

February 14, 2021 The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

> 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 and Fugue No. 5 in D major, BWV 850

#### Welcome & Gathering

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

**Opening Hymn** I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

Over the mountains and the sea, Your river runs with love for me, and I will open up my heart and let the healer set me free. I'm happy to be in the truth, and I will daily lift my hands, for I will always sing of when your love came down. I could sing of your love forever. *(Repeat)* 

#### The Greeting

- Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- All: And also with you.

#### The Collect of the Day

Presider: Let us pray. Almighty God, on the holy mount you revealed to chosen witnesses your wellbeloved Son, wonderfully transfigured: mercifully deliver us from the darkness of this world, and change us into his likeness from glory to 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 Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your

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slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. *2 Corinthians 4:3-6* 

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

- All: Thanks be to God.
- Psalm 50 The Mighty God with Power Speaks

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The mighty God with power speaks, and all the world obeys; From dawn until the setting sun, God's wonder earth displays. The perfect beauty all around from Zion's height shines forth; And stars across the firmament so brightly beam their worth.

God comes, not with a silent form, but riding on the winds; Before God's face, the raging storm its blast of thunder sends. All hail the Judge, in bold array, whose promise is to bless; Who sees our sins, yet also feels our thirst for righteousness.

The heavens declare your justice, Lord, as endless as the sky; Against the taunts of disbelief, our God will testify. Receive my heartfelt gift of thanks as honour to your might; Refresh my faith with each new day; protect me through the night.

#### 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.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, untilafter the Son of Man had risen from the dead.Mark 9:2-9

Reader:The Gospel of Christ.All:Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Message

Musical Interlude	Magnificat in G major (first stanza), Op. 41, No. 2	Guilmant
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#### 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,
- All: 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 Song** All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirsty, All who are weak, Come to the fountain. Dip your heart in the stream of life. Let the pain and the sorrow Be washed away In the waves of his mercy As deep cries out to deep.

Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Brown

#### **Prayer over the Gifts**

- Presider: Holy God, receive all we offer you this day, and bring us to that radiant glory which we see in the transfigured face 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 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: 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.

Exsultate, jubilate, O vos animae beatae, Dulcia cantica canendo, Cantui vestro respondendo, Psallant aethera cum me.

Rejoice, resound with joy, O you blessed souls, Singing sweet songs. In response to your singing, Let the heavens sing forth with me.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

Presider: Let us pray. Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. May we who are partakers of his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. We ask this in his name.

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

- Presider: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father. And may the blessing of God, Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer be with you this day and always.
- All: Amen.

#### Announcements

#### Dismissal

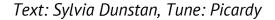
Presider:Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.All:Thanks be to God.

**Closing Hymn** Song of the Transfiguration

Transform us as you, transfigured, Stood apart on Tabor's height. Lead us up our sacred mountains, Search us with revealing light. Lift us from where we have fallen, Full of questions, filled with fright.

Transform us as you, transfigured, Once spoke with those holy ones. We, surrounded by the witness Of those saints whose work is done, Live in this world as your Body, Chosen daughters, chosen sons.

Transform us as you, transfigured, Would not stay within a shrine. Keep us from our great temptation Time and truth we quickly bind. Lead us down those daily pathways Where our love is not confined.





#### Missing fellowship with your pew mates after Sunday services? Let's get together for Zoom Coffee (half) Hour on <u>Sundays at 10:30 am</u> <u>starting this Sunday.</u>

# 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: 852 6926 8572 and password: 622495.

Presider: The Reverend Cathy Gibbs Preacher: The Reverend Canon Cheryl Palmer

> Reader: Liz Gan

Coordinator of Children & Youth Ministry: Bridget Poole

Worship Team: Nick & Liz Gan Christina Labriola, Sonya Harper Nyby

> Live Stream Production: James Finnerty

Verger: Mar Brian Mantuhac



The **February issue** of *Spiritus* is now available. Please enjoy our newsletter <u>online</u>. (christchurhdeerpark.org)



The 2020 tax receipts were mailed on Thursday February 11<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Paul Marritt at the office if you have any questions.

