



# GRACE

CHURCH ON-THE-HILL

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THE TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
10 AM, NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2023  
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 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.*



*Children are invited upstairs for Children's Church prior to the service.  
They return for Holy Eucharist. Nursery care is also available upstairs.*

*\*An asterisk invites you to stand as able.*

*Hymns can be found in the blue hymnals in the pews.*

PRÉLUDE

PLAYED BY SEBASTIAN MOREAU

HYMN CP 318\*      *Rejoice Today with One Accord*

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.**

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 366\*      *Glory, in the Highest Glory*

Glory, in the highest glory, peace to all, in all their days.  
Worship, thanks, and praise unceasing to the Source of all we raise:  
Reigning in the sapphire height, hidden from our mortal sight,  
Now receive our adoration, as we make our supplication.

Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, Lamb of God, for sinners given.  
Word eternal, born of Mary, Word made flesh, the face of heaven:  
Holy one to you we pray, hear us in the realms of day,  
With the Spirit there united, as the Godhead high exalted.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY\*

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

*Judges 4:1-7*

READ BY BETTY CALVIN

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Haroshethhagoiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

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

PSALM 123

Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens.  
Behold, even as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters,  
And as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress,  
Even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God,

Until he have mercy upon us.  
Have mercy upon us O Lord have mercy upon us;  
For we are utterly despised.  
Our soul is filled with the scornful reproof of the wealthy,  
And with the despitefulness of the proud.

SECOND READING    *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*            READ BY SYLVIA FAWCETT

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

HYMN 435\*        *Take My Life and Let it Be*

GOSPEL\*        *Matthew 25:14-30*

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.**

Jesus said, "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

JONATHAN KANG

*Dir. of Christian Nurture & Formation*

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\*

TAJ ADEYEMI

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 *Nunc Dimitis* from *Evening Canticles in D* BAIRSTOW



## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS \*

Holy God, in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant. Help us, through our offering this day, to renounce all things that draw us from your love. This we ask 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; by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord; you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the holy people who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

### SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS CP 694\*

*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.*

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 701\*

*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

*Pange Lingua*

BRUCKNER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION\*

Gracious God, in this sacrament we have shared the body and blood of Christ. May we who have been nourished by holy things bear witness to his light, and share in his eternal priesthood; for he is Lord for ever and ever. **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 601\*      *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

DISMISSAL\*

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Fughette on Ein Feste Burg*

J. PACHELBEL

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

JOSEF (JOE) KOLBERT & ELISABETH KOLBERT

AND THE REV. CANON D. LOGAN VAREY

## UPCOMING AT GRACE CHURCH ON-THE-HILL

*Interfaith Gathering* | On Monday, November 20th Grace will be co-hosting an evening of song, prayer, and friendship with the congregations of Beth Tzedec and Holy Blossom and Timothy Eaton Memorial Church. The event will be held at Timothy Eaton. Doors open at 7:00 pm for a 7:30 pm start. RSVP via link in e-news.

*Workshop for Supporting Those Who Are Grieving* | On Saturday, November 25th from 10am - 12noon a practical workshop to understand the grieving process and learn how best to be of help will be led by the Rev. Dr. Deborah Hart, Minister of Deer Park United Church. Register with [office@gracechurchonthehill.ca](mailto:office@gracechurchonthehill.ca) For more information, please see Betty Calvin or Maria+

*Advent Brunch* | Join the parish on Dec. 3rd after the 10 am service for a festive brunch in the parish hall as the Advent season begins. In addition to food and fellowship, there will be a station for wreath-making. Look out for a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.

*Christian Education* | We continue our series on the unity and diversity of Scripture by discussing the prophets and wisdom books of the Old Testament. Micah Latimer-Dennis will talk about how we can approach and receive these ancient texts as God's Word for us today. We invite you to join the conversation in-person in the reception room or online.

*Bible Study* | The book of Isaiah has sometimes been called "the fifth gospel" for how often it appears in connection with Christ. We have been meeting every Wednesday at 7pm as we journey through Isaiah together. This Bible study is conducted both in-person at the Rectory and online via Zoom. To learn more or join, please contact Jonathan Kang ([jkang@gracechurchonthehill.ca](mailto:jkang@gracechurchonthehill.ca)).

*Join the Café Grace Community* | Volunteer for a fall Sunday to contribute baked treats, fresh fruit and anything that goes great with coffee or tea. And if a family member is celebrating a birthday, let's celebrate together! Consider bringing a special cake. Just email Heather Kaufman at: cheerstou@icloud.com to let us know.

*Churches on-the-Hill Food Bank* | Numbers of Clients continue to climb at the Churches on the Hill Food Bank. Non-perishable items are needed, but we ask if you are making a donation, please try to avoid items in glass jars. Tin cans, cardboard boxes and plastic containers are preferred. Thank you for your generosity in remembering the Food Bank.

*Santa Sacks* | Santa Sacks 2023! We need \$1200 to purchase items for at-risk senior men. New Circles will deliver our Santa Sacks to senior males at LOFT and Haven Toronto. LOFT provides mental health services, addictions support, and supportive housing for youth, adults, and seniors in Ontario. Haven Toronto is a drop-in centre where elder homeless, marginally housed and socially isolated men can feel safe, where they can form and cultivate friendships, and become part of a community. Please use the pew envelopes (indicate Santa Sacks) and drop your financial gift in the plate or follow up QR code here.



*Mitten Tree* | In Advent, as we prepare inwardly for Christ's birth, let us prepare outwardly with a spirit of giving. The mitten tree will be placed at the back of the church for the first Advent Sunday, December 3rd. The mitten tree will be available from Advent I until the Epiphany. Help decorate it with mittens, scarves and toques. Your contributions will help those out in the cold. Again, this year there will be a basket for any sweaters, socks and other warm clothing you wish to donate. The basket will be beneath the tree. Make Advent a time of family sharing. If you

only attend services online, you may drop off items during the week at the church. - Frank Lo Forte



As our church looks to the 150th anniversary of its founding next year, our annual pledge campaign is underway. Pledge forms with return envelopes have been mailed, and online pre-authorized giving can be set up. There are many ways to give to the glory of God and in support of Grace. If you have questions about your annual pledge, please contact us at [office@gracechurchonthehill.ca](mailto:office@gracechurchonthehill.ca).

## ONLINE GIVING

Please visit [www.gracechurchonthehill.ca](http://www.gracechurchonthehill.ca) to make your offering through Visa, Mastercard or Paypal.

## OTHER WAYS OF GIVING

- Interac email 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 be directed to Grace Church on-the-Hill
- You can call the office at 416-488-7884 or stop by

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TRADITIONAL TERRITORY OF MANY NATIONS INCLUDING THE MISSISSAUGAS OF THE  
CREDIT, THE ANISHNABEG, THE CHIPPEWA, THE HAUDENOSAUNEE AND THE WENDAT  
PEOPLES AND THAT THIS LAND IS NOW HOME TO MANY DIVERSE FIRST NATIONS, INUIT  
AND MÉTIS PEOPLES.*

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