



GRACE

CHURCH ON-THE-HILL

EVE OF CHRISTMAS
CHORAL EUCHARIST
7 P.M. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 2024

Merry Christmas!

As we celebrate the mystery of God with us, it's a delight to be with you. Whether you're visiting for the first time or you're a long-time member, this community is enriched by your presence.

*This service leaflet is a guide for worship: the bolded text is said by the congregation, and the hymns can be found in the blue pew hymnals. An asterisk * indicates a place the congregation is invited to stand. Further instructions will be given by the priest. 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.*

If you'd like to learn more about Grace, and about what's happening in the days and weeks to come, you can look to the end of this leaflet and to the fliers available at the entrances. You can also look to the QR code below for access to our website. And if you're looking for a way of getting connected to the church please fill out one of the pew cards. A member of the clergy would be very glad to meet with you.

*On this day of celebration, it's good to be together.
As the hymn has it, "O Come, let us adore him!"*



PRELUDE

Interlude from the "Ceremony of Carols"

BRITTEN

EMMANUEL LUNA WONG, HARP

CHORAL INTROIT

Hodie Christus natus est from A Ceremony of Carols

BRITTEN

HYMN CP 118*

O Come, All Ye Faithful!

ADESTE FIDELES

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem:

come and behold him, born the King of angels;

℞ O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light,
lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;
very God, begotten not created: ℞

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, all glory in the highest: ℞

Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: ℞

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.

Unto us a child is born.

O Come, let us worship.

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*

Gloria

VIVALDI

COLLECT FOR THE EVE OF CHRISTMAS*

Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 9:2-7*

ELAINE ROWE

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it

with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 96—*Cantate Domino*

O SING unto the Lord a new song:

 sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.

Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name:

 be telling of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his honour unto the heathen:

 and his wonders unto all people.

For the Lord is great and cannot worthily be praised:

 he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols:

 but it is the Lord that made the heavens.

Glory and worship are before him:

 power and honour are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people:

 ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.

Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name:

 bring presents and come into his courts.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

 let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King:

 and that it is he who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot
 be moved; and how that he shall judge the people righteously.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad:

 let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.

Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it:

 then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth:
and with righteousness to judge the world,
and the people with his truth.

EPISTLE

Titus 2:11-14

VATHSALA THOMAS

But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN CP 154* *Joy to the World*

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
let earth receive the King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns:
let us glad songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let wrongs and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow

far as our sin is found,
far as our sin is found,
far as, far as our sin is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love

GOSPEL* *Luke 2:1-14*

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 a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly

there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

THE RT. REV. PATRICK WHITE

NICENE CREED*

Let us confess the faith, 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*

TAJUDEEN ADEYEMI

THE PEACE*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN CP 148* *See Amid the Winter's Snow*

ARR. GOSS

An offering is taken.

See amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below,
see, the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years!

℞ Hail, thou ever-blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Lo, within a manger lies he who built the starry skies,
who enthroned in height sublime sits amid the cherubim. ℞

Say, ye humble shepherds, say what your joyful news today;
wherefore have ye left your sheep on the lonely mountain steep? ℞

"As we watched at dead of night, lo, we saw a wondrous light;
angels singing 'Peace on earth' told us of the Saviour's birth." ℞

Teach, O teach us holy child by thy face so meek and mild.
Teach us to resemble Thee, in my sweet humility. ℞

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS*

Word made flesh, life of the world, in your incarnation you embraced our
poverty: by your Spirit may we share in your riches. **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; 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*

Messe de minuit pour Noel

CHARPENTIER

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 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 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*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the sacrament.

The congregation will be invited by rows to receive the Bread and Wine either at the high altar or at the chancel rails. If you'd like to receive a blessing instead, simply cross your arms across your chest.

AGNUS DEI

Messe de minuit pour Noel

CHARPENTIER

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 peace.

COMMUNION MOTETS

What Child is This

GREENSLEEVES

In the Bleak Midwinter

DARKE

COMMUNION HYMN

Silent Night

IRIS

Lights are dimmed and candles are lit.

Silent night! Holy night!

All is calm, all is bright

Round yon virgin mother and child!

Holy infant, so tender and mild,

Sleep in heavenly peace! Sleep in heavenly peace!

Silent night! Holy night!

Shepherds quake at the sight!

Glories stream from heaven afar,

Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Saviour is born! Christ the Saviour is born!

Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth! Jesus, Lord, at thy birth!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION*

Father of all, tonight you have united earth and heaven in sending your Son to take our human nature. May we who have tasted heavenly things share in the life of his eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE BLESSING*

Candles are extinguished for the singing of the final hymn.

HYMN 138*

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King:
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

℞ Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of a Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity,
pleased as one of us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. ℞

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth. *ℝ*

DISMISSAL*

Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

In Dulci Jubilo BWV 729

BACH

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

DR. G. E. PEARSON WILSON,
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ARMAND MALO, EDWIN SNOW & RITA SNOW

UPCOMING AT GRACE CHURCH ON-THE-HILL

Merry Christmas! | It's a delight to celebrate Christ's birth together. If you have been here more times than you can count or have walked through these doors for the first, we're glad you're here. If you would like to learn more about the church a member of the clergy would be glad to speak with you.

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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Wednesday, Dec. 25 **Christmas Day**
10:00 am Choral Eucharist

Sunday, Dec. 29 **The First Sunday After Christmas**
10:00 am Sung Eucharist

*The parish offices will be closed this week and will reopen on December 30th.
Children's church is on hiatus until January.*

GIVING TO GRACE

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