



September 26, 2021  
Season of Creation  
18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
**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.

**Prelude** "Con Spirito" from *Concerto no. 3 in A Major*

Arne

## The Welcome

### Opening Hymn *(please stand)*

Revelation Song

*Hillsong*

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
Holy, holy is he.  
Sing a new song to him who sits on  
Heaven's mercy seat.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,  
Who was and is and is to come.  
With all creation I sing, praise to the King of kings.  
You are my everything and I will adore you.

Clothed in rainbows of living colour,  
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder.  
Blessing and honour, strength and glory and power be  
To you, the only wise King.

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,  
At the mention of your name.  
Jesus, your name is power, breath and living water,  
Such a marvelous mystery.

## 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.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit  
into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your  
name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen**

## Readings

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Esther

So the king and Haman went to dinner with Queen Esther. At this second dinner, while they were drinking wine the king again asked, “Queen Esther, what would you like? Half of my kingdom! Just ask and it’s yours.” Queen Esther answered, “If I have found favor in your eyes, O King, and if it please the king, give me my life, and give my people their lives. “We’ve been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed—sold to be massacred, eliminated. If we had just been sold off into slavery, I wouldn’t even have brought it up; our troubles wouldn’t have been worth bothering the king over.” King Xerxes exploded, “Who? Where is he? This is monstrous!” “An enemy. An adversary. This evil Haman,” said Esther. Haman was terror-stricken before the king and queen.

Harbona, one of the eunuchs attending the king, spoke up: “Look over there! There’s the gallows that Haman had built for Mordecai, who saved the king’s life. It’s right next to Haman’s house—seventy-five feet high!” The king said, “Hang him on it!” So Haman was hanged on the very gallows that he had built for Mordecai. And the king’s hot anger cooled.

Mordecai wrote all this down and sent copies to all the Jews in all King Xerxes’ provinces, regardless of distance, calling for an annual celebration on the fourteenth and fifteenth days of Adar as the occasion when Jews got relief from their enemies, the month in which their sorrow turned to joy, mourning somersaulted into a holiday for parties and fun and laughter, the sending and receiving of presents and of giving gifts to the poor.

*Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10, 9: 20-22*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 19: 8-11

*Refrain:* Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul;  
the Lord’s rule is to be trusted, the simple find wisdom. *Refrain*

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding forever;  
the decrees of the Lord are true, all of them just. *Refrain*

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart,  
the command of the Lord is clear, giving light to the eye. *Refrain*

They are worth more than gold, than the finest gold,  
sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. *Refrain*

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of James

Are you hurting? Pray. Do you feel great? Sing. Are you sick? Call the church leaders together to pray and anoint you with oil in the name of the Master. Believing-prayer will heal you, and Jesus will put you on your feet. And if you've sinned, you'll be forgiven—healed inside and out. Make this your common practice: Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you can live together whole and healed. The prayer of a person living right with God is something powerful to be reckoned with. Elijah, for instance, human just like us, prayed hard that it wouldn't rain, and it didn't—not a drop for three and a half years. Then he prayed that it would rain, and it did. The showers came and everything started growing again. My dear friends, if you know people who have wandered off from God's truth, don't write them off. Go after them. Get them back and you will have rescued precious lives from destruction and prevented an epidemic of wandering away from God.

*James 5: 13-20*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **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 Mark

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

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off;

it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another." *Mark 9:38-50*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

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

### **Message**

### **Musical Interlude**

Adagio, K. 356

*Mozart*

### **The Affirmation of Faith**

*(please stand)*

Presider: Let us declare our faith in God:

**All: We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who is alive in us through faith, and fills us with his love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe 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.*

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 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**

Goodness of God

*Bethel*

I love you, Lord,  
Oh, your mercy never fails me.  
All my days, I've been held in your hands.  
From the moment that I wake up,  
Until I lay my head,  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

'Cause all my life you have been faithful,  
And all my life you have been so, so good.  
With every breath that I am able  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love your voice,  
You have led me through the fire,  
And in darkest night you are close like no other.  
I've known you as a Father,  
I've known you as a friend,  
And I have lived in the goodness of God.

### **Prayer over the Gifts** *(please stand)*

Presider: Eternal God, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory. Receive the offering of your people gathered before you, and open our hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation, the same 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: 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 on 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 this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Communion Solo** *(please be seated)*

*"Esurientes implevit bonus," from Magnificat  
J.S. Bach*

*The hungry he has filled with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.*

### **Prayer after Communion** *(please stand)*

Presider: Let us pray.  
Father in heaven, strengthen the unity of your Church, so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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**

We Walk By Faith

*Alford/Haugen*

We walk by faith, and not by sight;  
No gracious words we hear  
Of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,  
But we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side,  
Nor follow where he trod,  
Yet in his promise we rejoice,  
And cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,  
And may our faith abound  
To call on you when you are near,  
And seek where you are found:

That when our life of faith is done,  
In realms of clearer light  
We may behold you as you are  
In full and endless sight.

We walk by faith, and not by sight;  
No gracious words we hear  
From him who spoke as none e'er spoke,  
But we believe him near.

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** Toccata in C

*Pachelbel*



Presider:  
The Reverend Robert Gorham

Preacher:  
The Reverend Canon Cheryl Palmer

Readers:  
Vivia Kay Kieswetter  
Sabine Scurfield

Intercessor:  
Elsa Jones

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Christina Labriola

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Julia Barber  
Juliet Histed

Musician:  
Nick Gan

Live Stream Production:  
James Finnerty

Vergers:  
Jorge Vargas

### **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



Dear Friends,

It's here! Two weeks ago, Bishop Asbil informed us that a vaccination policy for the Diocese of Toronto was about to be launched, and now it is here. The wardens and I have been informed that the policy requires all "clergy, diocesan employees, parish employees and volunteers to show proof of vaccination against COVID-19. [This applies to] every bishop, priest, deacon, and lay person under the jurisdiction of the Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Toronto engaged as an office holder, employee, service provider or volunteer."

