

September 19, 2021
Season of Creation



Holy Eucharist
9:15am



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.

Land Acknowledgement

The Welcome

Opening Hymn (*please stand*)

Lord, Reign In Me (Brown)

Over all the earth,
You reign on high,
Every mountain stream,
Every sunset sky.

But my one request,
Lord, my only aim,
Is that you reign in me again.

Lord, reign in me,
Reign in your power
Over all my dreams
In my darkest hour.
You are the Lord of all I am,
So won't you reign in me again?

Over every thought,
Over every word,
May my life reflect
The beauty of my Lord.

'Cause you mean more to me
Than any earthly thing.
So won't you reign in me again?

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.

God, maker of marvels, you weave the planet and all its creatures together in kinship; your unifying love is revealed in the interdependence of relationships in the complex world that you have made. Save us from the illusion that humankind is separate and alone, and join us in communion with all inhabitants of the universe; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who topples the dividing walls by the power of your Holy Spirit, and who lives and reigns with you, for ever and ever.

All: Amen

Reading

Reader Our first reading is from *Embers*, written by Richard Wagamese, a Canadian author of the Wabaseemoong Independent Nations, Northwest Ontario.

From our very first breath we are in relationship., With that indrawn draft of air, we become joined to everything that ever was, is and ever will be. When we exhale we forge that relationship by virtue of the act of living. Our breath commingles with all breath, and were are part of everything. That's the simple fact of things. We are born into a state of relationship and our ceremonies and rituals are guides to lead us deeper into that relationship with all things. Big lesson? Relationships never end; they just change. in believing that lies the freedom to carry compassion, empathy, kindness, love and respect into and through whatever changes. We are made more by that practice.

Psalm 104 Send Forth Your Spirit, O Lord

Warner

Refrain:

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.
Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
wrapped in a garment of glory and might,
clothed in light as in a robe. *Refrain*

Lord, my God, great are your works!
In wisdom you made them all.
Rich is the earth and filled with your life.
Bless the Lord, O bless, my soul! *Refrain*

All of your creatures look to you
to give them their food in time.
You give with abundance, they gather it up,
by your hands they have their fill. *Refrain*

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.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. *John 1: 1-5*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Message

Musical Interlude

Flute solo

Arne

The Apostles' Creed *(please stand)*

Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

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

Intercessor: Loving God we ask for the gift of your Holy Spirit to help us pray as we ought. Let us pray to the Lord, saying, Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

The Confession and Absolution

Presider: Let us confess our sin against God and God's creation.

All: Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have failed to honour you by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures. We have walked heavily on your earth, overused and wasted its resources, taken for granted its beauty and abundance, and treated its inhabitants unjustly, holding future generations hostage to our greed. Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and intend, with grateful and compassionate hearts, through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, returning you to a right relationship with all creation, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

The Peace

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

All: And also with you.

Sharing What We Have *(please be seated)*

We rejoice that God has blessed our community and we have the opportunity to give back to God and serve others in the name of Christ. Your generous support helps anchor our mission and ministry as together we navigate these turbulent times. Many of us give with weekly donation or by pre-authorized giving. And there is a place on our website to make a donation. We are grateful for all gifts however if this is your first time here today please know that you are very welcome, we are glad you are here, and there is no obligation to contribute financially.

Offertory Hymn

Life Church

Where The Spirit Of The Lord Is

Do what only you can do.
With one word the mountains move.
When You breathe, the dead arise
And the bones come back to life.
There is power in this room.

Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is life.
Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
Like a river running wild,
Like a never-ending fight,
Where the spirit of the Lord is.

It's your name that tears down walls,
And every enemy will fall.
So we will stand and we will fight,
Every wrong will be made right.
There is power in this room.

Prayer over the Gifts *(please stand)*

Presider: God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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: Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and one another to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world. When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us. When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness. You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first. Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels forever praising you and saying:

Sanctus and 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: Blessed are you, O Holy One: when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope. When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

All: Let your light shine on us, O God!

Presider: At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them. He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**All: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Presider: Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters and brothers. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

All: Let your light shine on us, O God!

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, 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: Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this bread.

All: So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Communion Solo *(please be seated)*

"With Verdure Clad," from *The Creation*

Haydn

Prayer after Communion *(please stand)*

Presider: Let us pray.
Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him.

