

Christ Church Deer Park

December 26, 2021
1st Sunday after Christmas
Christmas Carol Service
9:15 am



WELCOME !

We are glad that you can
celebrate Christmas with us!

At Christ Church Deer Park 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 in as we celebrate
Christmas together.



Opening Hymn

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Regent Square

Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
you who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
come and worship, come and worship
worship Christ, the new-born King.

Shepherds in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant Light:
come and worship, come and worship
worship Christ, the new-born King.

Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations;
you have seen his natal star:
come and worship, come and worship
worship Christ, the new-born King.

Though an infant now we view him,
he shall fill the eternal throne,
gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down:
come and worship, come and worship
worship Christ, the new-born King.

Bidding Prayer

Officiant Dear People of God: In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world, especially in this fearful and trying time of a pandemic, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which Christ died, and especially for the Church in our country and in this city.

And because God particularly loves them, let us remember the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know the love of God.

Finally, let us remember before God, Blessed Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

And now let us pray in the words which Christ taught us:

People

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as
we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the
power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

1st Reading – Isaiah 9.2-7

Isaiah foretells Christ's birth and kingdom

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has

been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer Let us pray.
God of all creation, through the ages you have called your people from darkness into light, making their gladness greater and their joy increase. As we celebrate a Child born for us, a Son given to us, make the light of Christ bright in our own hearts that we may once more bring peace and reconciliation to our families, our communities, and to our world. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Carol Coventry Carol

Lullay, thou little tiny child
Sleep well, lully, lullay
And smile in dreaming, little one
Sleep well, lully, lullay

Oh sisters two, what may we do
To preserve on this day
This poor youngling for whom we sing
Sleep well, lully, lullay
Farewell, lully, lullay

Herod the king in his raging
Set forth upon this day
By his decree, no life spare thee
All children young to slay
All children young to slay

Then woe is me, poor child, for thee
And ever mourn and say
For thy parting, neither say nor sing
Farewell, lully, lullay
Farewell, lully, lullay

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer Let us pray.
Gracious God, opening her heart to the power of your Holy Spirit, the Virgin Mary was covered with your shadow and she conceived a child most holy, and he was called Son of God. Open our hearts this Christmas time to the presence of your Spirit working in us that we may rejoice in your favour, and bring again the Christ-child into our world. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Carol Mary, Did You Know
Mary, did you know
that your Baby Boy would one day walk on water?
Mary, did you know
that your Baby Boy would save our sons and daughters?
Did you know
that your Baby Boy has come to make you new?
This Child that you delivered will soon deliver you.

Mary, did you know
that your Baby Boy will give sight to a blind man?
Mary, did you know
that your Baby Boy will calm the storm with His hand?
Did you know
that your Baby Boy has walked where angels trod?
When you kiss your little Baby you kissed the face of God?

Mary did you know.

The blind will see.
The deaf will hear.
The dead will live again.
The lame will leap.
The dumb will speak
The praises of The Lamb.

Mary, did you know
that your Baby Boy is Lord of all creation?
Mary, did you know
that your Baby Boy would one day rule the nations?
Did you know
that your Baby Boy is heaven's perfect Lamb?
The sleeping Child you're holding is the Great, I Am.

3rd Reading – St. Luke 2. 1-7

Joseph and Mary go to Bethlehem, where the child is born

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer

Let us pray.

Creator of the human family, Jesus, your Son, was of David's royal house and line yet there was no room for him at the inn, and he was laid in a manger with the ox and ass as company. In our celebrations this Christmas, let us not forget the poor and the lonely, the homeless and those fleeing poverty and persecution and, in thought and deed, share our riches with them. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Carol

In the Bleak Midwinter

Darke

In the bleak midwinter frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign;
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have traveled there,
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
But only his mother, in her maiden bliss,
Worshipped the Beloved with a kiss.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would give a lamb,
If I were a wise man I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give Him – give my heart.

4th Reading***Spread the Word: A Shepherd's Christmas Story***

The stars shone bright one silent night
when shepherds saw a brilliant light.
They heard the angels sing their song,
"The Lord, the Saviour has been born.
In swaddling clothes you'll find the babe
within a manger filled with hay."

The angels sang:

"Spread the word, rejoice, and sing. Christ is born, the King of Kings.

Spread the word. Give thanks and praise. Christ is born this Christmas Day."

On hearing news that Christ was born,
the shepherds traveled into town.

They found the babe who was foretold
inside a stable to behold.

They knelt and prayed before the child
and gazed in awe and then they smiled
when angels sang:

"Spread the word, rejoice, and sing. Christ is born, the King of Kings.
Spread the word. Give thanks and praise. Christ is born this Christmas Day."

Then Mary heard what they were told
that night by angels in the cold.

They spoke of light and heaven's song.

They spoke of searching for the One.

Then Mary pondered all these things.

Her child was Lord, the King of Kings.

