



GRACE

CHURCH ON-THE-HILL

ASH WEDNESDAY
7:30 PM, MARCH 5TH 2025
CHORAL EUCHARIST
WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES

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.

There's more to Grace than just today's service, 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.



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

Prelude on a Rouen Melody

WILLAN

GREETING*

Blessed be the Lord who forgives all our sins.

God's mercy endures forever.

KYRIE*

Missa Brevis

Lotti

*Kyrie eleison,
Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison.*

Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT*

Almighty and everlasting God, you despise nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

HYMN CP 511*

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-12

MARIA RADFORD

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if

they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103:8-18 *Benedic, Anima Mea*

THE LORD is full of compassion and mercy :

 Slow to anger and of great kindness.

He will not always accuse us :

 Nor will he keep his anger for ever.

He hath not dealt with us according to our sins :

 nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.

For as the heavens are high above the earth :

 so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west :

 so far has he removed our sins from us.

As a father cares for his children :

 So does the Lord care for those that fear him.

For he himself know whereof we are made :

 he remembers that we are but dust.

Our days are like the grass :

 we flourish like a flower of the field.

When the wind goes over it, it is gone :

 and the place shall know it no more.

But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever on them that
fear him :

 and his righteousness unto children's children.

On those who keep his covenant :

 and remember his commandments and do them.

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.” See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN CP 180*

Giver of the Perfect Gift

GOSPEL*

Matthew 6 1-6, 16-21

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.

Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

LENTEN EXHORTATION

Dear friends in Christ, every year at the time of the Christian Passover we celebrate our redemption through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration, and to renew our life in the paschal mystery. We begin this holy season by remembering our need for repentance, and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes, an ancient sign, speaking of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, and marking the penitence of the community as a whole.

I invite you therefore, in the name of the Lord, to observe a holy Lent by self-examination, penitence, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and by reading and meditating on the word of God.

Let us kneel before our Creator and Redeemer.

PSALM 51

Miserere Mei

ALLEGRI

Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness :
 according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness :
 and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults :
 and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee only have I sinned, and done what is evil in thy sight :
 that thou mightiest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art
 judged.

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness :
 and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts :
and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.
Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean :
thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness :
that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn thy face from my sins :
and put out all my misdeeds.
Make me a clean heart, O God :
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence :
and take not thy holy Spirit from me.
O give me the comfort of thy help again :
and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked :
and sinners shall be converted unto thee.
Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my
health :
and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord :
and my mouth shall show thy praise.
For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee :
but thou delightest not in burnt offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit :
a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

O be favourable and gracious unto Sion :
build thou the walls of Jerusalem.
Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt
offerings and oblations :
then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

LITANY OF PENITENCE

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you, to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault 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, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have need for forgiven.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives.

We confess to you, Lord.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

We confess to you, Lord.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbours and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

IMPOSITION OF THE ASHES

Almighty God, from the dust of the earth you have created us. May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence, and a reminder that only by your gracious gift are we given eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

The congregation is invited to receive the Imposition of Ashes

MOTET

Parce mihi, Domine

MORALES

Let me alone; for my days are vanity.

What is man, that thou shouldst magnify him? and that thou shouldst set thine heart upon him?

And that thou shouldst visit him every morning, and try him every moment?

How long wilt thou not depart from me, nor let me alone till I swallow down my spittle?

I have sinned; what shall I do unto thee, O thou preserver of men? why hast thou set me as a mark against thee, so that I am a burden to myself?

And why dost thou not pardon my transgression, and take away my iniquity? for now shall I sleep in the dust; and thou shalt seek me in the morning, but I shall not be.

ABSOLUTION

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation.

That we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord,

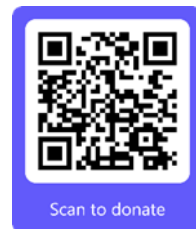
Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you from all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

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OFFERTORY HYMN CP 170* *The Glory of These Forty Days (Verses 1, 2 & 4)*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS *

Merciful God, turn us from sin to faithfulness. Accept our offering, and prepare us to celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you now and for ever. **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 you bid your faithful people to cleanse their hearts and to prepare with joy for the paschal feast; that reborn through the waters of baptism and renewed in the eucharistic mystery, we may be more fervent in prayer and more generous in the works of love. Therefore we raise our voices to you in praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS*

Missa Brevis

LOTTI

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,

Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra

gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit

in nomine Domini,

Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy,

Lord God of Hosts,

Heaven and earth are full of

thy 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*

We break this bread,
Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.
**If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
If we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

AGNUS DEI*

Missa Brevis

LOTTI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

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 *Remember not, Lord, our offences* PURCELL

Remember not, Lord, our offences,
nor the offences of our forefathers;
neither take thou vengeance of our sins:
spare us, good Lord, spare thy people,
whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood,
and be not angry with us for ever.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION*

God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example of prayer and fasting, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL*

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Psalm-Prelude Set I op. 32 no. 3* HOWELLS

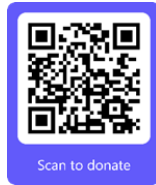
UPCOMING AT GRACE CHURCH ON-THE-HILL

Christian Education | Our series “*Who is God (to you?)*” continues this Sunday, March 9, and concludes the following on March 16. Please join us in-person in the reception room at 9 am.

*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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