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**Christ  
Church  
Deer Park**

May 30, 2021  
Trinity Sunday  
Refugee Sunday  
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.

The Welcome

Opening Hymn

Blessed Be God

Michael Connolly

Refrain

Bless-ed be God. Bless-ed be God's ho - ly name.

Bless-ed be Je - sus, the Lord, the Christ.

Bless-ed be the Spir - it, the com-fort - er.

Bless - ed be God in the an - gels and the saints.

Verses

1. You spread out the heav-ens and poured forth the seas, you  
 2. You pour out the wa - ter in clear run - ning springs which  
 3. Your moon marks the sea - sons of growth and de - cline and

trav - el on wings of the wind. The winds bring your mes-sage in  
 trav - el in streams to the sea. The moun-tains re - ply with a  
 bright-ens the dark - ness of night. Your sun brings the dawn-ing with

whis-per-ing breath and fire bright-ly glows with your word.  
 blan-ket of green and val - leys bear fruit in due time.  
 pow - er-ful light, a bea - con of life and of hope.

Text: Based on *The Divine Praises* and Psalm 103; Michael Connolly, b.1955  
 Tune: Michael Connolly, b.1955  
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## The Greeting and Collect

Officiant: 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.**

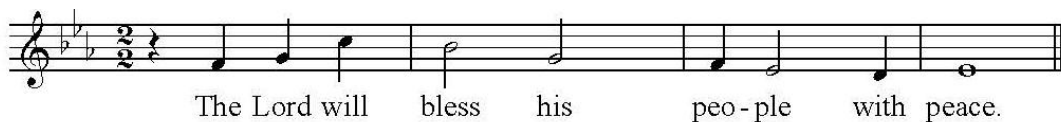
Officiant: Let us pray.

Creator God, we offer praise and thanks for the world you have made. You reveal your salvation by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Through your Holy Spirit you give us a share in your life and love. Transform us into your image, making us signs of grace and hospitality to the world around us. Fill us with the vision of your glory, that we may always serve and praise you, the one whom we worship, whose creation is beautiful, whose salvation is merciful and whose power is love and holiness: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen**

## Listening to God

### Psalm 29 The Lord Will Bless His People



Verses

1. O give the Lord, you children of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord, resplendent and holy.
2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters; the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendor.
3. The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry:  
"Glory!" the Lord sat enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits as king for ever.

Text: Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; © 1963, 1993, The Grail, GIA Publications, Inc., agent, refrain trans. © 1969, ICEL  
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## The Holy Gospel

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

*John 3:1-17*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **Message**

## **Musical Offering**

O Virtus Sapientia

*Hildegard von Bingen*

*O strength of Wisdom who, circling, circled, enclosing all in one life giving path,  
Three wings you have: One soars to the heights, one distils its essence upon the earth,  
and the third is everywhere. Praise to you, as is fitting, O Wisdom.  
(translation by Kate Quartano Brown)*

## **Affirmation of Faith**

Leader: Let us say our Affirmation of Faith together:

**All: I believe in Almighty God, who guided the people in exile and in exodus, the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon, the God of foreigners and immigrants.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean, who was born away from his people and his home, who fled his country with his parents when his life was in danger. When he returned to his own country he suffered under the oppression of Pontius Pilate, the servant of a foreign power. Jesus was persecuted, beaten, tortured and unjustly condemned to death. But on the third day Jesus rose from the dead, not as a scorned foreigner but to offer us citizenship in God's kingdom.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the eternal immigrant from God's kingdom among us, who speaks all languages, lives in all countries, and reunites all races. I believe that the Church is the secure home for foreigners and for all believers. I believe that the communion of saints begins when we embrace all God's people in all their diversity. Amen.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

*We pray for the needs of our world, the Church, and ourselves.*

Intercessor: On this Trinity Sunday we have come before you God to offer our praise and adoration. You are God the creator, giving us richly all things that we need. You are Christ the Saviour of the world, made flesh to set us free. You are the Spirit of truth and love, willing to dwell in us. You are holy and blessed. One God, eternal Trinity, be near to us and close to the world that your love brings to life. You, who are three Persons yet one God, living and reigning in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your facets and rejoice in your eternal glory. As we pray, please respond,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
 2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
 3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;

give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
 for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
 your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.

The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,  
 Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;  
 Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,

the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.  
 on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.  
 our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.

Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;  
 O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;  
 In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;

a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance; pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
 dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.  
 your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

Text: William Whitla, b. 1934  
 Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934  
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## Confession

Leader: God is gracious and merciful and knows our needs even before they reach our lips. Still, we engage in confession, admitting to God all that rests uneasily in our hearts. Confident of God's love, mercy and grace, let us make our confession:

On this day when we have been invited to hold refugees in prayer, we pray,

**All:** **Compassionate One, our society has failed you. You were a refugee, seeking safety and freedom, and we did not welcome you. You were naked and exposed, with inadequate shelter and insufficient pay, and we did not fight with you for equal rights. You were fearful of being detained or deported and we did not provide you sanctuary. We seek forgiveness for the ways we have forsaken you, and offer our thanks for the communities, people, and organizations who have extended welcome, advocated for justice; and provided sanctuary to people seeking refuge despite opposition.**

**Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives:**

**The fear that stifles us,**

**The prejudice that blinds us,**

**The ignorance that hobbles us,**

**The doubt that plagues us.**

**Help us, we pray, that we will**

**Find courage in unlikely places,**

**See the world with new and gracious eyes,**

**Move to those places where love is needed,**

**Have faith that you are with us.**

**This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*Silence*

### **Absolution**

**Officiant:** May the God of love and mercy forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

### **The Peace**

**Officiant:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All:** **And also with you.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Officiant:** 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.**

## Blessing

Officiant: May the Creator's light shine in you, and go before you, and may you reflect the peace and hope of Jesus Christ into a world that desperately needs the Spirit's presence and healing.

As you have been loved – love.

As you have been welcomed – welcome.

As you have been fed – feed.

As you have received – give.

And may the boundless love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit be always with you.

**All: Amen.**

## Announcements

### Dismissal

Officiant: Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of our Three-in-One God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Closing Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

*Nicaea*

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:

Holy, Holy, Holy! merciful and mighty,

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! all the saints adore thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide thee,

Though our sinful human gaze thy glory may not see,

Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,

Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth, and sky, and sea;

Holy, Holy, Holy! merciful and mighty,

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!



**Today we prayerfully remember the late  
Terence and Elizabeth Bredin**



Officiant:

The Reverend Canon Cheryl Palmer

Preacher:

Ali McIntosh

Intercessor:

The Reverend Cathy Gibbs

Affirmation of Faith:

Julie Scott

*(Member of the CCDP Refugee Support Committee)*

Confession:

Jennifer Roblin

*(Member of the CCDP Refugee Support Committee)*

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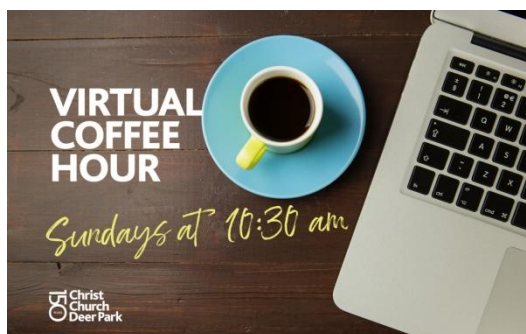
Soloists:

Kelsey Taylor

Bradley Christensen

Pre-Recording Production:

James Finnerty



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

[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.

# Refugee Sunday

mobilizing your church to stand with refugees

Three weeks ago, Bishop Asbil wrote a heartening letter to the diocese inviting us to celebrate Trinity Sunday as Refugee Sunday and encouraging us to maintain our involvement in the continued refugee crisis in our world. Thus, our liturgy this morning has reflections on this enormous world-wide human concern. I am thankful for the ministry of our Refugee Committee members, who worked tirelessly to support the two families we have sponsored. And today I also offer much gratitude to Julie Scott and Jennifer Roblin for participating in the liturgy. They keep refugee concerns in the forefront of the mind of our parish, reminding us that our work is not done. There are refugee families waiting for our involvement in their lives.

