



GRACE

CHURCH ON-THE-HILL

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
10 AM, MARCH 19TH 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

Adoration

FLORENCE PRICE

ORGANIST: DAVID SIMON

HYMN 5

Christ Whose Glory

TUNE: RATISBON

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night:
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

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.

Blessed be the Lord who forgives all our sins.

God's mercy endures for ever.

KYRIE

ORBIS FACTOR

*Kyrie eleison,
Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison.*

Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy

COLLECT

Almighty God, through the waters of baptism your Son has made us children of light. May we ever walk in his light and show forth your glory in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *1 Samuel 16:1-13*

READ BY CHARLES ARNOLDI

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made

him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd
I shall not be in want
He makes me lie down in green pastures
And leads me beside still waters.
He revives my soul,
And guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil.
For you are with me
Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me,
You have anointed my head with oil,
And my cup is running over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

SECOND READING *Ephesians 5:8-14* READ BY VATHSALA THOMAS (TAMIL)

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light - for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

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

HYMN 292 *We Cannot Measure How You Heal* TUNE: YE BANKS AND BRAES

We cannot measure how you heal
or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds
where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life
and cradle children yet unborn.

The pain that will not go away,
the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds,
are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends
the hurt we never hoped to find,
the private agonies inside,
the memories that haunt the mind.

So some have come who need your help
and some have come to make amends,
as hands which shaped and saved the world
are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here
to mend the body, mind and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain
and make your broken people whole.

GOSPEL

John 9:1-41

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.

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly

been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to be-come his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since

the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshipped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

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

HOMILY

THE REV. MARIA LING

APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say, **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.**

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

Ferleih uns Frieden

MENDELSSOHN

*Verleih uns Frieden gnädiglich,
Herr Gott, zu unsern Zeiten.
Es ist doch ja kein anderer nicht,
der für uns könnte streiten,
denn du, unser Gott, alleine.*

*Mercifully grant us peace,
Lord God, in our times.
For there is no other
Who could fight for us
But you alone, our God.*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of light, your Word brings to us a new vision of your glory. Accept our offering of praise and thanksgiving, through 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 was tempted in every way, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore with angels and archangels and all who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

ORBIS FACTOR

*Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt cœli et terra
gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.*

*Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini,
Hosanna in excelsis.*

Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of Hosts,
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 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 this bread,

Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

If we have died with him, we shall live with him;

if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI

ORBIS FACTOR

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of
the world, have mercy on us.

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of
the world, have mercy on us.

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of
the world, grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION MOTET *Parce Mihi*

MORALES

ACCOMPANIED BY NATHAN HILTZ

Let me alone; for my days are vanity.

*What is man, that thou shouldst magnify him? and that thou shouldst set
thine heart upon him?*

And that thou shouldst visit him every morning, and try him every moment?

*How long wilt thou not depart from me, nor let me alone till I swallow down
my spittle?*

*I have sinned; what shall I do unto thee, O thou preserver of men? why hast
thou set me as a mark against thee, so that I am a burden to myself?*

*And why dost thou not pardon my transgression, and take away my iniquity?
for now shall I sleep in the dust; and thou shalt seek me in the morning,
but I shall not be.*

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Father, through your goodness we receive your Son in word and sacrament. May we always have faith in him, Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

THE BLESSING

HYMN 393

Immortal Invisible

TUNE: ST. DENIO

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish, but nought changeth thee.

Great Source of all glory and wisdom and light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE *Mein Jesu, der du mich, op. 122 no. 1*

BRAHMS

ORGANIST: DAVID SIMON

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN
MEMORY OF EDNA & JAMES A. THOMAS, BOBBY THOMAS, ZELDA
CUMBERBATCH, AND BILL & ALLISON KINGSMILL.

UPCOMING AT GRACE CHURCH ON-THE-HILL

Pick up a Lent and Holy week flier on your way out today. On it you'll find events, programs, and times for services.

Praying in the Wilderness | The Christian Education program at 9 am continues during Lent in the reception room. Come for coffee, conversation, and a focus on prayer in the weeks leading up to Easter.

Table Talks | The Lenten dinner dialogue series continues this Thursday (3/23) with a familiar face - Jonathan Kang, former seminarian, speaking about faith. Dinner begins at 6 pm in the reception room and evening prayer, in the chapel, at 5:45 pm. All are welcome - friends and family-members included - and questions are welcome too.

Palm Sunday Brunch | A staple of fellowship and hospitality is returning to Grace! Brunch will be served after the 10 am service on Palm Sunday (April 2) in the parish hall - with games and treats for children. Can you lend a hand? Those interested in bringing an item to share or helping cook and set up may speak with Savannah (office@gracechurchonthehill.ca).

Holy Week Services | The high point of the church year isn't far off. Times for services at Grace in Holy Week follow. A service for Maundy Thursday will be at 7:30 pm on April 6. Good Friday's service will be at 10 am. The Churches on-the-Hill Crosswalk follows at 12:30 pm (beginning at Holy Rosary at noon). The Great Vigil of Easter will be at 9 pm on April 8. Easter services will be at 8 and 10 am on April 9.

Lenten Reading | The library is somewhat disrupted just now so, to make your life easier, library staff have brought a batch of books to the back of the sanctuary. Take a minute to look them over, and then treat yourself by borrowing one. Be sure to follow the instructions on the sign beside the display.

Giving to Grace | We thank you for your support of Grace Church on-the-Hill. If you are interested and able to make an offertory, please follow this QR code.



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