



GRACE

CHURCH ON-THE-HILL

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
10 AM ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH, 2023
CHORAL EUCHARIST - ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome!

It's a joy to gather with you at Grace Church. Whether you're visiting for the first time or a long time member, this community is enriched by your presence. Most of what's needed for worship can be found in this service leaflet; further instructions are given by the priest leading worship. Bolded text is read by the congregation, and the hymns are sung by all! If you're unsure about something, ask one of the sidespeople or a neighbour. They'd be glad to help! And if you're visiting, please don't feel obligated to make a donation when the offering plate is passed. After most services we share refreshments and coffee in the parish hall. Please come! Of course, if you're not able to stay or are wary of crowds, we understand. 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. At the start of the service, we generally have a "Children's Focus." Afterward when Children's Church is in session, children will be invited to go upstairs for the first portion of the service. 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 pleasure to worship God with you.

Maria, Lyn, and Micah - Grace's clergy



PRÉLUDES

Communion from Homage to Frescobaldi

JEAN LANGLAIS

HYMN 602

Lift High the Cross

TUNE: CRUCIFER

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!
Come, Christian people, sing your praises, shout!
If we are silent, even stones cry out.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!
Jesus, you wept to see our human strife:
teach us compassion for each human life.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!
Peace was your plea, and peace your loving theme:
let peace be our passport, peace a living dream.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!
Great is the cost of walking on this road,
to follow and suffer with the Son of God.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!
Worlds to be born and children yet to be,
come, take up this song into eternity.

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.

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

Hymn 702 Glory to God

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

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is

alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Micah 6:1-8

READ BY CHARLES ARNOLDI

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 15

LORD, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle : or who shall rest upon thy
holy hill?

Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life : and doeth the thing which is
right, and speaketh the truth from his heart.

He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour : and hath not slandered his neighbour.

He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes : and maketh much of them that fear the Lord.

He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth him not : though it were to his own hindrance.

He that hath not given his money upon usury : nor taken reward against the innocent.

Whoso doeth these things : shall never fall.

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 1:18-31* READ BY JEAN BUBBA

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from

God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 439

Blest are the Pure in Heart

TUNE: FRANCONIA

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with us, our pattern and our King,

Still to the lowly soul his presence doth impart,
and for a dwelling and a throne chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be:
give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple fit for thee.

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for

righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

THE VERY REV. DOUGLAS STOUTE

NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith, 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

ELAINE ROWE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Taste and See

R. VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is
Blessed is the man that trusted in Him
O taste and see how gracious the Lord is
Blessed is the man that trusted in Him
The man that trusted in Him.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of steadfast love, may our offering this day, by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew us for your service. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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; you are the source of light and life for all your creation, you made us in your own image, and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Missa Brevis

THURLOW WEED

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts!

Heaven and earth are full of your Glory.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he that 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 COMMUNION

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

AGNUS DEI

Missa Brevis

THURLOW WEED

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world.
Have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world.
Have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world.
Grant us thy peace.

*O sacrum convivium!
in quo Christus sumitur:
recolitur memoria passionis eius:
mens impletur gratia:
et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.
Alleluia.*

O sacred banquet!
in which Christ is received,
the memory of his Passion is renewed,
the mind is filled with grace,
and a pledge of future glory to us is given.
Alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Source of all goodness, in this eucharist we are nourished by the bread of heaven and invigorated with new wine. May these gifts renew our lives, that we may show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

DOXOLOGY

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

May Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and make your hearts glad with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN 428 *God Who Gives to Life it's Goodness* TUNE: ABBOT'S LEIGH

God who gives to life its goodness, God creator of all joy,
giver of all human freedom, God who blesses tool and toy:
teach us now to laugh and praise you, deep within your praises sing,
till the whole creation dances for the goodness of its King.

God who fills the earth with beauty, God who binds each friend to friend,
giver of all human talent, God who wills the chaos end:
grant us now creative spirits, minds responsive to your mind,
hearts and wills your rule extending, all our acts by love refined.

DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in C

J.S. BACH

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN
MEMORY OF PAST MEMBERS OF THE SANCTUARY GUILD.

UPCOMING AT GRACE CHURCH ON-THE-HILL

Parish Consultation | The search committee for a new rector wants to hear from the parish! This Sunday after the 10 am service there'll be the opportunity for members of Grace's community to share what they hope to see in a new leader.

Baby Shower and Celebration of Baptism for the Latimer-Dennis Family | On Sunday February 5th, join us after the 10am Service for a Baby Shower for George and to celebrate his Baptism with his family.

Evensong | A service of Choral Evensong for the feast of Candlemas will be held on February 5th at 4.30 pm. A light supper follows the service. Bring a friend to this contemplative service of music and prayer.

Shrove Tuesday | Lent is coming up, but not before Shrove Tuesday arrives. Come enjoy a pancake dinner on February 21st from 4:30 to 6:30 in the parish hall! And if you can lend a hand cooking, welcoming, or cleaning up, send a note to Savannah (office@gracechurchonthehil.ca).

Vestry | The annual parish vestry will take place on February 26th after the 10 am service. All members of Grace Church are invited to participate.

Christian Education | The 9 am group concludes its study of Christian unity today. The next three weeks will focus on "Luminaries" of the faith - shared by the Rev. Jon Dennis, the Rev. Lyn Youll Marshall, and artist-in-residence Nathan Hiltz.

Reading Aloud | Join a small group of parishioners in reading together Thursday mornings. Please email katherinebeattie@rogers.com to join us. See E-News for more details.

Request For Pianist | A pianist to accompany a monthly Holy Communion Service at The Annex Retirement Residence is sought. If you would like to serve, please contact Maria+ at miling@gracechurchonthehill.ca .

Nursery Care | Nursery care is available for infants and toddlers on the second floor by Childcare staff. Parents are invited to bring children upstairs before the beginning of the 10 am service. Ask a sidesperson for directions! They'd be happy to assist you.

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