



GRACE  150  
150 Years of Service

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
10 AM, DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</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

*Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland* REGER

PLAYED BY ANINDYO DAS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN\* CP 363

*My Soul Proclaims Your Glory, Lord*

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

*Lord have mercy upon us.*

*Christ have mercy upon us.*

*Lord have mercy upon us.*

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, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Micah 5:2-5A*

BETTY CALVIN

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of

the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

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

CANTICLE 18 *Luke 1:47-55 Magnificat from Collegium Regale* HOWELLS

*My soul doth magnify the Lord.*

*And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.*

*For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden: For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.*

*For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.*

*And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.*

*He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.*

*He hath put down the mighty from their seat and hath exalted the humble and meek.*

*He hath filled the hungry with good things and the rich he hath sent empty away.*

*He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:*

*As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.*

SECOND READING *Hebrews 10:5-10*

KATIE BRYSKI

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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

HYMN\* CP 117

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

GOSPEL\* *Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)*

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.**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The Gospel of Christ.

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

HOMILY

THE RT. 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\*

ANDY DUNCANSON

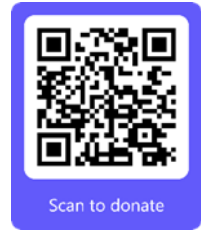
THE PEACE\*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE OFFERING

*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.*



## OFFERTORY ANTHEM     *A Spotless Rose*

HOWELLS

*A spotless Rose is blowing sprung from a tender root,  
Of ancient seers' foreshowing, of Jesse promised fruit;  
Its fairest bud unfolds to light amid the cold,  
cold winter and in the dark midnight.*

*The Rose which I am singing, whereof Isaiah said,  
Is from its sweet root springing in Mary, purest Maid;  
For through our God's great love and might the blessed babe  
she bare us in a cold, cold winter's night.*

## 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\*     *Missae 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

*A Tender Shoot*

BRIGGS

*A tender shoot hath started up from a root of grace,  
As ancient seers imparted, from Jesse's holy race,  
It blooms without a blight, blooms in the cold bleak winter,  
Turning our darkness into light. this shoot Isaiah taught us  
From Jesse's root should spring; the Virgin Mary brought us  
The branch of which we sing; our God of endless might  
Gave her this child to save us, thus turning darkness into light.*

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 362

*Tell Out, My Soul*

DISMISSAL\*

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*In Dulci Jubilo BuxWV 197*

BUXTEHUDE

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

THE EVAN EDWARD PRICE MEMORIAL

## UPCOMING AT GRACE CHURCH ON-THE-HILL

*Join us after the service for coffee, treats, and a time of fellowship*

*Christmas Services* | Christmas Eve is this Tuesday! Join us at 4 pm (Family Service), 7 pm (Choral Eucharist), or 10 pm ('Midnight Mass'). Note that on December 25<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> the 10 am Holy Eucharist will be the only morning service. Those who usually attend the 8 am service are invited to join at 10 am. Children's church is on hiatus until January. Nursery care will not be offered on the December 25<sup>th</sup> morning service. The office will be closed from December 24<sup>th</sup> at noon until December 27<sup>th</sup> inclusively, and will reopen on December 30<sup>th</sup>.

*Mitten tree* | The mitten tree will be available from Advent I until the Epiphany. Your contributions of mittens, socks, scarves and toques will help those out in the cold. If you only attend services online, you may drop off items during the week at the church.

*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. 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.

*Sesquicentennial Book* | Buy one book and get another one **50% off!** The ideal opportunity to get the fascinating history of Grace Church for yourself and a loved one this Christmas season.

## 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 inclusive** 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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