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YEARS
**Christ
Church
Deer Park**

December 13, 2020
3rd 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 Three Chorale Preludes *on Allein Gott in Der Höh' Sei Ehr* Telemann, Zachau & Walther

Opening Music 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Matt Redman

Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship his Holy name. Sing like never before,
O my soul, I'll worship your Holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing your song again, whatever may pass,
And whatever lies before me, let me be singing
When the evening comes.

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger,
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day, when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore!

Welcome & Gathering

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

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Reader Today is the Third Sunday of Advent. We join with writers of the bible in shouting for joy that when Jesus comes he will bring healing to the world. When Jesus comes, the blind will see, the lame will walk and the poor will have good news told to them. When Jesus comes there will be singing, gladness and everlasting joy. Come Lord Jesus. Come soon.

All Lord Jesus, Light of the world, we rejoice at your coming. May we welcome you joyfully in our lives, and be your faithful people now and forever. This we pray in your name. Amen.

Music: Christ, Be our Light

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

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: God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for 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 Book of Isaiah

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion - to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with

them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn Wait for the Lord *Taizé Chant*

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Text: Isaiah 40, Philippians 4, Matthew 6-7; Taizé Community, 1984
 Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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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 John
All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they

asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

John 1:6-8, 19-28

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.

Offertory Music Within Our Hearts Be Born

Michael Joncas

O ancient love, processing through the ages; O hidden love, revealed in human form; O promised love, the dream of seers and sages:
O living Love, within our hearts be born, O living Love, within our hearts be borne.

O homeless love, that dwells among the stranger; O lowly love, that knows the mighty's scorn; O hungry love, that lay within a manger:
O living Love, within our hearts be born, O living Love, within our hearts be borne.

O gentle love, caressing those in sorrow, O tender love, that comforts those forlorn, O hopeful love, that promises tomorrow:
O living Love, within our hearts be born, O living Love, within our hearts be borne.

O suffering love, that bears our human weakness; O boundless love, that rises with the morn, O mighty love, concealed in infant meekness:
O living Love, within our hearts be born, O living Love, within our hearts be borne.

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Celebrating the Eucharist

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: We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and rejected.

On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory 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 Maranatha, Lord Messiah

Kathy Powell

Gracious God of Wisdom, who hears your people's cry, teach us ways of prudence, O breath of God Most High.

Refrain: Maranatha, Lord Messiah, Long awaited from afar, Come and make your home among us. Let us see your birthing star.

Fragrant bud of Jesse, whose blooming Kings revere, root your words within us, God's words for all to hear. *Refrain*

Blazing Sun of Justice, the flame of Eastern dawn, scatter clinging shadows, that gloom of death be gone. *Refrain*

Jesus, God be with us, Emmanuel foretold, Feed us like a shepherd in safely gathered fold. *Refrain*

Prayer after Communion

Presider: Let us pray.
Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever.

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!*)

Closing Hymn Soon and Very Soon

Andraé Crouch

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

No more crying there, we are going to see the King!
No more crying there, we are going to see the King!
No more crying there, we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

No more dying there, we are going to see the King!
No more dying there, we are going to see the King!
No more dying there, we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!



Presider: The Reverend Cathy Gibbs
Preacher: The Reverend Canon Cheryl Palmer
Worship Team: Nick Gan, Liz Gan, Christina Labriola & Bradley Christensen
Reader: Liz Gan
Coordinator of Children & Youth Ministry: Bridget Poole

Announcements

The Festive Fork

Fellowship & Food at Christ Church Deer Park on Christmas Day



Are you planning to skip the traditional Christmas dinner because a whole turkey is too much food. Well, don't do that. This year at Christ Church Deer Park, there's a way for you to have your feast and share it too. Here's how.

If you live in a multi-person household, go ahead and cook your meal on Christmas day. But add an extra serving—one more potato, a bit more dressing, a few more green beans—and share the meal with a

parishioner who lives on their own, by walking or driving it to their doorstep.

And if you live on your own, get ready. Lay the table for one, light your Advent wreath, and wait for a fellow parishioner to deliver your Christmas dinner in exchange for your appreciation and warm smile.

