

# GRACE

## CHURCH ON-THE-HILL

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

*Before the Image of a Saint*

S. KARG-ELERT

ORGANIST: THOMAS FITCHES

INTROIT: HYMN 276 *For All the Saints*

SINE NOMINE

For all the saints, who from their labours rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, the one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.**

The Lord is glorious in his saints.

**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.**

CANTICLE: HYMN 283 *By All Your Saints Still Striving*

KING'S LYNN

By all your saints still striving, for all your saints at rest,  
your holy name, O Jesus, for evermore be blessed.  
You rose, our King victorious, that they might wear the crown  
and ever shine in splendour reflected from your throne.

Apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all the noble throng  
Who wear the spotless raiment and raise the ceaseless song:  
For them and those whose witness is only known to you,  
By walking in their footsteps we give you praise anew.

Then let us praise the Father and worship God the Son  
and sing to God the Spirit, eternal Three-in-One,  
Till all the ransomed number who stand before the throne,  
Ascribe all power and glory and praise to God alone.

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the mystical Body of your Son, grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING *Revelation 7:9-17*

READ BY NATHAN HILTZ

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

PSALM 34:1-10

SUNG BY SARAH HICKS

*Refrain:* Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are they who trust in him.

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth.  
I will glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt his name  
together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me out of all my  
terror.

Look upon him and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.  
I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my  
troubles.

The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, and he will  
deliver them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, for those who fear him lack  
nothing.

The young lions lack and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack  
nothing that is good.

The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, and none will be punished who  
trust in him.

EPISTLE *1 John 3:1-3*

READ BY JAMIE HIGGINS

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children  
of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us  
is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we  
will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is  
revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who  
have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

HYMN 439      *Blest Are the Pure in Heart*

FRANCONIA

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God;  
the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring,  
to dwell in lowliness with us, our pattern and our King,

still to the lowly soul his presence doth impart  
and for a dwelling and a throne chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be:  
give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple fit for thee.

GOSPEL *Matthew 5:1-12*

READ BY MICAH LATIMER-DENNIS

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.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of Christ.

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

HOMILY

THE REV. CANON PETER WALKER

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LED BY THE REV. DEACON MARIA LING

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCHWARDEN ERIN ILES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *The Beatitudes*

DEREK HOLMAN

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Holy and mighty God, we give you thanks for the triumph of Christ in the lives of all his saints. Receive all we offer you this day, and help us, like them, to run our course with faith, that we may come to your eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name 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; in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us, and together with them receive the crown of glory that never fades away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *Canterbury Mass*

PICCOLO

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

"I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

**Give us this bread for ever.**

"I am the vine, you are the branches."

**May we dwell in him, as he lives in us**

AGNUS DEI      *Canterbury Mass*

PICCOLO

#### THE COMMUNION

How blessed are all the saints, our God,  
who having crossed the troubled sea,  
have gained the harbour of your peace  
and rest in your tranquillity.

Watch over us who voyage still,  
with risk and danger yet to face;  
remember all beset by storms  
and hold them in your steadfast grace.

Our vessel's frail, the ocean wide,  
but your love steers, and we aspire  
to gain the peaceful shore at last,  
the haven of our heart's desire.

Then we shall praise you endlessly,  
great God, to whom all praise is due;  
as you have made us for yourself,  
our hearts must find their rest in you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of hosts, we praise your glory reflected in your saints. May we who share at this table be filled with the joy of your eternal kingdom, where Jesus is Lord, now and for ever. **Amen.**

DOXOLOGY

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 320      Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

LASST UNS ERTREUEN

Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,  
raise the glad strain, alleluia!

Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers, virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim,  
lead their praises, alleluia!

Thou bearer of the eternal Word, most gracious, magnify the Lord,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest, ye patriarchs and prophets blest,  
alleluia, alleluia!

Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong, all saints triumphant, raise the song:  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing supernal anthems echoing:  
alleluia, alleluia!

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three-in-One,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE *Dialogue on 'La Béatitude'*

CHARLES PIROYE

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
AND IN MEMORY OF BILL AND THE REV. GRACE ANTHONY.

## UPCOMING AT GRACE CHURCH ON-THE-HILL

*Evening Prayer* | Join Grace Church on-the-hill Wednesdays for a service of evening prayer. The video, along with a service leaflet, is sent out in the Wednesday e-newsletter. Subscription to the newsletter can be accessed at the bottom right-hand corner of the website.

*Evil and the Justice of God* | The study of N.T. Wright's book continues today and in the weeks to come in person and over Zoom at the 9 am hour. Email Maria at [miling@gracechurchonthehill.ca](mailto:miling@gracechurchonthehill.ca) to register.

*Nov. 1* | Evil and the New Testament

*Nov. 8* | Evil and the New Creation

*Nov. 15* | Evil and Forgiveness

*Nov. 22* | God and Evil

*Reading Allowed* | The next book for the Thursday morning group will be *Aging* by Will Willimon. Contact Maria to learn more.

*Offerings and cheques can be placed in the plates at the exits of the church. Opportunities to give are also available by mail or at [gracechurchonthehill.ca](http://gracechurchonthehill.ca)*

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*Give me the wings of faith to rise  
Within the veil, and see  
The saints above, how great their joys,  
How bright their glories be.*

*Once they were mourning here below,  
And wet their couch with tears;  
They wrestled hard, as we do now,  
With sins, and doubts, and fears.*

*I ask them whence their victory came,  
They, with united breath,  
Ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,  
Their triumph to his death.*

*They marked the footsteps that he trod  
His zeal inspired their breast;  
And, following their incarnate God,  
Possess the promised rest.*

*Our glorious Leader claims our praise  
For his own pattern giv'n,  
While the long cloud of witnesses  
Show the same path to heav'n.*

by Isaac Watts (1674-1748)