Education:** On Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15 am, we gather to know more deeply about our Lord and Savior and who we are in Christ. Join us on Sunday mornings in room 206. This semester we will be studying Romans
- **Youth Group** is every Wednesday night from 7-8:30 pm during the school year. This will be a weekly time of youth fellowship, food, games, and a Gospel focused message. Invite friends from outside the church to join us! Come early at 6:30 to hangout and have snacks! This is one of our students favorite things that we provide at Grace, and possibly the most impactful thing for their relationship with their Savior and attitude towards His church.
- **Ranchopalooza: Talk to Caleb today if you haven't completed the sign-up process but are intending to go!** This is our annual Sr. High retreat on February 28th to March 1st at Stoney Creek Ranch! The cost per Student is \$155 for the weekend. At Ranchopalooza the gospel is preached, relationships are strengthened, students are introduced to college ministers, and Christ is celebrated. This year's speaker is Wil Nettleton, the campus minister for RUF @ Trinity University. All payment and medical release and permission forms MUST be turned in ASAP.
- **Save the Dates** for summer youth trips.
  - **Jr. High- June 1-5 (RYM, Texas)**
  - **Sr. High- July 6-10 (Rush Conference, Atlanta, GA)**

#### **Women's Ministry Events and More!**

- **Thursday Morning Bible Study:** Join us from 9:30-11am, in the fellowship hall. We are studying the book of Psalms. Childcare is provided for children under the age of 5.
- **Rain Walks** is a grief support group for women who are dealing with the loss of a loved one, either recently or in the past. Please come to listen (and share if you like) as we discuss our journeys and ways to "walk" through our loss. Rain Walks meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 8:30 am at Black Walnut Cafe in The Woodlands. Contact Sabrina Amell for more information.

**Men's Fraternal:** We are looking for men who would like to support the men's events and planning. Please contact John at [john.weimar@icloud.com](mailto:john.weimar@icloud.com), with interest and to learn more on the specific needs.

- **Brew Night:** Our next monthly men's gathering is set for Thursday, February 20th for dinner and fellowship starting at 6:30 pm. Join us at Wings 'N More (16580 I-45 South) for dinner and fellowship starting at 6:30 pm.

**GraceCares:** Caring for the church and the community. If you are interested in helping with GraceCares and the needs of the church and the community, please contact Joe Tison.

- **Autumn Grove:** Just a few minutes drive from Grace, Autumn Grove Cottage, a sixteen resident assisted living home, provides care to men and women with Alzheimer's. A small group from Grace visits roughly once a month for about 30 minutes or so to sing, pray and visit with the residents. Contact Dan Brink for more information. We welcome anyone and everyone.
- **Meals Ministry:** There are events in life when we all need the help and encouragement from our community. The Meals Ministry seeks to enter into these times by providing meals. If you are in need of meals, or would like to help provide meals, please contact Rhonnie Bellin.
- **Giving:** If you would like to know the best way to support those who might have needs in our church and community, we would encourage you to consider giving to the Deacon's Fund. It is through the

deacons and their ministry that Grace church provides for, supports and comes alongside those who are in need. If you have questions, please contact Matt Bradshaw.

- **Prayer Ministry:** Our desire at Grace is that we take seriously the privilege of prayer and there are several ways you can participate. If you become aware of a prayer need, please communicate this to us in one of the following ways:

- **In writing:** Fill out the back page of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate.
- **By phone:** 281-296-0911 (Church Office)

Your requests will be communicated to our Church Staff, Officers, and our Prayer Team. If you would like to be on our Prayer Team, please let us know.

**Missions Service Opportunities & Events:** Contact John Zeigler for more information or to be added to our GraceMissions email list or to connect with a missions team advocate.

- **February Prayer Partners**

- Robbie & Kelly Mills, New City Fellowship, Dallas, TX
- David & Eowyn Stoddard, MTW, Berlin, Germany

- **ESL Teachers and Volunteers needed.** This semester our ESL program is ministering to approximately 80 language learners each Tuesday evening, and new students continue to arrive weekly. There are a variety of short-term and long-term volunteer opportunities, and no foreign language experience is needed. For anyone interested in working in the classroom as a teacher or assistant, an MTW sponsored training seminar will be held Feb 28th & 29th (Friday night and Saturday) at Christ Evangelical Church in Houston. Contact Bailey Patel at [esl@gracewoodlands.org](mailto:esl@gracewoodlands.org) for more information.

