



GRACE  150  
150 Years of Service

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
10 AM, DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2024  
CHORAL EUCHARIST

*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. "Children's Church" for children age three and up is on the second floor. Nursery care for younger children is there too.*

*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

*“Veni Domine” from the Advent Suite* YON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN\* CP 89 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel v.1-4*

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.**

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;

**Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

Will you not give us life again,

**That your people may rejoice in you?**

Show us your mercy, O Lord,

**And grant us your salvation.**

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

**Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

WELCOME\*

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

KYRIE\*

*Missa Marialis*

ADAPT. DOUGLAS

*Kyrie Eleison*

*Christe Eleison*

*Kyrie Eleison*

## 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.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY\*

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Jeremiah 33:14-16*

MICHAEL ROYCE

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at

that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

PSALM 25: 1-9

*To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.*

*Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.*

*Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.*

*Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.*

*Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.*

*Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.*

*Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.*

*He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.*

*All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.*

SECOND READING     *1 Thessalonians 3:9-13*

SHEILA ROYCE

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless

before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

HYMN\* CP 114

*Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending*

GOSPEL\* *Luke 21:25-36*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of Christ.

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

HOMILY

THE RT. REV. PATRICK WHITE

THE NICENE CREED\*

**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

THE PEACE\*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE OFFERING

*Pledge forms from the “150 for 150” campaign will be blessed at today’s service. Pledge forms are available online or in the office where they continue to be accepted. To contribute to the continuing ministry of Grace Church, please give generously when the offering plate comes around. You can also give by scanning this QR code. Thank you for supporting Grace Church-on-the-Hill in 2025.*



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Rorate Coeli*

RHEINBERGER

*Drop down ye heavens from above,  
And let the skies pour down righteousness.  
Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people;  
My salvation shall not tarry.  
I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions.  
Fear not, for I will save thee; For I am the Lord thy God,  
The holy one of Israel, thy redeemer.*

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS\*

*The celebrant offers a prayer over the gifts.*

### 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 in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS\*     *Missa Marialis*

ADAPT. DOUGLAS

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory, glory, glory be to thee, O Lord most High.  
Blessed is that cometh 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 the 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 in 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 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 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\*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The gifts of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

AGNUS DEI\*

*Missa Marialis*

ADAPT. DOUGLAS

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
grant us thy peace.*

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION MOTET

*Creator of the Stars*

PRAETORIUS

*Creator of the stars of night, thy people's everlasting light,  
Jesu, Redeemer, save us all, and hear Thy servants when they call.*

*Thou, grieving that the ancient curse should doom to death a universe,  
hast found the medicine, full of grace, to save and heal a ruined race.*

*Thou camest, the Bridegroom of the bride, as drew the world to evening tide,  
proceeding from a virgin shrine, the spotless Victim all divine.*

*At whose dread Name, majestic now, all knees must bend, all hearts must bow;  
and things celestial Thee shall own, and things terrestrial Lord alone.*

*O Thou whose coming is with dread, to judge and doom the quick and dead,  
preserve us, while we dwell below, from every insult of the foe.*

*To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
laud, honour, might, and glory be from age to age eternally. Amen.*

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION\*

*The celebrant leads the people in prayer*

**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 88            *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

DISMISSAL\*

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*“Es ist ein Ros’ entsprungen” op. 122*

BRAHMS

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

MARK MACDONALD

EDWARD (TED) ROGERS AND LORETTA ROGERS

## UPCOMING AT GRACE CHURCH ON-THE-HILL

*Join the parish after the service for our Advent Brunch*

*Advent and Christmas* | Flyers with information about our upcoming events during the Advent and Christmas season are available at the door.

*The Word Became Flesh* | The 9 am Advent series on Sundays will explore the incarnation. What does it mean for God to take on human flesh? We'll look to some of the great works of art on this theme, visual and poetic, to guide our reflections on the four Sundays in Advent. Join for one or all.

*Mitten tree* | The mitten tree will be available from Advent I until the Epiphany. Help decorate it with mittens, socks, scarves and toques. Your contributions will help those out in the cold. Again, this year there will be a basket for any sweaters or other warm clothing you wish to donate. If you only attend services online, you may drop off items during the week at the church. You can also join our group of knitters on Thursday afternoons 2-4 pm in the Reception Room to knit and crochet scarves, mittens and hats for the Mitten Tree. All creations will go to St Stephen-in-the Field.

*COTH Foodbank* | The COTH Food Bank is a coordinated effort on the part of 8 churches including Grace Church-on-the-Hill operating out of the basement of Timothy Eaton Memorial Church. It currently serves over 1500 households per month with each person per household being provided with 3 days of food. COTH Foodbank does not receive any government support. It takes Time, Talent and Treasure to make our Foodbank work. We have the time and the talent through our loyal volunteers. Please help us with your Treasure!! Donations can be made at our upcoming Coffee Hour table during December or on-line at [www.cothfoodbank.ca](http://www.cothfoodbank.ca) using the donation link.

## 2024 Year End Giving Reminder:

As year-end approaches we take this time to inform you about how to deliver your year-end donations to Grace Church on-the-Hill in time for a 2024 tax receipt. Your donation to Grace Church on-the-Hill creates a non-refundable charitable tax credit, which is a reduction in the taxes you will owe to the Canadian federal and provincial governments. Here's how to give:

### **In Person:**

You may donate during upcoming Worship Services in December, including the 24th, 25th and 29th. Check our website for times of services. You may also deliver your donation in person to the Church office, which is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm daily, Monday to Friday, until December 24th. The office will be closed from **December 24 at 12pm to December 27 inclusiv** and will reopen on Monday December 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **By Mail**

Given the current mail strike, please bring your completed pledge to the church. Hopefully the strike will be over soon. Once this happens you can mail your cheque to the Church up until year end, so long as the cheque is dated for 2024 and has a postmark dated 31 December 2024 or earlier.

### **By Credit Card:**

By calling the Church office during regular hours, until [December 24<sup>th</sup> at 12pm] or anytime by using our website at GCOTH Donate

### **By Interac e-Transfer:**

A popular method for donations is utilizing interac e-Transfer. Please send your interac e-Transfer payments to [finance@gracechurchonthehill.ca](mailto:finance@gracechurchonthehill.ca)

### **Gifts of Listed Securities:**

If you are considering a gift of listed securities to the Church, keep in mind that the last market trading day of 2024 is December 30<sup>th</sup>. Leaving it this late does not guarantee it can be processed by the end of the year. Charitable donations between different brokerages can take between (2-3) business days and could be extended in December due to volume and staffing. We recommend you have your requests submitted by Mid-December to ensure your contribution is processed by the end of the year.

### **Questions: Please call the church**

If you have questions, please contact the church office. If your questions are securities related, please call the church and ask to speak with Mary Pan, Director of Finance, Mary's email is [mpan@gracechurchonthehill.ca](mailto:mpan@gracechurchonthehill.ca)

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*IN GATHERING FOR WORSHIP, WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE DO SO ON THE 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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