



# GRACE

CHURCH ON-THE-HILL

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THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
10 AM, SEPTEMBER 17<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.*



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

PRÉLUDE                      *Voluntary in C Major*                      HENRY PURCELL

HYMN CP 565\*              *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

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 CP366\*              *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, and the God-head high exalted.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY\*

Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; 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     *Exodus 14:19-31*

READ BY DALLAS CHORLEY

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had

followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

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

PSALM 114

When Israel came out of Egypt: and the house of Jacob from among the  
strange people,

Judah was his sanctuary: and Israel his dominion.

The sea saw that, and fled: Jordan was driven back.

The mountains skipped like rams: and the little hills like young sheep.

What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest: and thou Jordan, that  
thou wast driven back?

Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams: and ye little hills, like young  
sheep?

Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord: at the presence of the  
God of Jacob;

Who turned the hard rock into a standing water: and the flint-stone into a  
springing well.

SECOND READING

*Romans 14:1-12*

READ BY MARYANN LISK

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And

they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

HYMN CP 298\*      *O Lord of Life, Where'er They Be*

GOSPEL\*      *Matthew 18:21-35*

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.**

Then Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him;

and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Gospel of Christ.

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

HOMILY

THE REV. MARIA LING

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\*

MICHAEL ROYCE

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      *Remember not, Lord, our offences*      PURCELL

Remember not, Lord, our offences,  
Nor th' offences of our forefathers;  
Neither take thou vengeance of our sins,  
But spare us, good Lord.  
Spare thy people, whom thou has redeem'd  
With thy most precious blood,  
And be not angry with us for ever.  
Spare us, good Lord.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS \*

Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at this table bring wholeness to our broken world. 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; 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 719\*

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

*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 CP745\*

*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

*View me, Lord, a work of thine*

LLOYD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION\*

God of peace, in this eucharist we have been reconciled to you and to our neighbours. May we who have been nourished by holy things always have the courage to forgive. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 323\*      *Ye Holy Angels Bright*

DISMISSAL\*

Go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Grand Choeur in C*

THÉODORE SALOMÉ

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

## UPCOMING AT GRACE CHURCH ON-THE-HILL

*Thank you to all who helped make Back-to-Church Sunday a success! Keep an eye out on the weekly email and social media for photos of the BBQ and Service.*

*Temporary Adieu* | With excitement and gratitude we bid Dallas Chorley, longtime member of our community, temporary adieu as she embarks on parental leave. All the best to Dallas and Quinn as they welcome new life into their family!

*Grace and Gratitude* | Next week – on Sunday, Sept. 24 – we're setting aside a day for thanking the many stars of Grace, and for drawing in those who'd like to become more involved in the life of the church. After the 10 am service in place of coffee hour there'll be a ministries fair in the parish hall. Then after the 4:30 pm Choral Evensong we'll have a reception to thank all the people who make Grace go.

*Newcomer Lunch* | Join on October 1<sup>st</sup> after the 10 am service to get to know one another and to hear more about what's happening at the church. Send a note to [office@gracechurchoonthehill.ca](mailto:office@gracechurchoonthehill.ca) to RSVP or speak with one of the clergy to learn more.

*Midweek Services* | Come pray in the company of others during the week. There are a few opportunities to do so, all of them in the chapel. On Tuesdays and Thursdays a half-hour service of Morning Prayer begins at 9 am. On Wednesdays a service of Communion is celebrated beginning at 10:30 am. A time of fellowship with light refreshments follow.

*Christian Education* | Our September Christian education series is entitled *The Church: Blessed to be a Blessing*. Please join us on Sundays at 9am to reflect on what it means to be a part of a community that has been knit together by the Holy Spirit with the privilege of participating in Christ's mission. You can join the discussion in-person in the reception room (behind the parish hall) or online.

*Annual Clothing Sale* | Our annual clothing sale will be held on Saturday, November 11th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall and Basement. Donations of Current and Vintage Clothing, Accessories and Shoes for Women, Men and Children are welcome. We ask that items that can be laundered are clean and folded, with no holes or personal labels. If you are interested in volunteering in the preparation for the sale and/or the day of the sale, please contact Pam Baillie at [baillie.pe@sympatico.ca](mailto:baillie.pe@sympatico.ca)

## GIVING TO GRACE

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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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