

November 15, 2020 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Contemporary Communion at 9:15 am









## WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH DEER PARK

We are so glad to have you worship with us!

We are a growing, diverse, and energetic faith community learning to follow Jesus together.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are invited to join us.

## Opening Music:

### **Welcome & Gathering** (please stand)

We gather as a community, meeting God and each other

#### **Prayer of the Day** (standing)

All:

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

**Listening to God** (seated)

Reading: Matthew 25: 14-30

Jesus said, "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message (seated)

Music God of Justice Hughes

What We Believe: (standing)

Leader: Do you believe and trust in God the Father,

source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

People: We believe and trust in him.

Leader: Do you believe and trust in God the Son,

who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

People: We believe and trust in him.

Leader: Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,

who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

People: **We believe and trust in him.**Leader: This is the faith of the Church.

People: This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father,

Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Prayers of the People: (seated)

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

Leader: As we gather in God's presence, let us pray to the Lord, saying, God of love, hear our

prayer.

**The Confession**: (seated)

As we approach God's Table, we confess the ways we have not loved God and

others.

All: We confess to you, Heavenly Father,

how unlike you we are in our attitudes and actions. We strive for recognition and acclaim from others.

We look out for our own needs and concerns, from time to time

failing to care for others except when it serves our own purposes.

Forgive us our sins and renew our hearts.

Show us how we can only achieve greatness

and gain our lives by giving them away.

Work in us the power of your Holy Spirit so we become more like you and so bring glory to our Father in heaven.
This we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

## **Prayer of Pardon:**

Merciful God,

grant to your faithful people pardon and peace;

that we may be cleansed from all our sins

and serve you with a quiet mind;

through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen

## **Sharing What We Have**

As a community of faith, we are learning to give sacrificially and proportionately. As we do this, we live into God's abundance for us. Many of us give regularly by envelope or pre-authorized giving.

## **Celebrating Communion**

Presider: The Lord is here.

All: His Spirit is with us.

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 thanks and praise.

Presider: It is indeed right, to give you, our Father,

thanks and praise through Jesus.

For he is your living Word; through him

you have created all things from the beginning,

and formed us in your own image.

All: To you be glory and praise for ever.

Presider: On the night that he was betrayed,

Jesus took bread and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

All: To you be glory and praise for ever.

Presider: In the same way, after supper he took the cup

and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

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.

Do this, as often as you drink it,

in remembrance of me.

All: To you be glory and praise for ever.

Presider: Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts.

Inspire us with your love and

unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: To you be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer** (standing)

Presider: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

## The 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.

Thanks be to God. All:

#### **Music During Communion He Knows My Name**

Walker

## **Sending Us Out**

Presider: Father, may we who have received this communion

live in the unity of your Holy Spirit,

that we may show forth his gifts to all the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

Dismissal (respond with: Thanks be to God!)

Presider: The Reverend Canon Cheryl Palmer Preacher: The Reverend Cathy Gibbs Worship Team: Cara Halpin, Nick Gan, Liz Gan Coordinator of Children & Youth Ministry: Bridget Poole Reader: Annie Scurfield

Flowers: Nina Overbury

The flowers are given in loving memory of Leo & Edith Jackson, Genevieve & Bill Chornenki Edwin (Ted) & Elizabeth (Ebie) Dunbar **Gordon & Eva Ince Joan Cork** 

## Announcements ——



### Restrictions affect churches in Toronto and Peel Region:

The City of Toronto and Peel Region have announced stricter measures to decrease the risk of COVID-19 transmission. For more information on the new restrictions in those communities, visit the <u>City of Toronto website</u> and the <u>Region of Peel website</u>.

As a result of these government restrictions, all churches in Toronto and Peel Region that choose to stay open must reduce their gathered worship capacity to 30% with social distancing, or 50 people, whichever is less. (For the rest of the Diocese, it is 30% capacity or 50 people, whichever is greater.) No gathering for worship in Toronto or Peel Region should exceed 50 people at one time. Other than gathering for worship, no other in-person gatherings for any reason are permitted (eg., Bible study, youth group, advisory board, etc.) in Toronto or Peel Region. Parish staff are encouraged to work from home in Toronto and Peel Region and only essential visitors whose presence is required to the functioning of the workplace should attend offices/facilities.

The Diocese of Toronto's position is clear: If the government or health authority requires churches to close, we will do so. Until required to close, however, we believe that strictly adhering to our <a href="Mailto:Amber Stage guidelines">Amber Stage guidelines</a> is safe. Our guidelines have been vetted, indeed commended, by Public Health. There are no reports that churches have been sites of transmission in our Diocese. Having said that, parishes may choose to close to public worship if that is the right decision for their community. Speak to your bishop.