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: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Announcements

Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

Touch the Earth Lightly

Shirley Erena Murray/Swee Hong Lim

Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,
Nourish the life of the world in our care:
Gift of great wonder, ours to surrender,
Trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

We who endanger, who create hunger,
Agents of death for all creatures that live,
We who would foster clouds of disaster--
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!

Let there be greening, birth from the burning,
Water that blesses and air that is sweet,
Health in God's garden, hope in God's children,
Regeneration that peace will complete.

God of all living, God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
Teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us,
Using us gently, and making us one.

Postlude Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him

Blake



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Coffee Hour Postponed

The good news: we are back to worshipping in person.

The bad news: we are not allowed to serve food and drink.

The coffee hour **will be on hold** until we are given permission to serve food and drinks.

If we are not allowed to host coffee hour by the fall, we will resume it on Zoom

— Announcements —



Vaccination Pastoral Letter from Bishop Andrew Asbil

Dear Friends in Christ,

Love your neighbour as yourself.

Over the past 18 months, we have seen tremendous examples of loving one's neighbour. Our frontline workers have placed themselves in harm's way from the first day of this pandemic to keep their neighbours safe. In this Diocese, our outreach ministries have found new ways to keep serving the most vulnerable members of our communities. Separated by lockdowns and physical distancing, friends and neighbours have called, Zoomed and FaceTimed to check on each other, reaching out across the street and around the world.

Love your neighbour. In reflecting on these words with the Galatians, Paul writes, "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." To the Corinthians he writes, "Let all that you do be done in love."

There is one crucial way we can love our neighbours, and that is to vaccinate ourselves against COVID-19. For the good of our whole community, we can choose to protect those who can't be vaccinated and those for whom this virus poses the greatest risk. We can protect those same front-line workers from a health care system overwhelmed by new cases.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are committed to loving our neighbours in word and deed, by our witness, and in the very structures that guide us as a Diocese. To that end, we are introducing a policy that requires clergy, diocesan employees and volunteers, and parish employees and volunteers to show proof of vaccination against COVID-19. The full policy will include more details about how we will implement this; we will make it available when it is finalized.

After much discussion, the bishops and diocesan leadership have decided not to require proof of vaccination to attend worship in an Anglican church in this Diocese. I've heard that some of you aren't comfortable returning to in-person worship alongside potentially unvaccinated people,

and I know this may disappoint you. We believe we can preserve the health and safety of our communities without denying access to worship, prayer and sacrament. We want our churches to be places where everyone can experience the breadth and length and depth and height of God's love, and we hesitate to bar our doors based on proof of vaccination.

We continue to strongly recommend vaccination for all who are able. Parishes will continue with screening questions, contact tracing and vaccine education, along with rigorous hygiene practices, masking and physical distancing. In the strongest terms possible, I dissuade anyone from knowingly putting others at risk. Before you decide to attend worship, consider how your decisions may affect the person sitting in the next pew.

We know that many parishes are continuing to provide online worship options even as they re-open their doors. If you don't yet feel safe coming to church in person, please know that you are a full and valued participant in our corporate worship if you choose to attend online, even if it is not your first preference.


I want also to mention singing. I know that many of us long to hear voices lifted together in song, and to sing our praises to God alongside friend and neighbour. I hear a yearning across the Diocese to reclaim this deep and holy expression of our faith. I must ask again for your patience. Until we know how the fourth wave of infections will materialize, with the Delta variant and students returning to school, we aren't prepared to make a change to our guidelines. This will be an ongoing conversation over the next month, and I commit to saying more on the subject in the week after Thanksgiving.

As we've seen time and again in the past 18 months, things can and will change. We will continue to follow all public health guidelines. We will tell you about any changes to our guidelines and policies as they're needed, and we will keep sending Q&A bulletins to answer your ongoing questions.

We don't make these decisions lightly, but we make them in the hope that our churches will continue to be places where we can join together safely to worship a God who calls us to love every neighbour, in every place, following the model set before us in Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,

