



# GRACE

CHURCH ON-THE-HILL

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT  
10 AM, MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2025  
CHORAL EUCHARIST

*Welcome!*

*Whether you're visiting for the first time or a long-time member, this community is enriched by your presence. A few notes on the service: this leaflet and the blue hymnal in the pews guide the worship. The bolded text is said by the congregation, and the hymns are sung by all. The priest will give further instructions. If you're unsure about something, ask one of the sidespeople or a neighbour—they'd be glad to help. After most services we share refreshments and coffee in the parish hall. Please come! If you're not able to stay the clergy would be glad to greet you at the door.*

*Our worship centres on the celebration of Holy Eucharist. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the sacrament. You may receive both the Bread and the Wine, or if you'd prefer, the Bread only. If you'd like to receive a blessing instead, place your arms across your chest.*

*Jesus was known for welcoming children. At Grace we try to follow his example. Nursery care is available for infants and toddlers upstairs. Children's Church is also upstairs. If you need directions, ask one of the sidespeople or greeters. Children are also welcome to stay in the service, and the colouring corner is available every Sunday.*

*There's more to Grace than just Sunday morning, of course. Take a look at the announcements at back of the service leaflet to see what else is going on. You can also subscribe to our bi-weekly email update on our website 'Welcome' page. Or follow this QR code to sign up and receive information about concerts, life events, and digital giving.*



*It's a joy to gather with you at Grace Church.*

*\*An asterisk invites you to stand as able.  
Hymns can be found in the blue hymnals in the pews.*

PRELUDE

*Récit de Tierce en Taille*

DE GRIGNY

THE GREAT LITANY

God the Father, creator of heaven and earth,  
**℞ Have mercy on us.**

God the Son, redeemer of the world, **℞**

God the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide, **℞**

Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God, **℞**

Lord, remember not our offences, nor the offences of our forebears;  
spare us, good Lord, spare your people whom you have redeemed with  
your precious blood.

**℞ Spare us, good Lord.**

From all evil and mischief, from sin, from the crafts and assaults of the  
devil, from your wrath, and from everlasting condemnation,

**℞ Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all spiritual blindness, from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from  
envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity, **℞**

From all deadly sin, and from the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the  
devil, **℞**

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and  
contempt of your word and commandment, **℞**

From earthquake and tempest; from drought, fire, and flood; from civil  
strife and violence; from war and murder; and from dying suddenly and  
unprepared, **℞**

By the mystery of your holy incarnation, by your baptism, fasting, and temptation; and by your proclamation of the kingdom, *R*

By your agony and bitter grief, by your cross and passion, by your precious death and burial, by your glorious resurrection and ascension, and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, *R*

In our times of trouble, in our times of prosperity, in the hour of death, and on the day of judgement, *R*

Receive now our prayers, Lord God. May it please you to rule and govern your holy Church universal and lead it in your way.

***R* Hear us, good Lord.**

Strengthen your servant Charles our King in true worship and holiness of life, be his defender and keeper, that he may always seek your honour and glory, and endue the leaders of this nation with wisdom and understanding. *R*

Grant wisdom and insight to those who govern us, and to judges and magistrates the grace to execute justice with mercy. *R*

Enlighten all bishops, priests, and deacons with true knowledge and understanding of your word, that in their preaching and living they may declare it clearly and show its truth. *R*

Encourage and prosper your servants who spread the gospel in all the world, and send out labourers into the harvest. *R*

Give us a heart to love and reverence you, that we may diligently live according to your commandments. *R*

To all your people give growth in grace to listen to your word, to receive it gladly, and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. *R*

Strengthen those who stand firm in the faith, encourage the faint-hearted, raise up those who fall, and finally beat down Satan under our feet. *℞*

To all nations grant unity, peace, and concord, and to all people give dignity, food, and shelter. *℞*

Come to the help of all who are in danger, necessity, and trouble; protect all who travel by land, air, or water; and show your pity on all prisoners and captives. *℞*

Defend and provide for the widowed and the orphaned, the refugees and the homeless, the unemployed, and all who are desolate and oppressed. *℞*

Heal those who are sick in body or mind, and give skill and compassion to all who care for them. *℞*

Grant us true repentance, forgive our sins, and strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy word. *℞*

Son of God, we ask you to hear us.

