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YEARS  
**Christ  
Church  
Deer Park**

November 29, 2020  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

**Holy Eucharist  
at 9:15 am**



**WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH DEER PARK**  
**We are so glad to have you worship with us!**

We are a growing, diverse, and energetic faith community learning to follow Jesus together.  
Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are invited to join us.

Prelude: Fugue on *Veni, Veni Emmanuel*

*Gaël Liardon*

Opening Music Holy is the Lord

*Chris Tomlin*

We stand and lift up our hands  
For the joy of the Lord is our strength  
We bow down and worship Him now  
How great, how awesome is He

And together we sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
The earth is filled with His glory

We stand and lift up our hands  
For the joy of the Lord is our strength  
We bow down and worship Him now  
How great, how awesome is He

And together we sing  
Everyone sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
The earth is filled with His glory

## **Welcome & Gathering**

*We gather as a community, meeting God and each other*

## **The Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Reader: Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of waiting and preparing to celebrate Christ's coming into the world. It is an active time as we work to prepare a loving and peaceful world for the Messiah – a world where nation will not lift up sword against nation, where we will not hate but love, a world where we will walk in the light of the Lord. Come Lord Jesus. Come soon.

**All: Lord Jesus, Light of the world, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people in trouble: Give peace in our hearts at Advent and show all the world God's love and justice. This we pray in your name. Amen.**

Music: Christ, Be our Light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

***Refrain***

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

**The Greeting**

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All And also with you.**

**The Collect of the Day**

**All: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

**Listening to God**

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the

revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn **Laudate Dominum**

*Taizé*

♩ = 116

**Ostinato**

(Salmo / Psalm 117:1)

Lau - dá - te Dó - mi - num, lau - dá - te Dó - mi - num, o - mnes

1. gen - tes, al - le - lú - ia. 2. al - le - lú - ia.

*Traducción / Translation:*

Alabad al Señor pueblos todos, aleluya.

Sing, praise and bless the Lord, peoples, nations, alleluia.

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## The Holy Gospel

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in

clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake." *Mark 13: 24-37*

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.  
**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Message

### What We Believe

Presider: Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

Presider: Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

Presider: Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

Presider: This is the faith of the Church.

**All: This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father,  
Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

*We pray for the needs of our world, the Church, and ourselves.*

Leader: As we gather in God's presence, let us pray to the Lord, saying,  
God of love, **hear our prayer.**

## The Confession

*As we approach God's Table, we confess the ways we have not loved God and others.*

**All: Almighty God,  
We need your healing and forgiveness:  
give us true repentance.  
Some sins are plain to us, some escape us,  
some we cannot face.  
Forgive us, set us free to hear your word to us;  
set us free to serve you,  
in all that we do, say and think.  
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## Prayer of Pardon

Presider: Merciful God,  
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace;  
that we may be cleansed from all our sins  
and serve you with a quiet mind;  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen**

## The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All And also with you.**

## Sharing What We Have

*As a community of faith, we are learning to give sacrificially and proportionately. As we do this, we live into God's abundance for us. Many of us give regularly by envelope or pre-authorized giving.*

My Lord, what a mornin', my Lord, what a mornin'.  
Oh, my Lord, what a mornin', when the stars begin to fall.  
Done quit all my worldly ways, join that heavenly band.  
Done quit all my worldly ways, join that heavenly band.  
Oh! My Lord, what a mornin' . . .

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Presider:    God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All:            Amen.

### **Celebrating the Eucharist**

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider:    The Lord be with you.

**All:            And also with you.**

Presider:    Lift up your hearts.

**All:            We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider:    Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:            It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider:    Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and one another to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world. When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us. When we injure others, you confront us with your love and call us to the paths of righteousness. You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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.”

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

### The Lord's Prayer

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

**All: 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**

### Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Behold what you are,

**All May we become what we receive.**

Presider: Come to this table not because you must, but because you may. Come, not because you have all faith, but because you have some faith and would like to grow. Come because you love the Lord a little and would like to love more. Come because all is ready and because we are his body.

Presider: These are the gifts of God, for you the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Music During Communion My Soul in Stillness Waits

*Marty Haugen*

*For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits; truly my hope is in you.*

O Lord of life, our only hope of glory, your radiance shines in all who look to you,  
Come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow.

O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits, our thirsty hearts are yearning for your  
Word, Come, make us whole, be comfort to our hearts.

O Root of Life, implant your seed within us, and in your advent, draw us all to you,  
Our hope reborn in dying and in rising.



