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**Christ
Church
Deer Park**

February 17, 2021
Ash Wednesday
7:30 pm



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.

Please remain muted until invited to unmute.

Prelude Again We Keep this Solemn Fast

Welcome

Opening Hymn Return to God

Haugen

Refrain



Re - turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and



mer - cy; come seek the ten - der faith - ful - ness of God.

Verses

1. Now the time of grace has come,
the day of salvation;
come and learn now the way of our God.
2. I will take your heart of stone
and place a heart within you,
a heart of compassion and love.

The Greeting

Presider: Grace, mercy, and peace from Almighty God and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Brothers and sisters in Christ: since early days Christians have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection. It became the custom of the Church to prepare for this by a season of penitence and fasting. At first this season of Lent was observed by those who were preparing for Baptism at Easter and by those who were to be restored to the Church's fellowship from which they had been separated through sin. In course of time the Church came to

recognize that, by a careful keeping of these days, all Christians might take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel, and so grow in faith and in devotion to our Lord.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy word.

Collect of the Day

Presider: Let us pray for grace to keep Lent faithfully.

Almighty and everlasting God, you despise nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen

Confession and Absolution

Presider: Human sin disfigures the whole creation, which groans with eager longing for God's redemption. As we prepare to celebrate this holy season of Lent, let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence

Presider: Make our hearts clean, O God;

All: And renew a right spirit within us.

**All: Eternal God, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;**

and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.

Presider: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

All: **That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

Presider: By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord,

All: **Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Kyrie

Ky - ri - e e - lé - i - son.

Chri - ste e - lé - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - lé - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - lé - i - son.

Text and music: Chant, Mode I; *Graduale Romanum*, 1974.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Listening to God

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Joel

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near - a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord, your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103

The Lord is com-pas - sion and love, slow to
an - ger and rich in mer - cy.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. *Refrain.*
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. *Refrain.*

3. His wrath will come to an end; He will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. *Refrain.*
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. *Refrain.*

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

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made himself to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see - we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

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Homily

Hymn Create in Me a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord,
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
And renew a right spirit within me. *(Repeat)*

Intercessions

Intercessor: At the opening of this Lenten season, let us intercede for a world that is blind to your love, a church in need of your mercy, and for ourselves saying Lord in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: O righteous God, we sin against you, against one another and against ourselves. Yet over against our sins, you have set the eternal Christ in whom you have entered the human lot, reconciling the world to yourself. We confess our sin with sorrow, but not despair. We claim your abounding grace. Lord in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Our world takes its own way, heedless of your will. We exploit and diminish others, we threaten your good creation. Grant that at the accelerating crises of our time, your prophetic word may be heard, calling for a turning about, and that there may be a new beginning of doing justly, loving peace, honouring truth, and walking humbly with you. Lord in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We pray for all victims of an avaricious social order; For those scarred by new and old wars, for refugees, and those hungry and in despair, for those harmed by lies and blighted by false values; for the poor and the homeless and for all those who have no access to the world's abundant resources. We confess our part in destructive patterns of thought and action. Lord in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Awaken us to bring about change for the well-being of those we know and those many more who we do not know, but are bound to by bonds of your making. Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory, and for the good of all. Lord in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Your church is a people of divided mind, naming the name of Christ, but failing that name. Grant that this season of Lent may be for us a summons to repent and return, for now is the acceptable time, and now is the day of salvation.
Lord in you mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

**All: Almighty God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
you have made us for yourself,
so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you.
Grant us purity of heart and strength of purpose,
so that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will,
no weakness from doing it; but that in your light we may see light,
and in your service find our perfect freedom; through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

The Peace

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

All And also with you.

Blessing

Presider: May God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit,
give to you a contrite heart.

All: Amen.

Presider: May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree, heal you by his wounds.

All: Amen.

Presider: May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth, speak to you words of pardon
and peace.

All: Amen.

Presider: And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn From Ashes to the Living Font

St Flavian

From ashes to the living font
Your Church must journey, Lord,
Baptized in grace, in grace renewed
By your most holy word.

Through fasting, prayer, and charity
Your voice speaks deep within,
Returning us to ways of truth
And turning us from sin.

From ashes to the living font
Your Church must journey still,
Through cross and tomb to Easter joy,
In Spirit-fire fulfilled.



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AT HOME
together
DURING
Lent

We gather together on Ash Wednesday not only to mark the day, but to start us off on a path that is already leading us to Good Friday and Easter. So let us begin this holy season of Lent together.

ASH WEDNESDAY AT HOME

Meditating throughout the day is one way to become focused and purposeful as we prepare for Lent. Three brief directed meditations on Ash Wednesday will be sent to you, one for the morning, one for midday and one for the evening. They will also be available on our website.

**17 FEB ASH WEDNESDAY
WORSHIP SERVICE**

The service will be held on Zoom 7:30-8:15pm. All details on christchurchdeerpark.org



LENTEN STUDY

Join us on Zoom to explore "Exile" – an epic biblical experience that reaches us today. Register at adultministries@christchurchdeerpark.org or phone Cathy: 416-454-7717

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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.



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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