***℞* Son of God, we ask you to hear us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

***℞* Grant us your peace.**

KYRIE\*            *Missa Orbis Factor*

*Lord, have mercy,*

*Christ, have mercy,*

*Lord, have mercy.*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY\*

Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save ; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

*Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

MICHAEL ROYCE

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.’ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you,

together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16

*He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, abides under the shadow of the Almighty. He shall say to the Lord, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust."*

*Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your habitation.*

*There shall no evil happen to you, neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.*

*For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.*

*They shall bear you in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.*

*You shall tread upon the lion and adder; you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.*

*Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name.*

*He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honour.*

*With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.*

SECOND READING      *Romans 10:8b-13*

SHEILA ROYCE

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN\* CP 176      *By the Holy Spirit Sent*

GOSPEL\*      *Luke 4:1-13*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

THE REV. MICAH LATIMER-DENNIS



NICENE CREED\*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

CONFESSION\*

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION\*

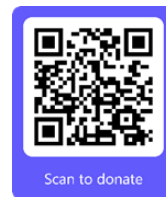
Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE\*

The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*To contribute to the continuing ministry of Grace Church, please give generously when the offering plate comes around. You can also give by scanning this QR code. Thank you for supporting Grace Church-on-the-Hill.*



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Hymne to Christ*

IMMOGEN HOLST

*In what torne ship soever I embarke  
hat ship shall be my embleme of thy Arke;  
What sea soever swallow mee, that flood  
Shall be to mee an embleme of thy blood;  
Though thou with clouds of anger do disguise  
Thy face; yet through that maske I know those eyes  
Which, though they turne away sometimes  
They never will despise*

*I sacrifice this Iland unto thee  
And all whom I lov'd there, and who lov'd mee;  
When I have put our seas twixt them and mee  
Put thou thy sea betwixt my sinnes and thee  
As the trees sap doth seeke the root below  
In winter, in my winter now I goe  
Where none but thee, th'Eternall root  
Of true Love I may know*

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS\*

God our refuge and our strength, receive all we offer you this day, and through the death and resurrection of your Son transform us to his likeness. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING\*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, because you bid your faithful people to cleanse their hearts and to prepare with joy for the paschal feast; that reborn through the waters of baptism and renewed in the eucharistic mystery, we may be more fervent in prayer and more generous in the works of love. Therefore we raise our voices to you in praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS\*      *Missa Orbis Factor*

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,*

*Heaven and earth are full of your Glory. Hosanna in the Highest.*

*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER\*

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In Jesus, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Jesus, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**we remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the

Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER\*

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD\*

We break this bread,

**Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

**If we have died with him, we shall live with him;**

**If we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

AGNUS DEI\*

*Missa Orbis Factor*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world.*

*O Lamb of God, grant us Thy peace.*

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION MOTET

*Miserere mei Deus*

RAFFAELLA ALEOTTI

*Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me, for my soul trusteth in thee: and under the shadow of thy wings shall be my refuge, until this tyranny be overpast. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd, and carry the young lambs in his bosom.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION\*

Faithful God, in this holy bread you increase our faith and hope and love. Lead us in the path of Christ who is your Word of life. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING\*

HYMN CP 175\*      *Forty Days and Forty Nights*

DISMISSAL\*

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE      *Psalm-Prelude Set 1 op. 32 no. 3*      HOWELLS

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
AND IN RECOGNITION OF:

NANCY AND BROOKE BELL, BARBARA BELL COOPER & HM  
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AND

DIANA MCLEAN

## UPCOMING AT GRACE CHURCH ON-THE-HILL

*Table Talks* | Grace is hosting a series of dinner discussions and meditations on the Eastern Christian traditions in Lent. Join us in the reception room on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm beginning March 19 to hear about the theology and spirituality from different faith leaders and scholars from and of these traditions. Evening prayer is offered in the chapel at 6:00 pm. Free with donations accepted.

*Welcome Alexa Swaby* | Join us after the 10 am service on March 16, as Alexa Swaby from the Fred Victor Mission is coming to share with us the work of that foundation, which fosters long-lasting and positive change in the lives of homeless and low-income people living across Toronto.

*Christian Education* | Our series “*Who is God (to you?)*” concludes next Sunday on March 16. Moreover, beginning on Sunday, March 23, we will begin a multi-week Bible study on the Book of Daniel. Come join us as we discuss and meditate on its tales of palace intrigue, apocalyptic visions, and God’s promise of continued faithfulness throughout the ages. Please join us in-person in the reception room at 9 am.

*Flyers* | Please pick up a flyer in the sanctuary that outlines the various services and events taking place at Grace during Lent and Holy Week.

*Morning Prayer is prayed Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 am in the chapel.  
The Midweek Communion is celebrated Wednesdays at 10:30 am.*

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