



GRACE  150
150 Years of Service

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
10 AM, APRIL 28TH, 2024
CHORAL EUCHARIST – ORDER OF SERVICE

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 from any tradition or denomination are welcome to receive the sacrament. Gluten-free wafers are available on request. Everyone is welcome to receive a blessing instead of the bread and the wine. To indicate this, please 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 "Christ lag in Todesbanden" BWV 625

J.S. BACH

PLAYED BY ANINDYO DAS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN CP482* *Come and Journey with a Saviour*

GREETING*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy.

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* *from Communion Service*

MATHIAS

Glory to God in the highest! 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 One, for 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*

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Children are invited forward to go upstairs for children's church. They return for the Eucharist.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 8:26-40

READ BY MARIA RADFORD

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about

himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

PSALM 22:24-30

*For he hath not despised, nor abhorred, the low estate of the poor:
he hath not hid his face from him, but when he called unto him he heard him.
My praise is of thee in the great congregation:
my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied:
they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; your heart shall live for ever.
All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord :
and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.
For the kingdom is the Lord's: and he is the Governor among the people.
All such as be fat upon earth: have eaten and worshipped.
All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him:
and no man hath quickened his own soul.*

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their siblings, are liars; for those who do not love a sibling whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their siblings also.

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

HYMN CP 488* *The Tree of Life My Soul Hath Seen*

GOSPEL* *John 15:1-8*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PETER MENTIS

Diocese of Toronto – FaithWorks Campaign Manager

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.

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

THE OFFERING

To contribute to the continuing ministry of Grace Church, please give as you are able when the offering plate comes around. You can also give by using your smartphones to scan the QR codes in your leaflets and on the backs of the pews. Thank you for supporting Grace Church-on-the-Hill.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Call

ENNS

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a way as gives us breath;
Such a truth as ends all strife; Such a life as killeth death.*

*Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light as shows a feast;
Such a feast as mends in length; Such a strength as makes his guest.*

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a joy as none can move;
Such a love as none can part; Such a heart as joys in love.*

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS*

Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **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* *Communion Service*

MATHIAS

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heav'n 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 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." 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 children 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*

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI* *Communion Service*

MATHIAS

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION MOTET

Vinea Mea Electa

POULENC

O my chosen vineyard, I planted you.

How have you turned into bitterness,

so that you crucify me and release Barabbas?

I protected you and removed the stones from your path,

and built a tower for you.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION*

God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

All your works praise you, O Lord.
And your faithful servants bless you.

Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we who share his body live his risen life; we who share his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING*

HYMN CP 486* *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

DISMISSAL*

Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE *Prelude in D Major - BuxWV139* BUXTEHUDE
PLAYED BY SEBASTIAN MOREAU

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

SHELAGH & NORMAN GIANELLI

AND

HELEN RUTH KINDERSLEY (NEE: LAWSON)

UPCOMING AT GRACE CHURCH ON-THE-HILL

FaithWorks Giving Campaign | As a result of the 2024 survey results, this year our Outreach activities will focus on three primary areas: The Churches on the Hill Food Bank, FaithWorks, and Hot Lunch for the Homeless of Timmins (a ministry that we have been supporting monthly). For the month of May, we will be focusing on fundraising for *FaithWorks*. **See next page for more info on how to give.**

Bible Study | Our Spring Bible Study exploring the letter to the Hebrews meets every Wednesday at 4 pm in the Rectory. Email or talk to Jonathan Kang to register and for more details. You can also join the conversation each week via the Zoom link in our weekly email newsletters.

Choral Evensong | The next service of Choral Evensong is May 5th at 4:30 pm.

Christian Education | Our series on the Holy Spirit continues with an exploration of the Holy Spirit and the sacraments. The Rev. Micah Latimer-Dennis will be leading. Join us in the reception room next Sunday at 9 am.

Organ Recital | Join us on Monday, April 29th for Organist Stephanie Gouin's recital marking the culmination of her organ degree. The program will feature masterworks such as Bach's Great Fantasia and Fugue in G minor and Franck's B minor Choral, as well as early French repertoire, evocative Messiaen, and triumphant Howells. Duration of approximately 80 minutes, including the intermission. Free admission, donations will go toward Grace Church on-the-Hill."

Road Closures May 5th | The Toronto Marathon will be held next Sunday, May 5th. Consider giving yourself extra time to get to Church!

Clergy Homecoming | We are delighted to welcome back the Rev. Canon Stephen Booth (Associate Priest at Grace 1984-1989), as guest preacher for Ascension Day on Sunday, May 12.



Strawberry Social | Come and enjoy fresh strawberry shortcake and a unique blend of tea as part of this traditional community building event at Grace Church on Saturday 15 June from 2-5pm. For more information, see the Grace 150 page on the website or contact Pam Baillie email: baillie.pe@sympatico.ca

FUNDRAISING FOR FAITHWORKS

For the month of May, Grace Church on-the-Hill will be focusing on fundraising for FaithWorks. FaithWorks is the annual appeal of the Diocese of Toronto, and it supports ministry partners in four areas: Caring for people who are homeless and ex-prisoners; caring for newcomers, refugees and migrant workers; caring for at-risk women, children and youth; and caring for Indigenous Peoples and people who are HIV/AIDS impacted.

WAYS TO GIVE

- Through Grace by cash/cheque at the church office or online through our website
Please indicate FaithWorks in the designation or memo
- Directly to FaithWorks by scanning their QR code for the donation link
- With the FaithWorks donation form that can be found at the church
Please indicate when you give that you are from Grace Church



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