



GRACE

CHURCH ON-THE-HILL

PALM SUNDAY
10 AM, APRIL 2ND, 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

NATHAN HILTZ

CHORAL INTROIT

Hosanna to the Son of David

T. WEELKES

HOSANNA to the Son of David,
Blessed be the King that cometh
in the name of the LORD, Hosanna !
Thou that sittest in the highest heavens,
Hosanna in excelsis Deo !

Please stand as able during the Entrance Procession.

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

GREETING

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11

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 they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, “Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” The disciples went and did as Jesus had

directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. The Hebrews acclaimed Jesus as the Messiah and King, with palm branches in their hands, crying, 'Hosanna in the highest.' May we also, carrying these emblems, go forth to meet Christ and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life ; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

The congregation is invited to join the procession. Palm branches are available at the chancel steps.

*℞ All glory, laud, and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessed one. *℞*

The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and we with all creation
in chorus make reply. *℞*

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present. *℞*

To thee before thy Passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee now high exalted
our melody we raise. *℞*

Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King. *℞*

COLLECT

Almighty and everliving God, in tender love for all our human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and suffer death upon a cruel cross. May we follow the example of his great humility, and share in the glory of his Resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Children are invited upstairs for Children's Church.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50 : 4-9

READ BY CATHY BARRECA

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

PSALM 31:9-16

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is
consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my
strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are
consumed.

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, "You are my God.

My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me."

EPISTLE

Philippians 2 : 5-11

READ BY STEPHEN MOREAU

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

HYMN 375

At the Name of Jesus

TUNE: KING'S WESTON

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of glory now ;
'tis his Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious when from death he passed.

Name him, Christians, name him, with love as strong as death,
but with awe and wonder, and with bated breath;
he is God the saviour, he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true;
crown him as your Saviour in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you in its light and power.

Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
with his Father's glory, with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

*Please see separate leaflet. The congregation's lines are printed in **bold**.*

HOMILY

THE REV. MICAH LATIMER DENNIS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

NATHAN HILTZ

Surely he has borne our griefs
Christ has carried our sorrows.

Deliver us from the way of death and sin,
And redeem us in your loving kindness.
Bless those who prepare for baptism and confirmation,
That they may share in your Spirit's work.

Fill all your faithful people with humility

To follow in the way Christ has led.

Draw near to us as we make our pilgrimage with him

That we may find his road to be the way of life and peace.

Give comfort to those who suffer and are afflicted,

That they may know your nearness.

Unite us in faith to those who have gone before us,

That we too may share in your kingdom.

Surely he has borne our griefs

Christ has carried our sorrows.

THE PEACE

Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Christus Factus Est

ANTON BRUCKNER

*Christ became obedient for us unto death,
even to the death, death on the cross.*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Gracious God, the suffering and death of Jesus, your only Son, makes us pleasing in your sight. Alone we can do nothing, but through his sacrifice, may we receive your love and mercy. **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 for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself. By his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore with all the host of heaven who gather around your throne and the Lamb, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

PICCOLO

*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.*

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

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

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

AGNUS DEI

PICCOLO

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

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION MOTET

Vexilla Regis

ANTON BRUCKNER

The Royal Banner forward goes,
The mystic Cross refulgent glows:
Where He, in Flesh, flesh who made,
Upon the Tree of pain is laid.

O Cross! all hail! sole hope, abide
With us now in this Passion-tide:
New grace in pious hearts implant,
And pardon to the guilty grant!

Thee, mighty Trinity! One God!
Let every living creature laud;
Whom by the Cross Thou dost deliver,
O guide and govern now and ever! Amen.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God our help and strength, you have satisfied our hunger with this eucharistic food. Strengthen our faith, that through the death and resurrection of your Son, we may be led to salvation, for he is Lord now and forever.

THE BLESSING

HYMN 182 *Ride on, Ride on in Majesty* TUNE : WINCHESTER NEW

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes 'Hosanna' cry;
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp, ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The angel squadrons of thy sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see th'approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh:
the Father on his sapphire throne
expects his own Anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp, ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain;
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccata in E minor

PACHEBEL

ORGANIST: SEBASTIAN MOREAU

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN
LOVING MEMORY OF KENNETH M. PRINGLE, CATHERINE I. PRINGLE &
JOAN D. PRINGLE AND CYNTHIA LEE WILSON.

*The Palm Sunday Brunch follows the service in the Parish Hall.
All are welcome!*

UPCOMING AT GRACE CHURCH ON-THE-HILL

Funeral for Sandra Munn | A funeral giving thanks for the life of long-time parishioner Sandra Munn will be held at Grace on Monday, April 3rd at 11 am.

Holy Week Services | The high point of the church year isn't far off. Times for services at Grace in Holy Week follow:

Maundy Thursday - 7:30 pm on April 6.

Good Friday - 10 am on April 7. A light reception follows in the Parish Hall. The Churches on-the-Hill Crosswalk follows at 12:30 pm (beginning at Holy Rosary at noon).

The Great Vigil of Easter - 9 pm on April 8.

Easter services will be at 8 and 10 am on April 9. The 10am service will be followed by an Easter egg hunt.

Organ Scholar | The Tom Fitches Organ Scholar, named in honor of Grace's late organist, has been awarded to Sebastian Moreau in recognition of his outstanding musicianship. We are grateful for Sebastian's leadership in music and look forward to his continued involvement at Grace.

Christian Education | The 9 am Christian Education group resumes meeting regularly on April 16th.

Young Adults Meeting | Young adults are invited to lunch after the 10 am service on April 23rd at a local restaurant. Contact Micah to learn more (micah@gracechurchonthehill.ca)

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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