

# Christ Church Deer Park

December 24, 2021  
Christmas Eve  
**Holy Eucharist**  
9:00 pm

## **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.



**Prelude** All my Heart this Night Rejoices

*Piet Post*

**Welcome & Gathering**

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

**Opening Hymn**

*(please stand)*

O Come All Ye Faithful

*Adeste Fideles*

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem;  
come and behold him, born the King of angels;

***Refrain:***

O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light,  
lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;  
very God, begotten not created: *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
glory to God, glory in the highest: *Refrain*

**Prayer at the Crèche**

Presider: Dear Friends, as we meet to celebrate the birth of Christ, let us pray  
that God will bless this crèche.

Gracious God, on this day  
your Son Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary  
for us and for our salvation: bless this crèche,  
which we have prepared to celebrate that holy birth;  
may all who see it be strengthened in faith  
and receive the fullness of life he came to bring,  
who is alive and reigns for ever.

**All: Amen.**

**Gloria**

Glory, in the Highest Glory

*Psalm 42*

Glory, in the highest glory, peace to all, in all their days.  
Worship, thanks, and praise unceasing to the source of all we raise:  
reigning in the sapphire height, hidden for our mortal sight,  
now receive our adoration, as we make our supplication.

Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, Lamb of God, for sinners given,  
Word eternal, born of Mary, Word made flesh, the face of heaven:  
holy one, to you we pray, hear us in the realms of day,  
with the Spirit there united, and the God head high exalted.

**The Collect of the Day**

Presider: Let us pray.  
Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen**

**Listening to God***(please be seated)*

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

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 Counsellor, 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. *Isaiah 9:2-7*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Torches, torches, run with torches  
 All the way to Bethlehem!  
 Christ is born and now lies sleeping;  
 Come and sing your song to Him!  
 Torches, torches, run with torches  
 All the way to Bethlehem!  
 Christ is born and now lies sleeping;  
 Come and sing your song to Him!*

*Ah, Roro, Roro, my baby  
 Ah, Roro, my love, Roro;  
 Sleep you well, my heart's own darling  
 While we sing you our Rorro*

*Sing, my friends, and make you merry  
 Joy and mirth and joy again;  
 Lo, He lives, the King of heaven  
 Now and evermore. Amen*

*Lo, He lives, the King of heaven  
 Now and ever, evermore. Amen*

## The Holy Gospel

*(please stand)*

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

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

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. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an

angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. *Luke 2: 1-20*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Homily**

*(please be seated)*

**Musical Interlude**

What Child is This

*Greensleeves*

**The Nicene Creed**

*(please stand)*

Presider: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

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

Leader: In peace, let us respond to *God of Hope* saying **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, especially in this Christmas season. Your generous support helps anchor our mission and ministry as together we navigate these turbulent times, and there is a place on our website to make a donation. We are grateful for all gifts.*

### **Offertory Hymn**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

*Forest Green*

O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary;  
and, gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King,  
and peace to all on earth.

How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous Gift is given  
as love imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of God's heaven!  
No ear may hear his coming  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still  
the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in;  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel.

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

*(please stand)*

Presider: Source of light and gladness, accept all we offer on this joyful feast. May we grow into him who unites our lives to yours; for he is Lord now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

## Celebrating the Eucharist

### The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the mystery of his incarnation was made perfect man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; in him we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory. Therefore with all the angels of heaven, we lift our voices and sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

### Sanctus & Benedictus

*Babin*

*Choir: 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: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the 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." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All: we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**



Presider: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**All: Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

**All: 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**

Breaking of the Bread

Presider: We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**All: God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Music During Communion**

*(please be seated)*

Anthem Nativity Carol

*Rutter*

*Born in a stable so bare,  
Born so long ago.  
Born 'neath light of star  
He who loved us so.  
Far away, silent he lay,*

*Born today, your homage pay.  
For Christ is born for aye,  
Born on Christmas Day.  
Cradled by mother so fair,  
Tender her lullaby.  
Over her son so dear,  
Angel hosts fill the sky.  
Far away, silent he lay,  
Born today, your homage pay.  
For Christ is born for aye,  
Born on Christmas Day.*

*Wise men from distant far land,  
Sheperds from starry hills.  
Worship this babe so rare,  
Hearts with his warmth he fills.  
Far away, silent he lay,  
Born today, your homage pay.  
For Christ is born for aye,  
Born on Christmas Day.*

*Love in that stable was born  
Into our hearts to flow  
Innocent dreaming babe  
Make me thy love to know  
Far away, silent he lay  
Born today, your homage pay  
For Christ is born for aye  
Born on Christmas Day*

**Prayer after Communion**

*(please stand)*

Presider: Let us pray.

Father of all, tonight you have united earth and heaven in sending your son to take our human nature. May who have tasted heavenly things share in the life of his eternal kingdom. 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**

### **The Blessing**

**Presider:**    May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the magi, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ Child be yours this Christmas; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

**All:**            **Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

**Priest:**        Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, Alleluia!

**All:**            **Thanks be to God, Alleluia!**

### **Closing Hymn**

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

*Mendelssohn*

Hark, the herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled".  
Joyful, all ye nations rise join the triumph of the skies.  
With the angelic host proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail the incarnate Deity.  
Pleased as one of us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

**Postlude**      Noel Suisse

*Daquin*



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# Announcements

## CHRISTMAS 2021

AT CHRIST CHURCH DEER PARK



UPDATED SCHEDULE as of December 22

**CHRISTMAS EVE – DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 pm **ONLINE on ZOOM**

A Christmas Service with Pageant, for young families. Register online at [www.christchurchdeerpark.org](http://www.christchurchdeerpark.org) and join in via Zoom.

9:00 pm **IN-PERSON & LIVE STREAMED**

A traditional Christmas Eve Liturgy with Choir, Carols and Communion. Vaccine certification with identification required. Reserve your free ticket online.

**CHRISTMAS DAY – DECEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am **ONLINE on ZOOM**

Begin your Christmas Day with a liturgy of Carols with the Christmas Story and Sermon. Join in via Zoom.

**BOXING DAY – DECEMBER 26<sup>th</sup>**

9:15 am **ONLINE on ZOOM**


Online Christmas Carol Service. Join in via Zoom.

**PLEASE NOTE!**

Vaccine certification with identification required for the in-person service. Limited space available. Reserve your **free ticket** online.

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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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 'Gitche 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](mailto:vkay@christchurchdeerpark.org)







Our light has come, the true light which enlightens everyone is here, and it shines in the darkness of our lives, and the darkness will not overcome it. Unto us a child is born, and the cry of that babe is our sign of hope.

A joyous and blessed Christmas and a hope-filled New Year to you and all whom you love.

## 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.



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### Friday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

- 4:00 pm Young Family Christmas Eve  
Service with Pageant - Zoom
- 9:00 pm Christmas Eve Service – In person  
& Live Stream

### Saturday, December 25 – Christmas Day

- 8:00 am Community Breakfast
- 9:00 am Christmas Day Service-Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3936684248?pwd=OUd6a0ZuNk55dEZ3WExWQ2s1MmRaQT09>

### Sunday, December 26 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas

- 9:15 am Christmas Carol Service – Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3936684248?pwd=OUd6a0ZuNk55dEZ3WExWQ2s1MmRaQT09>

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