



GRACE  150  
150 Years of Service

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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY  
10 AM, DECEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2024  
SUNG 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

*Prelude in D major BuxWV 139*

BUXTEHUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN\* CP 121

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

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.**

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.**

WELCOME\*

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 the mortal sight,  
Now 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 God-head high exalted.

COLLECT OF THE DAY\*

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING    *1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26*

JEAN BUBBA

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord"; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

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

PSALM 148

*Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.  
Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host.  
Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.  
Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.  
Let them praise the name of the Lord; for he commanded, and they were created.  
He made them stand fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not  
pass away.  
Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps;  
Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will;  
Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;*

*Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;  
Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;  
Young men and maidens, old and young together.  
Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name only is exalted, his splendour is  
over earth and heaven.  
He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, the  
children of Israel, a people who are near him.*

SECOND READING    *Colossians 3:12-17*

SYLVIA FAWCETT

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**Thanks be to God.**

HYMN\* CP 159

*Brightest and Best*

GOSPEL\* *Luke 2:41-52*

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 every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

HOMILY

THE REV. MICAH LATIMER-DENNIS

## 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\*

MICHAEL ROYCE

CONFESSION\*

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God 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.**

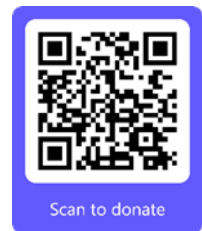
THE PEACE\*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERING

*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 HYMN\* CP 154    *Joy to the World*



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 mystery of his incarnation was made perfect man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; in him we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory. Therefore with all the angels of heaven, we lift our voices and sing our joyful hymn of praise 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,

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 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\* CP 701 *from the Mass of St Denis*

CABENA

*O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.*

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION MOTET *He shall feed his flock from "Messiah"*

HANDEL

*He shall feed His flock like a shepherd;  
and He shall gather the lambs with His arm,  
and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.*

*Come unto Him, all ye that labour,  
come unto Him that are heavy laden, and He will give you rest.  
Take his yoke upon you, and learn of Him,  
for He is meek and lowly of heart,  
and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*

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 143 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

DISMISSAL\*

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Sonata no. 3, 1<sup>st</sup> movement*

MENDELSSOHN

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

THOMAS EDWARD PEARCE

## UPCOMING AT GRACE CHURCH ON-THE-HILL

*Join the parish after the service for coffee and refreshments in the Parish Hall*

*Epiphany* | Next Sunday January 5<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating the feast of Epiphany with the return of our choral Eucharist. Join us as we celebrate the manifestation of Christ's divinity.

*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.

*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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