The angels sang:

"Spread the word, rejoice, and sing. Christ is born, the King of Kings.
Spread the word. Give thanks and praise. Christ is born this Christmas Day."

Then they returned to watch their fields.

Their lives were changed, a message revealed.

Go spread the word of all you've seen,
that Christ is born, the Savior King.

Go spread the word. Give thanks and praise.

Go spread the love this Christmas Day.

The angels sang:

"Spread the word, rejoice, and sing. Christ is born, the King of Kings.
Spread the word. Give thanks and praise. Christ is born this Christmas Day".

by Marcia A. Newton

Prayer

Let us pray.

Holy God, you sent angels to the shepherds as they watched their flocks by night, bringing them news of great joy: a Saviour born to us, who is Christ the Lord. May we not be afraid to share with all whom we meet the good news of your salvation, peace and God's favour for everyone who hears it and ponders it in their heart. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Winchester Old

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down
and glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he, for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind;
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and humankind.

"To you, in David's town, this day
is born of David's line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign:

"the heavenly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
and in a manger laid."

Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song:

All glory be to God on high
and on earth be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven to me
begin and never cease."

5th Reading – St Matthew 2: 7-12***The Wise Men are led by the Star***

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the

house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer Let us pray.
Eternal God, our guiding light, the Wise Men saw the star as it rose and it filled them with delight; and they came to do the Christ-child homage offering him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh from their treasures. May we follow your signs and wonders in our everyday world, as they reveal the presence of Christ to us in those around us. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Anthem Quelle Est Cette Odeur *Rutter*

Whence is the goodly fragrance flowing,
Stealing our senses all away,
never the like did come a-blowing,
Shepherds, in flow'ry fields of May,
Whence is that goodly fragrance flowing,
Stealing our senses all away.

What is that light so brilliant, breaking
Here in the night across our eyes.
Never so bright, the day-star waking,
Started to climb the morning skies!
What is that light so brilliant, breaking,
Here in the night across our eyes.

Bethlehem! there in manger lying,
Find your Redeemer haste away,
Run ye with eager footsteps vieing!
Worship the Saviour born today.
Bethlehem! there in manger lying,
Find your Redeemer haste away.

The Holy Gospel – St John 1.1-14

The Word made Flesh

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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

People 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.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

6th Reading –Poem

Baby Crying

Godfrey Rust

The scene is familiar. A baby is sleeping.
His mother's worn out. It's been a hard day.
A few hours before she was groaning and weeping,
just a child, giving birth in the usual way.

The place doesn't matter, except it's not cosy
the way that the prettiest Christmas cards say,
with kings humbly kneeling, the stable all rosy,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Forget the carol constructed so neatly—

the cattle are lowing, the baby awakes.

Forget the Sunday school singing so sweetly

that *little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.*

The baby is crying. The baby is human

and the baby is God and he cries with the shock.

He cries for the keys to his coming kingdom.

He cries for the devil who first picked the lock.

He cries for the mother whose heart will be broken.

He cries for the children that Herod will find.

He cries for the father whose fears are unspoken

but for ever will prey on his uncertain mind.

He cries for food in a land ploughed by famine.

He cries for freedom behind a barred door.

He cries for a judge who will come and examine

the reasons for sin and the causes of war.

He cries for the rich, who on hearing him crying

lean over and say *There now, give us a smile!*

He cries for the camps full of refugees dying—

his tears are the Congo, the Tigris, the Nile.

He cries for all pharisees, each of us giving

the reasons why sadly we have to refuse.

He cries out for Lazarus, both dead and living.

He cries for two thousand years of excuse

and our patience is thin as a sliver of glass

as we fear that his crying will never die down:

it slithers through time as a snake slips through grass—

he would cry us an ocean in which we might drown.

He cries for the strength that he needs to prepare him

to learn obedience in thirty long years.

Good Friday will come. Death will not spare him:

the world will at last be baptised with his tears.

His crying at night is his effort to waken

the sleeping and dead whom he came to live through.

He cries to the God who must leave him forsaken.
He cries out to me. He cries out to you.

Carol

Puer Nobis

Unto us a boy is born!
The King of all creation,
Came he to a world forlorn,
The Lord of ev'ry nation.

Cradled in a stall was he
With sleepy cows and asses;
But the very beasts could see
That he the world surpasses.

Herod then with fear was filled:
"A prince," he said, "in Jewry!"
And all the little boys he killed
At Bethl'hem in his fury.

Now may Mary's son, who came
So long ago to love us,
Lead us all with hearts aflame
Unto the joys above us.

Omega and Alpha he
Let the organ thunder,
While the choir with peals of glee
Doth rend the air asunder.

