



# Grace Hill Church

*The Mission of Grace Hill Is to Gather People to the Table of Christ, Who Is the Bread of Life, to Be Transformed by His Grace, Renewed in His Truth, and Sent on His Mission.*

“The LORD says to my Lord: ‘Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.’” ~Psalm 110:1

“So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.” ~John 12.10–11

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## **Expressing Our Love and Praise: Worship in Song**

### **Declaring What We Believe: New City Catechism, Question #13**

**Question:** Can anyone keep the law of God perfectly?

**Answer:** Since the fall, no mere human has been able to keep the law of God perfectly, but consistently breaks it in thought, word, and deed.

## **Welcoming Each Other**

### **Giving Worship to God: Offering**

### **Hearing God’s Word: Scripture Reading *John 12.12–19 and 12.1–9***

<sup>12</sup> The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.

<sup>13</sup> So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” <sup>14</sup> And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

<sup>15</sup> “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

<sup>16</sup> His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. <sup>17</sup> The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. <sup>18</sup> The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

<sup>19</sup> So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

<sup>1</sup> Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at table. <sup>3</sup> Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup> “Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” <sup>6</sup> He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, “Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me.”

<sup>9</sup> When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.

## **Understanding God’s Word and Our Lives**

### **Sermon: Should We Celebrate Palm Sunday or Anointing Saturday?**

Outline:

1. Are We the Crowds: Right Person, Wrong Purpose?
2. Are We the Pharisees: Wrong Person, Right Purpose?
3. Can We Be Mary: Right Person, Right Purpose?

## **Recognizing our Brokenness: Confession of Sin**

### **Public Prayer**

Lord, we confess that some of us are too easily influenced by the crowds. Driven to celebration or anger by the voices that we listen to. We allow ourselves to miss how Your purpose is working out in front of us. Others of us are afraid of what You will cost in our lives. We recognize that if You are God, there is nothing You can't ask of us. So, we pull away from You and Your Lordship.

Father, we ask that Your Holy Spirit would help us to have wisdom in seeing what You are doing in the world around us. We ask that You would help us to submit the way that Your son did. We ask for guidance in how to seek You in all things. Enable us to be like Mary, ignoring the voices around us and humbly offering our lives at Your feet, and when we fall short, celebrating Your Son's life in our place.

### **Private Reflection**

#### **The Grace and Forgiveness of Christ**

"Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you." ~1 Peter 5:6

#### **Responding to the Lord with Worship**

#### **Taking hold of the Good Word: Benediction ("the good word")**

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. (Heb. 13.20–21)

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#### **Announcements:**

- **CORE Zoom Pin: 989209**
- **Note:** GH Session encourages everyone to get the Covid 19 vaccine as soon as you are able. It is, of course, your decision, but it can be a tool that will enable us to more quickly gather together as a full church. Here is the link for the Duke waiting list: <https://www.dukehealth.org/covid-19-update/join-waiting-list>
- **Shower the Elniffs!**
  1. Purchase something from her Amazon registry: [https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/sarah-elniff-april-2021-hillsborough/2IH1MKEMWYPGD?ref=cm\\_sw\\_em\\_r\\_px\\_MOBILE\\_semZNR5MyEfMX](https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/sarah-elniff-april-2021-hillsborough/2IH1MKEMWYPGD?ref=cm_sw_em_r_px_MOBILE_semZNR5MyEfMX)
  2. Purchase a gift card to Walmart, Once Upon A Child in Durham, Weaver Street Market, or Amazon.
  3. Send a note or a written prayer for their family encouraging them during this transition time. Their address: 626 Freeland Drive, Hillsborough, NC 27278.
- **Called to Lead: Yourself and Others. Leadership/Discipleship Monthly Meeting:** The Session invites everyone to Called to Lead meeting this Tuesday, 4/27/21.
- **Worship in Offering:** Three ways to worship the Lord with your tithes and offerings
  1. Use your bank's BillPay system to give to Grace Hill
  2. Send a physical check
  3. Use our mobile giving option (either as a guest or by setting up an account):
    - <https://faithlife.com/grace-hill-church/give> or text the word "Give" to 919 296 1330.



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