# — Announcements —



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**A Financial Forum (Congregational Meeting)** to review the 2020 audited financial statements and the 2021 budget. It will take place on **Sunday, Feb. 21 at 10:30 am** on Zoom. This is an important meeting as we prepare for the Vestry

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meeting on Feb. 28. Please plan to join us. Here are the Zoom coordinates (same as coffee hour). <u>Click here to log onto Zoom</u> or you can call in on your phone by calling 647-558-0588, entering the meeting ID: 852 6926 8572 and password: 622495.



## Annual Vestry Meeting – Sunday February 28, 2021 at 10:30 am on Zoom

Be there!

Known in the world outside church-land as an annual general meeting, the Annual Vestry is your meeting. It is your opportunity and obligation to voice ideas, insights and dreams and vote on motions concerning the life of our community. And that is why your presence is necessary. CCDP is your church and therefore your sense of ownership, responsibility and participation are essential for its well-being. So please come.

#### Upcoming highlights of the meeting:

- **The budget**: Help decide how we allocate our financial resources. With a large deficit anticipated for 2021, your informed ideas are needed to tackle this concern. Check out the Financial Forum on Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 am <u>on Zoom</u> for more details.
- **Committing Ourselves to Anti-Racism**: This year's diocesan vestry motion will ask us to commit ourselves to the recognition, dismantling, and elimination of Anti-Black and other forms of racism in our secular institutions, in our Church, and in ourselves, and to work for the full inclusion, participation and belongingness of Black, Indigenous and other racialized people in all sectors of our common life.
- **Elect Church Wardens**: These elected officials manage our church between vestry meetings, and it is therefore imperative that we find faithful committed members to serve in this capacity. Offer yourself for this role and/or make nominations.

Much is done at a vestry meeting to build and maintain the creativity and vitality of our parish. It is an important meeting that needs your present.



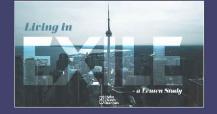
We gather together on Ash Wednesday not only to mark the day, but to start us off on a path that is already leading us to Good Friday and Easter. So let us begin this holy season of Lent together.

#### ASH WEDNESDAY AT HOME

Meditating throughout the day is one way to become focused and purpose ful 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** 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



Tuesdays 7:00-8:30pm Zoom



For almost 50 years the people of Israel lived in exile in Babylon. Exile. That place which is not home. Their lives were changed forever. Books in the Old Testament tell us their story. Where have our lives intersected with theirs? We have been living with the Coronavirus for a year now and with that, have been living in various states of isolation. We have been in exile from our friends, families, all activities familiar to us.

Our Lenten study will explore how exile might reflect the way we have been living this past year. Through the scriptures and a series of guest speakers, we will apply this concept of exile as it might affect people of colour, indigenous people, those with mental health illnesses, and those who do not have access to the Corona virus vaccine.

Dates: Tuesdays: February 23, March 2, March 9, March 16, March 23 Time: 7:00-8:30 Place: Zoom To register: send an email to Cathy Gibbs (<u>adultministries@christchurchdeerpark.org</u>) or phone her (416 454-7717)



#### Ash Wednesday

Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Enter the penitential season of Lent by attending our Ash Wednesday service on **February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm on Zoom.** You can log onto zoom to join the Ash Wednesday Service or you can call in on your phone by calling 647-558-0588, entering the meeting ID: 831 2688 1236 and password: 304229.

# ASH WEDNESDAY 2021

# - A Reflection Guide

CHECK IT OUT HERE



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# Want to be the first to know all the fun? JOIN OUR MAILING LIST!

E-mail childrenyouth@christchurchdeerpark.org to sign up!

#### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that the land on which we worship is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee (*ho-den-oh-shownee*), and Anishinabek (*ah-nish-nahbek*) 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.

## **UVISITOR 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:

#### Wednesday, February 17th – Ash Wednesday

7:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service – Zoom

#### Sunday, February 21 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

9:15 am Holy Eucharist - Live Stream

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#### 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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