Don't miss this chance at community connection. Whether you want to cook or consume Christmas dinner this year, sign up to participate at ccdpcoffee@gmail.com. We will match parishioners on a geographic basis. And if you know someone who might not be online, please call the office to get them included with the Festive Fork. Think of it as an exchange of lights and a new way to do community and fellowship this Christmas. Let's lift one another and share in the light and love of Christ.



Do you have any favourite Christmas photos to share?

For our online Christmas Carol Service on Sunday December 20, we would like to begin the service with a rolling slide show featuring our CCDP community. We would like you to participate. In front of your tree or beside a poinsettia or in your favourite Christmas sweater, take a photo of yourself/your family and send it to our administrator

at: info@christchurchdeerpark.org. If you wish, you may include a Christmas greeting to your fellow parishioners. It will be a wonderful slide show celebration of this great season.

With the second lockdown and all worship services online, our goal is to provide an opportunity to see each other at this special time of the year.



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.

You can log onto zoom to join the coffee hour or you can call in on your phone by calling 647-558-0588, entering the meeting ID: 879 9466 2452 and password: 397695.

An Advent Calendar of Faith

13 Worship	14 Go	15 Learn	16 Pray	17 Bless	18 Turn	19 Rest
<p>Advent 3</p> <p>Pray for each person as they receive Communion. Imagine whom you would like to see at church next week. Invite that person to join you.</p>	<p>Today, choose to take a different route to work, to school, or to play. Whom or what did you encounter differently?</p>	<p>Read Luke 1:64. When Zechariah could finally speak, he began by praising God. For what can you praise God? Share on social media or with a friend.</p>	<p>Keep a lookout for anyone who might seem lonely, stressed, or sad. Offer this simple invitation: "May I pray for you?" Then offer prayers – silently or aloud – on the person's behalf as you move through your day.</p>	<p>Identify a blessing you have that you could give away. Share this blessing with your church, a local ministry, or your community.</p>	<p>Turn away from the busyness of the week and turn toward someone who gives you life or to whom you give life. Give thanks.</p>	<p>In Genesis 1-2, God calls the creation "good" and rests. What can you proclaim to be "good" instead of "not enough" as a witness to God's love for the world today?</p>

Day-to-day devotions are an integral part of our Christian faith. During special seasons like Advent, these prayers often have a particular focus. As we prepare ourselves for the birth of Jesus, you are invited to use [this calendar](#) for your daily devotions.



THIS SEASON WE INVITE YOU TO

Celebrate Christmas Online

WITH CHRIST CHURCH DEER PARK

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9:15am | CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

150 years ago on the 4th Sunday of Advent, Christ Church Deer Park held its first service. We will mark the event with a glorious Carol Service and a visit from **Bishop Kevin Robertson**. Join us for this joyous pre-recorded service on www.christchurchdeerpark.org.

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8:00pm | CHRISTMAS EVE

Have a swinging Yule with our jazz musicians during this live-streamed service on www.christchurchdeerpark.org

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9:00am | CHRISTMAS DAY

An Interactive Christmas Service on Zoom. Find all the details on our website.

PLEASE NOTE:

Check our website
christchurchdeerpark.org
for more details.



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

USE WETRANSFER.COM

NO FANCY EQUIPMENT NECESSARY - YOUR SMART PHONE WORKS JUST FINE! REMEMBER TO HOLD IT HORIZONTALLY

QUESTIONS? CONNECT WITH BRIDGET!

zoom
Link on our website

Advent Candle Lighting

Got an advent wreath? Come light the candle with us every Saturday of Advent at 10 a.m.!



**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 or phone Cathy at 416 454-7717



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

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.

Happening this week at Christ Church Deer Park:

Tuesday, December 14

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

Saturday, December 19

- 8:00 am Community Breakfast
- Sunday, December 20 – 4th Sunday of Advent**
- 9:15 am Lessons & Carols – Pre Recorded
- 10:15 pm Advent Coffee Hour - Zoom

Happening for Christmas at Christ Church Deer Park:

Thursday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

- 8:00 pm Christmas Eve Service-
Live Stream

Friday, December 25 – Christmas Day

- 9:00 am Christmas Day Service - Zoom



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.



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