



# GRACE

CHURCH ON-THE-HILL

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
10 AM, JANUARY 12<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 back of the service leaflet to see what else is going on. You can also subscribe to a bi-weekly update on our website – available below – and access links for 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

PLAYED BY SEBASTIAN MOREAU

HYMN CP 381\*      *Praise, My Soul the King of Heaven*

GREETING\*

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

**And also with you.**

Arise, shine, for God's light has come.

**And the glory of the Lord has dawned upon us.**

WELCOME\*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GLORIA\* CP 691      *from the Mass of St Denis*

CABENA

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,  
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
Have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy Once, you alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY\*

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit, keep your children, born of water and  
the Spirit, faithful to their calling; 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     *Isaiah 43:1-7*

JEAN BUBBA

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who  
formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called  
you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be  
with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when  
you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not  
consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your  
Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for  
you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not  
fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and  
from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up',  
and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my  
daughters from the end of the earth - everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29

*Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendour.  
The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over  
mighty waters.*

*The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.  
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.  
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.  
The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.  
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of  
Kadesh.*

*The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his  
temple all say, 'Glory!'*

*The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.  
May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!*

SECOND READING     *Acts 8:14-17*

FRANCES MAIN

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 165\*     *Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering*

GOSPEL\*     *Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*

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.**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

The Gospel of Christ.

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

HOMILY

THE REV. JAMES SHIRE

NICENE CREED\*

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE\*

FRANCESCA MALLIN-PARKER

## 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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Da zu dir der Heiland kam*

WAGNER

*When the Saviour came to thee, willingly accepted thy baptism, dedicating Himself to a sacrificial death, He gave the covenant for our salvation: that we might be consecrated through baptism so as to be worthy of his sacrifice. Noble Baptist! Christ's precursor! Receive us graciously there by the river Jordan.*



## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS\*

*The celebrant offers a prayer over the gifts.*

### 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; you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation, and have shown your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of all people. Therefore with angels and archangels we raise our voices in joyful praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS CP 694\* *from the Mass of St Denis* CABENA

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

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and might,*

*Heaven and earth are full, 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 him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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." And 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

salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.  
**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 by 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 the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.  
**God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

AGNUS DEI CP 701\* *from the Mass of St Denis*

CABENA

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.*

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION MOTET *Ave Verum Corpus*

MOZART

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed: Be for us a sweet foretaste in the trial of death!*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION\*

*The celebrant leads the people in prayer*

**Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING\*

HYMN CP\* 627 *The Voice of God Goes Out*

DISMISSAL\*

Go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *“Grand Choeur” in C*

SALOME

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

LAY CANON JOHN W. GRAHAM

## UPCOMING AT GRACE CHURCH ON-THE-HILL

*Join us after the service for coffee, treats, and a time of fellowship*

*Welcome James<sup>+</sup>* | Join us in welcoming our new Interim Associate Priest, the Reverend Doctor James Shire. We are delighted to have him become a part of our clerical team and accompany us on the path of our faith as Reverend Micah is on family leave. Come say hello after the service!

*Pastoral Care and Support at Grace* | If you or a loved one would like prayers, a home or hospital visit, a phone call or confidential counselling (in-person or telephonically), please contact Bishop Patrick White ([bishoppatrick@outlook.com](mailto:bishoppatrick@outlook.com)) or the Reverend Doctor James Shire ([jshire@gracechurchonthehill.ca](mailto:jshire@gracechurchonthehill.ca)).

*Sesquicentennial Book* | Buy one book and get another one **50% off!** The ideal opportunity to get the fascinating history of Grace Church for yourself and a loved one with the arrival of the new year.

*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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*Joachim Patinir*

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