- **Local Missions Partners**

- Cornerstone of Houston Team Counseling | The Woodlands, TX
- Interfaith Family Services | The Woodlands, TX
- Montgomery County Women's Center | Montgomery County, TX
- Pregnancy Assistance Center North | The Woodlands, TX
- Redeemed Ministries | The Woodlands, TX
- Tamina Community Center | Conroe, TX
- Oaklawn Presbyterian Church | Houston, TX
- Juan Carlos & Samara Martínez | RUF | Rice University
- Brooks & Meredith Harwood | RUF | University of Houston
- Grace Presbyterian ESL Ministry
- Grace Presbyterian Diaconate

- **National Missions Partners**

- Robbie & Kelly Mills | New City Fellowship Dallas | Dallas, TX
- Way & Amy Rutherford | RUF | Baylor University
- William & Katherine Bondurant | RUF | Texas A & M University
- Ryan & Laura Anderson | RUF | Texas Christian University
- Wil & Mary Nettleton | RUF | Trinity University
- John & Chrissy Trapp | RUF | University of Texas
- Curtis & Marian Castleberry | RUF | University of Texas at San Antonio
- Francis A. Schaeffer Institute, Covenant Theological Seminary | St. Louis, MO
- Southwest Church Planting Network | Dallas, TX

- **International Missions Partners**

- Arab Baptist Theological Seminary / Lebanese Society for Educational and Social Development | Beirut, Lebanon
- Titus & Crystal Bagby | RUF International | Texas A & M University
- Terry & Mary Rose Dykstra | RUF International | University of Texas
- Charles & Bonita Davidson | MTW | Monterrey, Mexico
- Joe & Felicity Congdon | MTW | Yokkaichi, Japan
- Andy & Missy Shadburne | MTW | Fremantle, Perth, Australia
- David & Eowyn Stoddard | MTW | Berlin, Germany
- Kay Burklin | MTW | Refugee Liaison, Europe
- Mission to The World | Atlanta, GA
- Krystal Watson | Pioneers | Eastern Europe

**Banners Explained:** In Christian tradition, green came to symbolize the life of the church following Pentecost, as well as symbolizing the hope of new life in the resurrection. This color indicates ordinary time, which is the time between the major Christian Seasons.

The banner on the left is inscribed with the Latin phrase “In cruce salus” meaning “In the cross is salvation”. Passion flowers symbolize the suffering and death of Christ, and forming a circle in the center is a crown of thorns which Jesus wore on the cross. In the center are the Greek letters alpha and omega, the first and last letters of the alphabet. In Revelation 21:6, Jesus describes himself as the Alpha and the Omega – the Beginning and the End.

The banner on the right is inscribed with the Latin phrase “Ego sum vitis vera” meaning “I am the true vine”, an expression Jesus used to describe himself in John 15:1. The grapevines that make up the cross symbolize abundance and fruitfulness; Jesus is the only way to a truly fruitful life. The “IHS” in the center of the cross is an ancient monogram for Jesus.

**Stewardship Update:** Grace thanks you so much for your generous gifts and offerings to our Savior for January 2020.

	<u>January</u>
2020 General Fund Budget	70,999
Actual General Fund Receipts	44,368
Variance	(26,631)

**Grace Online** gives users access to the church directory and event calendar. Users can also join groups, print giving statements and give online. If you need any online instructions contact Dianna in the office at 281-296-0911 or [admin@gracewoodlands.org](mailto:admin@gracewoodlands.org).

- **Website:** Grace Online directory link, [gracewoodlands.org](http://gracewoodlands.org) under the Connect tab.
- **Mobile App (Elexio Community)** can be found by clicking the Apple App Store and Google Play icons on the church website. To log on, replace "Domain" with [gracewoodlands](http://gracewoodlands.org) and use your directory username and password for the app.
- **Online Giving:** If you would like to give online, you will need to set up an account, the link is under the Care tab on our website

We are glad to have you as our guest today. Please use this page to let us know of your visit and to make us aware of any ideas, suggestions or concerns you may have. You may deposit this page in the offering plate as it comes by, or give it to an usher or greeter. Have confidence that no one will call or drop by your home; this is for us to have a record of your visit or your prayer requests.

Name, Email & Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse, Email & Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Children, Age & Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please let us know if you are:

☐ Visitor

☐ Regular Attendee

☐ One time visit from out of town

I am interested in learning about:

☐ Community Groups

☐ Music

☐ Usher, Greeter

☐ Sunday Volunteer

☐ Children's Ministry

☐ Women's Ministry

☐ Student Ministry

☐ Men's Ministry

☐ Membership

Prayer Request:

☐ I would like to speak with someone about this prayer request or other spiritual concern; please have someone contact me at: \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ I would like the prayer team to pray for the following needs or concerns:

*Prayer of Belief...*

*Lord Jesus Christ, 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 on the cross, bearing my  
punishment and offering forgiveness.*

*Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn  
from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.*