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**Christ
Church
Deer Park**

December 6, 2020
2nd 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: Your Mercy Like Rain

Rory Cooney

Opening Music Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Es Ist Ein'Ros

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind,
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Saviour,
when half spent was the night.

O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
dispel in glorious splendour the darkness everywhere;
true man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us,
and share our every load.

Welcome & Gathering

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

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Reader Today is the Second Sunday of Advent. With the prophets of long ago we place our hope in God. We share Isaiah's vision of a world where the wolf shall live with the lamb. We share John the Baptist's dream of making crooked paths straight. We hope while we wait. Come Lord Jesus. Come soon.

All Lord Jesus, Light of the world, as John the Baptist waited for you, he told the people to prepare, for you were very near: As Christmas grows closer day by day, fill us with your Advent hope and help us to be ready to welcome you. This we pray in your name. Amen.

Music: Christ, Be our Light

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

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, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive 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

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep. *Isaiah 40:1-11*

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

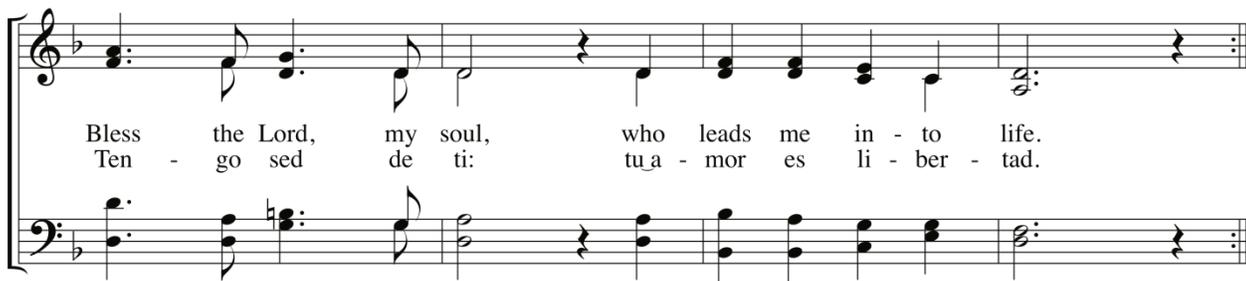
Hymn Bless the Lord, My Soul

Taize Chant

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Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name. —
Ten - go sed de ti, oh fuen - te del a - mor. —



Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life. —
Ten - go sed de ti: tu a - mor es li - ber - tad. —

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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.**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to

him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Mark 1:1-8

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

Prsider: 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

Prsider: 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 Shout to the Lord

Darlene Zschech

My Jesus, my Saviour Lord there is none like you
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love

My comfort, my shelter tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am never cease to worship you

Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name

I sing for joy at the work of your hands forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; 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: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus & Benedictus

**All 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.**

Presider: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen

Breaking of the Bread

Presider: God of promise, you prepared a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All Happy are those who are called to supper of the Lamb.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Music During Communion O Thou, That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion

G.F. Handel

Behold! A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and shall call his name Emmanuel: God with us.

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain!

O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength!
Lift it up, be not afraid! Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!
O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, arise, shine, for thy light is come,
And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

Prayer after Communion

Presider: Let us pray.
Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us
always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus
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 Chorale Prelude on *Wachtet Auf*

J. G. Walther



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

Announcements



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](#)

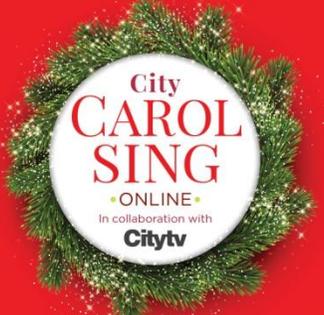
Advent Coffee Hour

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.

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Friday, December 11 | 8:00pm

FREE, LIVESTREAM EVENT
IN SUPPORT OF
**CHURCHES ON-THE-HILL
FOOD BANK**

with special guests
**Measha Brueggergosman,
The Jim Cuddy Band,
and host Dina Pugliese**

Visit citycarolsing.ca
to catch the premiere
Friday, December 11 at 8:00pm

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 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**

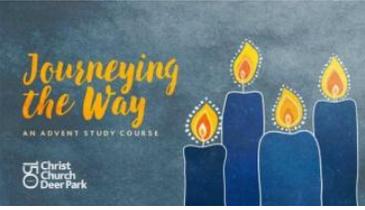
at 7pm. Taizé is a monastic community in France and it is known for its beautiful sacred music. Our own Christina Labriola will be leading the music, and we will gather together for a time of **reading, silent reflection and prayer.** There are very limited seats for this evening—so **get your spot early** 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

An Advent Calendar of Faith

ADVENT CALENDAR 2020

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| <p>29 Worship Advent I What word or words from worship today have found a home in your heart? Share these words with a friend or family member.</p> | <p>30 Go Take time to listen closely to someone you may not ordinarily take seriously or someone with a different perspective than you. Pray that you hear this person as God does.</p> | <p>1 Learn Read Luke 1:30. What are you afraid of that keeps you from saying "yes" to God?</p> | <p>2 Pray Set a timer for three minutes. Silently repeat this prayer – "Here I am, God" – until time is up.</p> | <p>3 Bless The angel blessed Mary with the gift of presence. To whom can you give the gift of presence this week?</p> | <p>4 Turn In giving generously, St. Nicholas turned from a sense of scarcity to a posture of abundance. From what do you need to turn in order to be generous of heart?</p> | <p>5 Rest From what could you rest in order to receive renewed life? Find that rest today, and do it for as long as you are able.</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.



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

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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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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.

Happening this week at Christ Church Deer Park:

Tuesday, December 8

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

Sunday, December 13 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

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

Happening for Christmas at Christ Church Deer Park:

Sunday, December 20 – 4th Sunday of Advent

- 9:15 am Lessons & Carols– Pre Recorded
- 10:15 pm Advent Coffee Hour - Zoom

Thursday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

- 8:00 pm Christmas Eve Service-
Live Stream

Friday, December 25 – Christmas Day

- 9:15 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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