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**Christ
Church
Deer Park**

December 27, 2020
1st Sunday after Christmas

**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 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Carol

Welcome & Gathering

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

Opening Hymn Angels We Have Heard On High

Gloria

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plain,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strain:
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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

Presider: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

Listening to God

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 Luke

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Jesus' parents brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him. *Luke 2:22-40*

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 Hymn O Little Town of Bethlehem

St Louis

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light,
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n,
As love imparts to human hearts the blessings of God's heaven!
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray,
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: God of light, in the birth of your Son we see your glory. May we who share in this mystery grow daily in your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the 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, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread 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: We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

All: God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Communion Hymn What Child is This

Greensleeves

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain:

This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherd guard and angels sing.

Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?

Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. ***Refrain***

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.

The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him. ***Refrain***

Prayer after Communion

Presider: Let us pray.

Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask 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

Closing Hymn Joy to the World

Antioch

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.

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.

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

Postlude



Presider: The Reverend Robert Gorham
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Coordinator of Children & Youth Ministry: Bridget Poole

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Christina Labriola
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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:

Saturday, January 2

8 am Community Breakfast

Sunday, January 3 – Epiphany of the Lord

9:15 am Holy Eucharist - Live Stream



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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