



GRACE  150  
150 Years of Service

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
10 AM, SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 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. Children are always 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.*



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

PRELUDE      *Selections from the Magnificat in D major*      DANDRIEU

PROCESSIONAL HYMN CP 394\*      *Eternal, Unchanging*

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.**

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 365\*

Glory to God on high, and peace to all on earth.

We worship you, we give you thanks, our heavenly King.

We give you praise, almighty God and Father blessed in glory bright.

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,

The sacrificial Lamb, who saves the world from sin, have mercy Lord.

Beside the Father's hand enthroned, now hear our prayer.

You only are the Lord. You only are most high.

You only are the holy one, Lord Jesus Christ.

And now you reign with Father and with Spirit one in glorious light.

COLLECT OF THE DAY\*

Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING    *1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43*                      READ BY KATIE BRYSKI

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

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

PSALM 45: 1-2, 7-11

*Refrain: The peoples shall praise you forever.*

*My heart is astir with gracious words; as I make my song for the king,  
My tongue is the fairest of men; full of grace are your lips,  
For God has blest you for ever. R*

*You love righteousness and hate iniquity,  
therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness above your fellows. R*

*All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes and cassia;  
From ivory palaces the music of strings makes you glad,  
Kings' daughters are among honourable women;  
At your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir. R*

*Hear, O daughter; consider and incline your ear;  
Forget your own people and your father's house.  
So shall the king have pleasure in your beauty;  
He is your lord, so do him honour. R*

SECOND READING      *Ephesians 6:10-20*      READ BY MARGARET PEREIRA

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act - they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

HYMN CP 439\*

*Blest Are the Pure in Heart*

GOSPEL\*      *Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

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

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

The Gospel of Christ.

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

HOMILY

THE VERY REV. DOUG STOUTE

THE APOSTLE'S CREED\*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE\*

SUSAN GREEN

CONFESSION\*

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God 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 generously 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 HYMN CP 505\*      *Be Thou My Vision*



## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS\*

Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day. Give us grace to love one another that your love may be made perfect in us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. In our unending joy we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven as we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

### SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS CP 732\*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of thy 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 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  
to share in the body of Christ.  
**We, being many, are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

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

AGNUS DEI CP 745\*

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

*Nia, from Nguzo Saba Suite* BURLEIGH

*Why was I born? Why was I born?*

*Was I born to feed hungry children, or to give shelter to the homeless?*

*Was I born to be my brother's keeper, companion to the lonely?*

*I was born to love the Lord with all my heart, my soul, my mind and strength.*

*If I love God I can love you.*

*This is my purpose. Nia.*

*Why was I born? Why was I born?*

*Was I born to preach the Gospel, or to care for aging parents?*

*Was I born to help the unwed mothers or council the prisoner?*

*I was born to love the Lord with all my heart, my soul, my mind and strength.*

*If I love God I can love you.*

*This is my purpose. Nia.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION\*

Almighty God, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May your holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 604\*

*Your Word, O God, a Living Sword*

DISMISSAL\*

Go forth to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE      “*Con Spirito*”

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

JOHN ROSS BRADFIELD & LAURA KATHLEEN BRADFIELD,  
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AND  
PETER JOHN MORTIMER.

## UPCOMING AT GRACE CHURCH ON-THE-HILL

*Back to Church Sunday* | A service to kick off the fall with a parish barbecue following will be September 8. Invite a friend or a neighbour! Those who wish to lend a hand can speak with Heather Kauffman ([cheerstou@icloud.com](mailto:cheerstou@icloud.com)) to find out how to help.

*9 am study* | A study of the scripture texts for the day is held Sundays at 9 am. Join other people of Grace in this shared time of discussion and prayer.

*Baptism Sunday* | The next celebration of Holy Baptism will be September 15th. Speak with Micah+ if you would like to learn more about receiving this sacrament for yourself or your child.

# GIVING TO GRACE

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## OTHER WAYS OF GIVING

- Interac e-Transfer to [finance@gracechurchonthehill.ca](mailto:finance@gracechurchonthehill.ca)
- To Grace Church on-the-Hill through [CanadaHelps.org](http://CanadaHelps.org)
- Your annual United Way donation can directed to Grace Church on-the-Hill
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