Blessing

Officiant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

When he came to us as a man, the Son of God scattered the darkness of this world, and filled this holy night with his glory. May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and brighten our hearts with holiness. **Amen.**

God sent his angels to shepherds to herald the great joy of our Saviour's birth. May he fill us with joy and make us heralds of his gospel. **Amen.**

When the Word became flesh, earth was joined to heaven. May he give you his peace and good will, and fellowship with all the heavenly host. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ, announcing the good news of Jesus' birth.
Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

Good Christians All, Rejoice

In Dulci Jubilo

Good Christians, all rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
listen now to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today,
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today; Christ is born today.

Good Christians, all rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Hear the news of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this.
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this; Christ was born for this.

Good Christians, all rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now you need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save,
comes at his most gracious call to find salvation, one and all.
Christ was born to save; Christ was born to save.

Postlude Noël Étranger

Daquin



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Music Leadership at CCDP

Ours is a parish that values a vast array of music. Whether traditional, contemporary, or jazz, the liturgical music of Christ Church enriches the faith of many of us, as well as draws in newcomers. Thus, every effort is made to offer engaging and uplifting music. None of this occurs without the leadership of a good and strong musician.

CCDP has been fortunate to have gifted musicians leading our choir over the years. However, since September of 2020 when Matthew Otto left, we have had a number of Interim Directors of Music. With the pandemic in full force and the choir “working from home”, we have not launched a search for a permanent Director of Music. This will soon change. In the new year the Management Team will strike a search committee for a new organist and Director of Music who we hope will be able to begin soon after Easter.

In the meantime, we have engaged a new Interim Director of Music, who will be with us until Easter. Nicholas Wanstall is a young, new graduate with a lot of enthusiasm and eagerness, who is keen to get started working at CCDP. I am thankful we have this opportunity to have Nicholas with us, because we have a role (as a strong musical parish) to raise up and encourage vibrant, new vocations. In nurturing his ministry as a young organist, we can offer a gift to the wider church.



Born in 1999 in Toronto, Ontario, Nicholas began taking piano lessons at a very young age with his grandmother, Arden Broadhurst. He started singing in the Bach Children's Chorus during grade school, and this sparked his passion for choral music. In Grade 7 Nicholas began his studies at St. Michael's Choir School in downtown Toronto where he developed a love for and knowledge of sacred choral repertoire. During his time at the Choir School, Nicholas also learned to play the pipe organ under the direction of his first organ teacher, Peter Daly.

After high school, Nicholas continued his studies at the University of Toronto, Faculty of Music, completing a bachelor's degree in Organ Performance with a minor in Composition. He studied organ with John Tuttle and composition with Roger Bergs, two fantastic musicians and educators. Nicholas now works professionally as an organist, pianist, singer, conductor, composer, arranger, and as an audio and video editor.

The 10:30 Service is Back!

On January 9th we will re-launch our 10:30am service, in addition to the existing 9:15am. At the 10:30am liturgy, proof of double vaccination will be required. Bishop Asbil is allowing us to institute such a liturgy in order to include and encourage everyone to attend worship, including the immune-compromised. Masks and contact tracing will still be in effect. However, in order to launch this service, we will need volunteers to help check vaccine verifications each Sunday. If you are able to help with this, please contact the office (info@christchurchdeerpark.org) or any of our wardens. No proof of vaccination is needed to attend church at 9:15am.

With a “vaccine verification service” at 10:30am, we look forward to seeing many more of you in attendance each Sunday. An added feature of the first rebooted service will be the introduction of our new interim Director of Music. Come out to meet and welcome him.



Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house, not a creature was stirring except for... Mrs. Claus, who was trying to find the wrapping paper, and the ribbon, and all she could see in that cupboard, (you know which one) were items that should be in the CCDP Reimagine Rummage Sale!

We are ready to accept donations. Please bring your gently used items to the heath street office entrance of the church on any of the following dates:

-January 8th 12-4pm.

-January 22nd 12-4pm.

-February 12th 12-4pm

And don't forget to save the date for our rummage sale on **April 23rd, 2022.**

The Reimagine Rummage team thanks you for your support!



Truth and Reconciliation Working Group

The Huron Carol is a well-known Canadian Christmas carol which presents the birth of Jesus from an Indigenous perspective. However, the English lyrics we know do not reflect Huron-Wendat spirituality and in fact the term 'Gitchi Manitou' is actually Algonquian, not Wendat at all. While some Wendat people find the song offensive, others continue to sing the original version, which was written in Wendat and reflects traditional Huron-Wendat worldviews much more than the English version does. For more on the history of the carol, see this article: <https://broadview.org/the-complex-history-of-the-huron-carol/>.

Got kids with big questions? We welcome them!

- Our youth aged 10-17 gather on Sunday mornings from 9:15- 10:15.
- Be part of a welcoming, encouraging, and supportive group of amazing kids!
- email our Children and Youth Coordinator Vivian Kay Kieswetter for more information and for a zoom link at:

vkay@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:

Saturday, January 1

8:00 am Community Breakfast

Sunday, January 2 – The Epiphany of the Lord

9:15 am



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