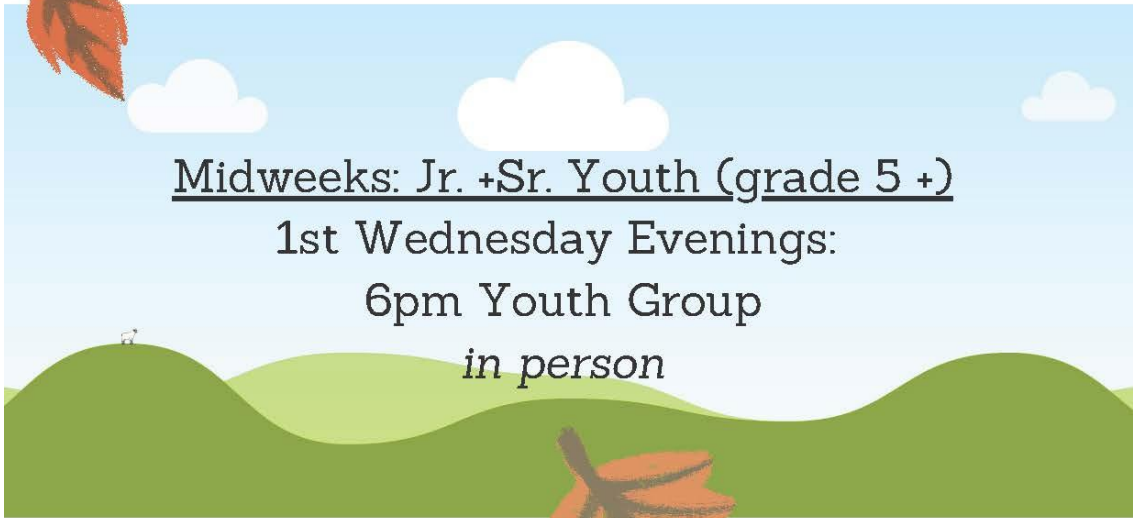
The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil
Bishop of Toronto



This fall
for
children
and youth
at CCOP

Sunday Mornings:
in person and
online:

9:15 am weekly
(grade 2-grade 6)



Midweeks: Jr. +Sr. Youth (grade 5 +)
1st Wednesday Evenings:
6pm Youth Group
in person

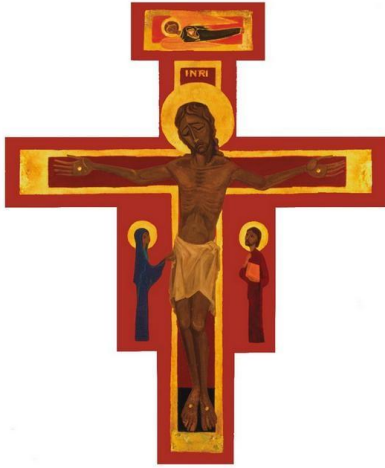
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Youth Sundays:
(grade 9+)
10 am weekly,
in person and
online

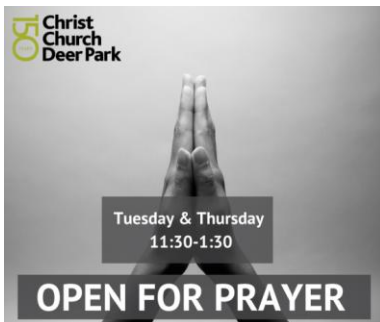
Taizé Prayer Service



"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, September 30 at 6 pm** for a Taizé prayer service, with options to participate in person or online. You may either join us outdoors on the church lawn or take part virtually 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 more information, including registration and the Zoom meeting link, at <https://christchurchdeerpark.org/>



The **September issue** of *Spiritus* is now available. Please enjoy our newsletter [online](#) or if you are attending the service in person, please pick up a copy when you leave.



