



GRACE

CHURCH ON-THE-HILL

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
10 AM, JANUARY 26TH, 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

PLAYED BY SEBASTIAN MOREAU

PROCESSIONAL HYMN* CP 484 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

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 691 *from the Mass of St Denis*

CABENA

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY*

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; 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 *Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10* LAURIE MELBOURNE

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom

nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.’

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19

The heavens declare the glory of God : and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

One day telleth another : and one night certifieth another.

There is neither speech nor language : their voice cannot be heard.

Yet their sound is gone out into all lands : and their words into the ends of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun : which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.

It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again : and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, restoring the soul : the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart : the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever : the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold : sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.

Moreover, by them is thy servant taught : and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can tell how oft he offendeth : O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.

Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me : so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart : be always acceptable in thy sight,

O Lord : my strength, and my redeemer.

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a*

MARGARET PEREIRA

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the

one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, ‘Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you’, nor again the head to the feet, ‘I have no need of you.’ On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN* CP 5 *Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

GOSPEL* *Luke 4: 14-21*

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.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

THE RT. REV. PATRICK WHITE

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*

SUSAN GREEN

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Heavens Are Telling

HAYDN

*The heavens are telling the glory of God,
The wonder of his work displays the firmament;
Today that is coming speaks it the day,
The night that is gone to following night.
The heavens are telling the glory of God,
The wonder of his work displays the firmament;
In all the lands resounds the word,
never unperceived, ever understood.
The heavens are telling the glory of God,
The wonder of his work displays the firmament.*

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; by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord; you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the holy people who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS* CP 694 *from the Mass of St Denis* CABENA

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

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 this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

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

AGNUS DEI* CP 701 *from the Mass of St Denis* CABENA

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 SOLO *Songs without words No. 1* MENDELSSOHN
PLAYED BY ARCHER CHAN

COMMUNION HYMN 48 *Let All Mortal Flesh keep Silence*

PRAYER 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 383 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

DISMISSAL*

Go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Organ Sonata no. 3, "Con Moto Maestoso"* MENDELSSOHN

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

BRUCE AND LAURA LEGGE

UPCOMING AT GRACE CHURCH ON-THE-HILL

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

Welcome Magdalene | Please join us in congratulating Claire and Micah Latimer-Dennis, along with big brother George, on the arrival of Magdalene Rose! She was born the morning of January 17, and everyone is doing well.

Door 7 | Dear Parishioners, as part of our continued safety planning, we will be keeping door 7 locked during most days, with the exception of church services and rentals. Please use the front doors to enter the building. For wheelchair access during non-service times, please use the Thelma Avenue entrance.

Gentle Tai Chi @ Grace (since 2016) | New Beginners class starts Friday February 7 @ 9-10 a.m. Parish Hall. Cost: **Free**. Instructor Shan White, practitioner of Taoist style Tai Chi since 1977. All are welcome. No need to book in advance, please join us.

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 with the arrival of the new year.

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

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

GIVING TO GRACE

We thank you for your support of Grace Church on-the-Hill. If you are interested and able to donate, please scan this QR code or pick up a 'Ways of Giving' booklet in the sanctuary.



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