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**Christ  
Church  
Deer Park**

January 3, 2021  
The Epiphany of the Lord

**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**     Prelude on *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*

*Pachelbel*

## **Welcome & Gathering**

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

**Opening Song**    As with Gladness Men of Old

*Dix*

As with gladness men of old did that guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore your splendour see.

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger-bed,  
There to bend the knee before Christ whom heav'n and earth adore;  
So may we with hurried pace run to seek your throne of grace.

As they offered gifts most rare at that manger crude and bare,  
So may we this holy day, drawn to you without delay,  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to you, our heav'nly King.

Christ Redeemer, with us stay, help us live your holy way;  
And when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds your glory hide.

## **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.

Eternal God, who by a star led wise men to the worship of your Son. Guide by your light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may know your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All:**            **Amen**

## Listening to God

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 72

*Michael Joncas*

*Every nation on earth will adore you, Lord!*

O God, with your judgment endow the king;  
With your justice endow the king's son.  
With justice he will govern your people,  
Your afflicted ones with right judgment. *Refrain*

Justice shall flow'r in his days,  
Lasting peace 'til the moon be no more.  
May he rule from sea to sea,  
From the river to the ends of the earth. *Refrain*

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles offer gifts,  
Those from Seba and Arabia bring tribute.  
All kings shall pay him their homage,  
All nations shall serve him. *Refrain*

He rescues the poor when they cry out,  
The afflicted with no one to help,  
The lowly and poor he shall pity,  
The lives of the poor he will save. *Refrain*

## 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 Matthew

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' " Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. *Matthew 2:1-12*

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.*

## Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, 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 of 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 Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

*Une Jeune Pucelle*

'Twas in the moon of wintertime  
When all the birds had fled,  
That mighty Gitchi Manitou  
Sent angel choirs instead;  
Before their light the stars grew dim,  
And wandering hunters heard the hymn:  
"Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,  
In excelsis gloria."

Within a lodge of broken bark  
The tender Babe was found,  
A ragged robe of rabbit skin  
Enwrapp'd His beauty round;  
But as the hunter braves drew nigh,  
The angel song rang loud and high:  
"Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,  
In excelsis gloria."

The earliest moon of wintertime  
Is not so round and fair  
As was the ring of glory  
On the helpless infant there.  
The chiefs from far before him knelt  
With gifts of fox and beaver pelt.  
"Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,  
In excelsis gloria."



O children of the forest free,  
O sons of Manitou,  
The Holy Child of earth and heaven  
Is born today for you.  
Come kneel before the radiant boy  
Who brings you beauty, peace and joy.  
"Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,  
In excelsis gloria."

### **Prayer after Communion**

Presider: Let us pray.  
God of all the nations of the earth, guide us with your light. Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us in this eucharist and in our neighbours. May we welcome him with love, for he 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 Song** Christ, Be Our Light

*Bernadette Farrell*

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.

Many the gifts, many the people,  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another  
Making your kingdom come. **Refrain**



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# Announcements

## Community Connection Groups



We are approaching Epiphany, the time when Jesus is revealed as the saviour for all people, including gentile kings. It is a time of illuminating discovery! And discovering together is what we do in our Community Connection Groups.

Our meetings before Advent were very successful with people saying:

- One of the great things is getting to know each other and finding out the many talents available to us.
- It's a lifesaver at this time of isolation.
- A surprisingly good way to get to know people that you would not normally get to talk to at church.
- I admit to being reluctant to sign up to join a Community Connection Group when they were first announced. Wanting to support CCDP during these challenging times I said yes. What a pleasant surprise! Our moderator was excellent. She included everyone in the conversation in a way that was welcoming and non threatening, and made sure we started and stopped on time . Sometimes we discussed the Sunday service sermon or readings, other times current events or how we were feeling. We learned about ourselves and each other. I encourage everyone to consider joining a group.
- Being a member of a Community Connection Group was a wonderful addition to my life last fall. Part faith-based conversation and part social dialogue, the time always flew by. Getting to know comparative strangers this way feels like unwrapping an unexpected gift, that makes you smile."

If you are not a member of a group and would like to join, please email Cathy Gibbs ([adultministries@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:adultministries@christchurchdeerpark.org)) or phone her (416 454-7717).

Everyone is welcome! We look forward to connecting with you.

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CHILDREN & YOUTH

MINISTRY

- *Events* -

Youth Group online resumes on Friday  
January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

Sunday School online resumes on Sunday  
January 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am.

Go to our website:

[www.christchurchdeerpark.org](http://www.christchurchdeerpark.org) and look  
under **Children & Youth** for more information  
and how to get the links for the above  
events.

## 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:

**Sunday, January 10 – Baptism 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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