O Key of Knowledge, guide us in our pilgrimage, we ever seek, yet unfulfilled remain, Open to us the pathway of your peace.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Presider: Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**All: 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.**

### **Blessing**

### **Announcements**

**Dismissal (*respond with: Thanks be to God!*)**

**Postlude** O Come, Divine Messiah

*Venez, Divin Messie*



Presider: The Reverend Cathy Gibbs

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Cheryl Palmer

Worship Team: Nick Gan, Liz Gan, Christina Labriola & Peter Warren

Reader: Liz Gan

Coordinator of Children & Youth Ministry: Bridget Poole

# Announcements



Due to the increased numbers of Covid-19 cases in Toronto we have made the decision to once again meet for worship online only. Combining elements of both our 9:15am and 10:30am liturgies, we intend to offer you a wonderful worship experience at home. **So please tune in on Sundays at 9:15am to worship**, with a Zoom Coffee Hour immediately following at 10:15am.

[Click here to join the service each week](#)



## **Advent Coffee Hour**

Missing fellowship with your pew mates after Sunday services? Let's get together for Zoom Coffee (half) Hour on Sundays during Advent on

November 29th, December 6th, 13th, 20th at 10:15am.

[Click here to join the Coffee Hour](#)



The annual **City Carol Sing Concert** to support Churches on-the-Hill Foodbank held at Yorkminster Baptist church is our largest fundraiser of the year. This year's concert

will be a free, live stream event available on **Friday December 11** after 8 pm at [citycarolsing.ca](http://citycarolsing.ca) and available throughout the holiday period. This year's guest performers are opera star **Measha Brueggergosman** and the **Jim Cuddy Band** and guest host **Dina Pugliese**. Please join us for terrific entertainment and support the Foodbank.



### Third Taizé Service

Looking for some **contemplative peace** in your life? You are invited to our third **Taizé** service on **Thursday January 14th**

at 7pm. Taizé is a monastic community in France and it is known for its beautiful sacred music. Our own Christina Labriola will be leading the music, and we will gather together for a time of **reading, silent reflection and prayer**. There are very limited seats for this evening—so **get your spot early** on our website. We know that this evening of Taizé will be a blessing! For more information about the Taizé service, check out our website. [www.christchurchdeerpark.org](http://www.christchurchdeerpark.org)



### Journeying the Way: An Advent Study Course

We have all been doing a lot of waiting for the last 8 months. It has not been easy. We know waiting is more palatable when we do it together and CCDP is a good community to spend time with as we wait for the city to open up again.

Advent is the Christian season of waiting. We are about to start waiting for the birth of our Lord. And again, it is better to wait together. Please join us for our Advent Study Course, "*Journeying the Way*." We will explore our journey of faith through the lens of friendship, community, and the world.

When: Tuesdays, December 1, 8, 15, 22

Time: 7:00-8:30

Where: on Zoom

Registration: Please email Cathy Gibbs at [adultministries@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:adultministries@christchurchdeerpark.org) or phone Cathy at 416 454-7717



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## **VIRTUAL PAGEANT**

WE'RE DOING A VIRTUAL  
PAGEANT THIS YEAR! SEND  
BRIDGET A VIDEO OF YOUR  
KIDS TELLING THE  
CHRISTMAS STORY  
(JESUS' VERSION - NO  
RUDOLPH OR SCROOGE!)  
BY DECEMBER 13TH

## **TWEENS & TEENS**

AGES 10 - 13 ARE  
INVITED TO JOIN US ON  
FRIDAYS VIA ZOOM AT  
7 P.M. AND SUNDAYS  
AT 9 A.M.

## **JOIN OUR MAILING LIST!**

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[CHILDRENYOUTH@CHRISTCHURCHDEERPARK.ORG](mailto:CHILDRENYOUTH@CHRISTCHURCHDEERPARK.ORG)  
FOR OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that the land on which we worship is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee (*ho-den-oh-show-nee*), and Anishinabek (*ah-nish-nah-bek*) Nations, and most recently, the territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit. This territory is part of the *Dish with One Spoon Treaty*, an agreement between the Anishinabek, Haudenosaunee, and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes.

Today, Toronto is still home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island (*North America*) and we seek to live in respect, peace, and right relations with them as we meet and worship on this territory. We are grateful for the resources we are using, and honour all the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people who have been living on this land since time immemorial.

## ! VISITOR INFORMATION



**Hearing Assistance Devices** are located on the table beside the bell-tower entrance.

**Large Print** Orders of Service are available.



## PARKING

**Free Sunday Parking** is available on Sunday mornings (until 1:30 pm) at the public parking lot, just across from the church on Heath Street.

Stamp your parking ticket using the church address stamp found on the table at the bell-tower door. After church, go to the customer service office with your validated ticket where you will be given an exit ticket. Please park only on the lower levels.

## Happening this week at Christ Church Deer Park:

### Tuesday, December 1

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm Advent Study - Zoom  
"Journeying the Way"

### Saturday, December 5

- 8:00 am Community Breakfast

### Sunday, December 6 – Second Sunday of Advent

- 9:15 am Holy Eucharist – Live Stream
- 10:15 pm Advent Coffee Hour - Zoom



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