A portion of the bishop's encouragement for more refugee sponsorship is reprinted here:

*Dear Friends in Christ:*

*Over the past 18 months of the pandemic, we were told repeatedly to “stay home, stay safe” to keep ourselves and our households healthy and well. Here in Canada, we tried to stay put, to keep COVID-19 virus transmissions in check, even though it quickly became tedious and frustrating to do so. But what about those people around the world for whom staying home, even staying in one’s own country, is not an option, not the safe choice?*

*We are witnessing the highest levels of human displacement in history. According to the UN High Commission on Refugees, by mid-2020 there were 80 million forcibly displaced people worldwide – just over 1% of the world’s population, 26.3 million of whom are refugees, and about half of these are under the age of 18.*

*Canada was the first nation in the world to offer a Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program, which has allowed Canadians to offer protection and a new home to more than 327,000 refugees since its beginning in 1979. Under this program, over 120 organizations, including 14 Anglican dioceses, hold sponsorship agreements with the federal government, in which they commit to supporting refugees during the first year of their life in Canada. In 2018, Canada accounted for one-third of the world’s total refugee resettlements, the vast majority of which were resettled through the Private Sponsorship Program.*

*Studies have shown that privately sponsored refugees become self-supporting much more quickly than refugees who are solely supported by the government, due to the personal connections they make within the community. For us who follow Jesus, we are inspired to help by the fact that Jesus himself was a refugee, forced to flee to Egypt as an infant with his family when Herod sought to kill him. It's remembering that Jesus said, "I was a stranger, and you welcomed me." Taking tangible steps to live out our mission in this way can deepen our faith, bring parishes together, and build bridges between congregations and the wider community.*

*When the Syrian refugee crisis first captured the Canadian consciousness in 2015, our Diocese was quick to step up, with 80 parishes undertaking refugee sponsorships between October 2015 and May 2017. Those sponsored refugees have put down roots in Canada – working, studying, starting businesses and building our communities. We can be proud of our efforts to support these new Canadians.*

*Yet the need has not passed – indeed, it is greater than ever. This Refugee Sunday, I invite you and your parish to take the time to reflect on our call to welcome the stranger. How can you be part of this life-changing ministry?*

*Yours in Christ,  
+The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil  
Bishop of Toronto*

## — Announcements —

### Taizé Prayer Service on Zoom



"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you..." (John 14:27)  
Are you seeking contemplative peace in your life? Please join us on **Thursday, June 10 at 7 pm** for a live online Taizé prayer service through Zoom. Taizé worship is a beautiful and meditative style of Christian prayer incorporating scripture, song, and silence. This is an opportunity to enter into God's loving presence in stillness and recollection. All are welcome to participate. Please find the Zoom meeting link at <https://christchurchdeerpark.org/>.



## Trivia Night at CCDP

Join us on June 23rd at 7:00pm for a Trivia Night to gather, laugh, and learn. We are so looking forward to seeing you on zoom, and to engage in some friendly competition. Trivia questions will feature CCDP history, Bible facts, and other

Christian topics - but there will also be some popular culture questions throughout! The winner will gain bragging rights, and a title to defend. You can participate as an individual, or as a family. If you have any really good trivia questions you think we should include please send them to Ali. To register for this event email Cathy at [adultministries@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:adultministries@christchurchdeerpark.org).

A practice question to get you warmed up...

What colour does the clergy wear, and that we use to decorate the sanctuary after Trinity Sunday?

- Red
- White
- Green
- Purple



## Community Connection Groups

One of the ways CCDP parishioners have stayed in touch throughout this pandemic is being part of a Community Connection Group. Each group meets once a week on Zoom and members share what is happening in their lives and explore the Sunday sermon in more depth. Our Community Connection Groups are starting up again the week of May 9 through to June 6. You can look forward to your group leader reaching out to you to get things started. If you are not in a group and would like to be, please email Cathy Gibbs ([adultministries@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:adultministries@christchurchdeerpark.org)) or phone her (416 454-7717)



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# Children & Youth Ministry



Follow us on  
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for devos, announcements & fun!

On June 25th from 7pm-8:30pm the CCDP youth group will celebrate the end of the school year. Please join us at our regular Friday Night time for a special worship service, a celebration of completing the school year, and lots of fun and games. New youth are very welcome, and we encourage everyone to bring a friend! If you have any questions please email [amcintosh@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:amcintosh@christchurchdeerpark.org)

## 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

### Monday, May 31

4:00 pm Community Connection Group  
7:30 pm Community Connection Group

### Tuesday, June 1

10:00 am Community Connection Group  
6:30 pm Community Connection Group  
7:35 pm Community Connection Group

### Wednesday, June 2

6:30 pm Community Connection Group

### Thursday, June 3

10:00 am Community Connection Group

### Saturday, June 5

8:00 am Community Breakfast

### Sunday, June 6 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

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.

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