Churches may feel more comfortable worshipping with said Morning Prayer rather than the Eucharist. (Again, we emphasize that we believe our protocols for administering the Eucharist are safe, and there is no indication that celebrating the Eucharist using our guidelines has been a cause of virus transmission.) Providing opportunities for online worship is encouraged. All parishes in the Diocese of Toronto may choose to close or to reduce their gathering limits voluntarily out of an abundance of caution. Speak with your regional dean or bishop.

We will continue to monitor the situation and will provide updates as necessary.

Yours in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil Bishop of Toronto

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## **Faith Communities in a Time of Crisis**



Given a constant flood of alarming news in the wake of the pandemic, how are faith communities responding to the most complex crisis of our times? How do congregations cope when even traditional forms of worship and pastoral care come under Covid-19 restrictions? That is a discussion Cheryl Palmer will take part in when she joins an upcoming inter-church panel to be streamed online on "Faith, Community, Resilience and COVID" on November 19, 2020. Also taking part in the conversation will be The Rev. Will Ingram of St. Andrews (Presbyterian)

Church, and The Rev. Dale Rose of Yorkminister Park Baptist Church, along with moderator and broadcaster Brian Stewart.

Faith communities have adapted to every kind of crisis over thousands of years and Covid-19 clearly demands new approaches to the ancient mission of ministry and caring. Part of the "Heart of the City Speakers Series" at St. Andrews Church, King Street, the discussion will explore innovations taken, bold steps needed, and emerging questions that are arising as congregations seek to meet the challenges of this time.

Please join us for this COVID Safe Community event at 7pm on Thursday, November 19 by clicking here: <a href="https://standrewstoronto.org/events/heart-of-the-city-speakers-series/">https://standrewstoronto.org/events/heart-of-the-city-speakers-series/</a>

We hope you will watch this conversation among church leaders who are doing ministry in a time of crisis.



## Journeying the Way: An Advent Study Course

We have all been doing a lot of waiting for the last 8 months. It has not been easy. We know waiting is more palatable when we do it together and CCDP is a good community to spend time with as we wait for the city to open up again.

Advent is the Christian season of waiting. We are about to start waiting for the birth of our Lord. And again, it is better to wait together. Please join us for our Advent Study Course, "Journeying the Way." We will explore our journey of faith through the lens of friendship, community, and the world.

When: Tuesdays, December 1, 8, 15, 22

Time: 7:00-8:30 Where: on Zoom

Registration: Please email Cathy Gibbs at adultministries@christchurchdeerpark.org or phone

Cathy at 416 454-7717



The NOVEMBER Food of the Month donation is CANS OF BEANS AND SAUCE. Egg cartons are also needed at this time.



## Sacrificial Giving

"You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price."

1 Corinthians 6:19-20



#### Third Taizé Service

Looking for some contemplative peace in your life? You are invited to ou third Taizé service

on Thursday January 14th at

**7pm**. Taizé is a monastic community in France and it is known for its beautiful sacred music. Our own Christina Labriola will be leading the music, and we will gather together for a time of **reading, silent reflection and prayer**. There are very limited seats for this evening—so **get your spot early** on our website. We know that this evening of Taizé will be a blessing! For more information about the Taizé service, check out our website. www.christchurchdeerpark.org

**Just a reminder** that you will need to register EACH WEEK through the CCDP website if you would like to attend a Sunday service.

If you call the office to register you will need to have called by 3:30 pm on Friday afternoon to be included on the list for Sunday.

The final element of Joyful Giving asks us central questions: Does our gift put God at the centre of our lives? Have we taken hold of life in a way that approaches the manner in which God has taken hold of us?

Sacrificial giving does not mean giving until it hurts. Rather, it asks us to follow Paul's instruction in his letter to Timothy and to "be extravagant in good deeds".

As you consider your year-end gift for 2020 and regular givings for 2021, your Stewardship Committee thanks you and hopes the elements of *Joyful Giving* – planning, proportionality and sacrifice – help bring a smile to your face, cheer to your heart as you support CCDP, and also inspire you to new heights of generosity.



#### 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.

# Happening this week at Christ Church Deer Park:

**Tuesday, November 17** 

10:30 am Staff Meeting

Saturday, November 21

8:00 am Community Breakfast

Sunday, November 22 - The Reign of Christ

8:00 am Said Eucharist – In Person

9:15 am Contemporary Communion - In

Person

9:15 am Contemporary Communion-

Live Stream

10:30 am Holy Eucharist – In Person

## UVISITOR INFORMATION



Hearing Assistance Devices are located on the table beside the bell-tower entrance.

Large Print Orders of Service are available.



## PARKING ——

## Free Sunday Parking is available on

Sunday mornings (until 1:30 pm) at the public parking lot, just across from the church on Heath Street.

Stamp your parking ticket using the church address stamp found on the table at the bell-tower door. After church, go to the customer service office with your validated ticket where you will be given an exit ticket. Please park only on the lower levels.



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