The policy will be effective as of **September 30, 2021**. Therefore, any employee, member of the clergy or volunteer who does ministry on our premises must show proof of being vaccinated with two doses of a vaccine or combination of vaccines approved by Health Canada, with the second dose having been administered at least two weeks prior to the in-person attendance.

How does this affect parishioners? Simply. If you do **anything** at Christ Church Deer Park (read in church, lead prayers, pour a cup of coffee, bake a scone, arrange flowers, serve breakfast, sing in the choir, sit on a committee, teach Church School, participate in a bible study, pick up collection... any ministry whatsoever), you will need to show proof of vaccination to continue your participation in the ministry. The people who are exempt from showing proof of vaccination are those who attend worship only, they are not involved in **any** ministry.

The implementation of this policy is the responsibility of our two wardens, Andrew van Nostrand and Katherine MacDonald. They will be the people to whom you **show** proof of vaccination. They will not need a copy. The wardens simply have to see it and therefore confirm that you are fully vaccinated. However, because they are not present every time a member walks through the door to sort rummage or wash the altar linens or attend a meeting, the proof of vaccination is being collected at a specific time from everyone. They will record and keep that information in a place that is only accessible to them. To that end, you will be invited to attend one of two Zoom meetings next week, to show your vaccination certificate to Katherine and Andrew. This will take mere seconds. We hope to cover all our volunteers over a two-day period.

Your ministry is valued at Christ Church, and I therefore hope you will join us next week to show your proof of vaccination.

The full policy is now available on the [diocesan website](#)

*Cheryl L. Palmer*

# Announcements

## Taizé Prayer Service



We are pleased to announce that Christ Church Deer Park is collaborating with the nearby Church of the Transfiguration to bring the beautiful style of Taize worship to more people. Parishioners from Transfiguration will be joining our Taize services either online or in-person outdoors as they feel comfortable, and their priest Reverend Michael Perry will lead a contemplative bible reflection after the service inspired by the Brothers of the Taize community in France. Michael spent time living at the Taize community, and we are grateful to be able to learn from his experience leading this form of worship. We are thrilled to be

working together with Transfiguration in this way! Please join us on **September 30th at 6pm** as we begin this partnership. To register to attend either in person or online please visit our website: <https://christchurchdeerpark.org/>

**Christ Church Deer Park**  
YEARS

## Blessing of the Animals

Bring your furry, scaly, or feathered friends for an outdoor blessing of health and wellbeing in celebration of **St. Francis Assisi**, the patron saint of animals.

Pets and owners of all religious backgrounds are welcome!

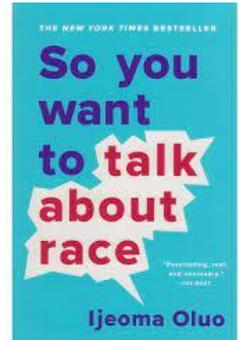
### October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4pm

Location: Outside Christ Church Deer Park, on the West Lawn, Heath Street

Join us for our annual Blessing of the Animals service. At CCDP we welcome all creatures great and small in a service devoted to our beloved pets! Whoever said animals can't go to church? Bring your pet for a blessing and meet some animal lovers too! Pets and owners of all religious backgrounds are invited so we hope you will invite your friends. If your pet can't make it, you can bring a picture to be blessed instead.

## CCDP Book Study So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo

Our book study will take place via Zoom on Tuesday September 28 and Tuesday October 5, 7:00pm-8:00pm and is open to everyone. There are still some books available if you would like to participate. Please connect with Paul Marritt in the front office to arrange book pick up. We would love to have you join us. To register please send an email to Cathy Gibbs [adultministries@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:adultministries@christchurchdeerpark.org)



**This fall  
for  
children  
and youth  
at CCDP**

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*

For More Info:  
  
Contact:  
Vivia Kay  
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**Youth Sundays:**  
(grade 9+)  
10 am weekly,  
in person and  
online



## A Walking Meditation Using Our Senses

### Staying Connected With the Holy

The next time you go for a walk in your community, consider looking for the following;

- 5 things you can see... and give thanks
- 4 things you can hear... and give thanks
- 3 things you can touch... and give thanks
- 2 things you can smell... and give thanks
- 1 thing you can taste... and give thanks

#### A PRAYER FOR THE SENSES

May the touch of your skin  
Register the beauty  
Of the otherness  
That surrounds you.

May your listening be attuned  
To the deeper silence  
Where sound is honed  
To bring distance home.

May the fragrance  
Of a breathing meadow  
Refresh your heart  
And remind you you are  
A child of the earth.

And when you partake  
Of food and drink,  
May your taste quicken  
To the gift and sweetness  
That flows from the earth.

May your inner eye  
See through the surfaces  
And glean the real presence  
Of everything that meets you.

May your soul beautify  
The desire of your eyes  
That you might glimpse  
The infinity that hides  
In the simple sights  
That seem worn  
To your usual eyes.

John O'Donahue, *from his book of blessings "To Bless the Space Between Us"*

## 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 28

11:30 am Church open for Prayer

### Wednesday, September 29

7:30 am Holy Eucharist – In Person

### Thursday, September 30

11:30 am Church open for Prayer

6:00 pm Taizé Prayer Service on Outside & Zoom

### Saturday, October 2

8:00 am Community Breakfast

### Sunday, October 3 – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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

4:00 pm Blessing of the Animals-Outside



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