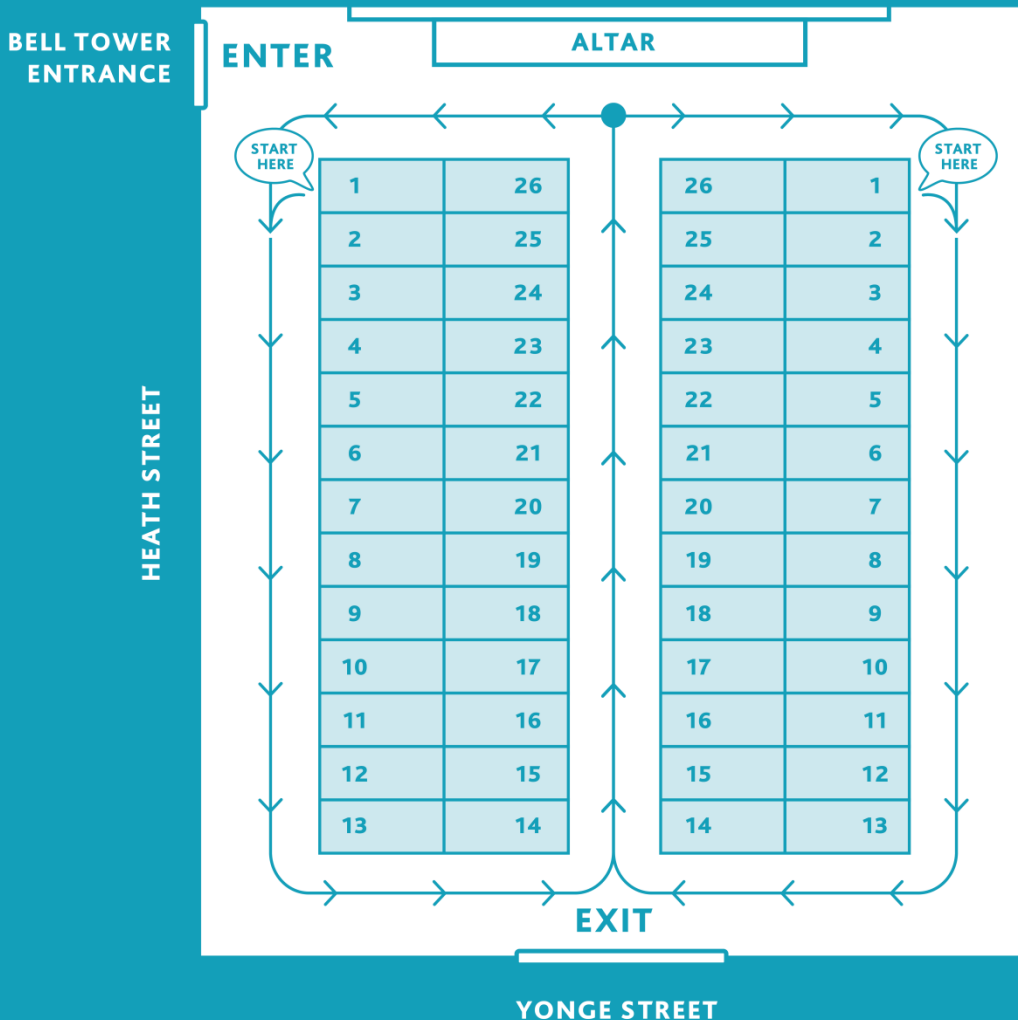
We are excited to open our doors again to our community. You are most welcome to stop by on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11:30-1:30 to pray, reflect, or be silent.

Some Reminders as we Re-open

- **Location of washrooms** (in basement in northeast part of building, down the stairs. Please follow instructions on the washroom door... one person at a time... even if there are three stalls!!)
- Those with accessibility challenges will be able to use **the accessible washroom** outside of Elliott Hall. A greeter will assist you.
- **During the Worship Service**, remain in your place except as directed, observe the Peace with smiles, words, or gestures from your place and **refrain from singing**.
- Approaching the altar during **Communion** – please see the diagram below and follow the direction of the greeters who will be slowly allowing parishioners – pew by pew – to go up for communion. Leave your mask on to receive the bread. Then step two metres away, remove your mask and consume the bread. Replace your mask and return to your pew.
- **After communion**, please follow the traffic flow arrows. Walk down the side aisles to return to your seats – always following the two metre physical distancing guidelines. Greeters will be at each aisle to assist you.
- At the conclusion of the service, please **exit as quickly as possible**, using the Yonge Street doors – still following physical distancing. Please do not gather in the vestibule or by the doors and walkways.
- For those with **mobility issues**, please wait until most of the congregation have left and greeters will then direct you to leave via the accessible Heath Street Bell Tower exit.
- If you use **offering envelopes**, please deposit your envelope on the tray as you enter or exit. There will be offering plates at both Bell Tower and Yonge Street doors.
- When you leave, please take your service leaflets, water bottles, tissues, prayer books, masks, and anything else you brought with you.

PROTOCOL FOR COMMUNION

Please follow the directions given by the sidespeople as you come forward for communion.



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:

Tuesday, September 21

11:30 am Church open for Prayer

Wednesday, September 22

7:30 am Holy Eucharist – In Person

Thursday, September 23

11:30 am Church open for Prayer

Saturday, September 25

8:00 am Community Breakfast

Sunday, September 26 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

9:15 am Holy Eucharist – In Person & Live Stream



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