



# GRACE

CHURCH ON-THE-HILL

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TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY  
10 AM, MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2025

## 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 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.*

PRELUDE

*Adoration*

MCGRATH

PROCESSIONAL HYMN\* CP 167

*Tis Good Lord To Be Here*

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.**

WELCOME\*

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\* CP 366

*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,

No 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 Godhead high exalted.

COLLECT OF THE DAY\*

Almighty God, on the holy mount you revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured: mercifully deliver us from the darkness of this world, and change us into his likeness from glory to glory; 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 34:29-35*

LAURIE MELBOURNE

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 99

*THE LORD is King, let the peoples tremble; he sitteth upon the Cherubim, let the earth be moved.*

*The LORD is great in Sion, and high above all the people.*

*They shall give thanks unto thy Name, which is great, wonderful, for he is holy.*

*The King's power loveth judgment; thou dost establish equity, thou dost execute judgment and righteousness in Jacob.*

*O magnify the LORD our God, and fall down before his footstool; for he is holy.*

*Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such as call upon his Name: these called upon the LORD, and he heard them.*

*He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar; for they kept his testimonies, and the law that he gave them.*

*Thou heardest them, O LORD our God; \* thou forgavest them, O God, though thou didst punish their wicked doings.*

*O magnify the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the LORD our God is holy.*

SECOND READING     *2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2*

CATHERINE BARRECA

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful

things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

HYMN\* CP 166      *We Have Come At Christ's Own Bidding*

GOSPEL\*      *Luke 9:28-36*

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.**

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

HOMILY

THE REV. CHRISTINA H. M. REES

NICENE CREED\*

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, 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\*

Laurie Melbourne

## 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.**

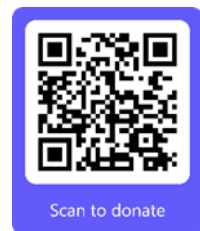
## THE PEACE\*

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE OFFERING

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Os justi meditabitur*

BRUCKNER

*The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks what is just.  
The law of his God is in his heart; and his steps will not be impeded. Alleluia.*

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS\*

Holy God, receive all we offer you this day, and bring us to that radiant glory which we see in the transfigured face of 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, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of salvation in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Now with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

### SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS\* CP 732

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.*

*Heaven and earth are full, 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." And 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

salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory is 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 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 the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.  
**God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

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

#### AGNUS DEI\* CP 745

*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

*O nata lux delumine*

TALLIS

*O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
with loving-kindness deign to receive suppliant praise and prayer.  
You who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost,  
grant us to be members of thy blessed body.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION\*

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. May we who are partakers of his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. We ask this in his name. **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 619 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

DISMISSAL\*

Go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE      “*Élévation*” from the *Messe à l’usage des couvents*    COUPERIN

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

GWEN ARNOLDI, PETER ARNOLDI, FREDERICK WIDMER BALL,  
FRANCES BALL

W.G. (BILL) DEEKS

## UPCOMING AT GRACE CHURCH ON-THE-HILL

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

*Coffee Hour Brownie Bake-Off* | Join us right after the service today to taste the delicious brownies that Grace's bakers have brought to this friendly bake-off, and vote for which you think is the best!

*Welcome Christina Rees* | We are honoured to welcome today Preacher Christina Rees, the Director of the Li Tim-Oi Foundation to Grace Church on-the-Hill for a visit that gives us the opportunity to learn about the foundation and its work.

*Choral Evensong* | Our choir returns for its first winter Choral Evensong at 4:30 pm today, March 2. Come get inspired by deeply moving liturgical works of music, and join us in this musical expression of our faith.

*Shrove Tuesday* | You are invited to a pancake supper for Shrove Tuesday on March 4, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. All are welcome to this family friendly event! Free entry, donations welcome.

*Ash Wednesday Services* | Join us for Ash Wednesday services with Liturgy & Imposition of the Ashes on March 5 at 10:30 am and 7:30 pm. The 7:30 PM service will be livestreamed.

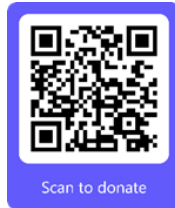
*Christian Education* | Please join us for the continuation of our "Who is God (to you)?" Sunday morning series, at 9 am on March 9 and 16.

*Morning Prayer is prayed Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 am in the chapel.*

*The Midweek Communion is celebrated Wednesdays at 10:30 am.*

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- Your annual United Way donation can directed to Grace Church on-the-Hill
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