

Christ Church Deer Park

April 24, 2022
Second Sunday of Easter

**Holy Eucharist
at 9:15am**



"But these are written so that you may come to believe
that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God"

John 20:31

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH DEER PARK
We are 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.

Our Community



We are a growing and diverse Anglican community of people learning to follow Jesus and to love our neighbours. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are invited to join us.

Young and old, from all walks of life, we gather in this historic and beautiful place in the heart of midtown Toronto to worship the living God. We are committed to nurturing the spiritual lives of all our people—from our kids to our seniors.

We find the mystery of God in all of our varied worship—our fabulous choir lifts our spirits, and we also love gathering more informally to sing alongside a piano and guitar. We know that coming through our doors into this holy space may feel kind of daunting, so our people pay special attention to welcoming newcomers. We are learning to be a truly invitational community.

We are curious and open—loving those on the margins as well as those of us who feel at home in the Church. We feed the hungry at our community breakfasts and we welcome refugees to a new life in Canada. We believe all people are created in the image of God and our LGBTQ2SI siblings are included in all the practices of our life of faith.

We believe in a God of joy and abundance! Jesus loved to party and celebrate, so we do, too. From Sunday mornings to other days during the week, you will find us breaking bread together, praying, and learning more about how to become disciples of Jesus in our 21st century world.

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Opening Hymn

In Christ Alone

Kristian Stanfill, Passion, Stewart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
this cornerstone, this solid ground
firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

There in the ground his body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
then, bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave he rose again
And as he stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me
for I am his and he is mine
bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
this is the pow'r of Christ in me
from life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from his hand
'til he returns or calls me home
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

Bridge

I find my strength,
I find my hope
I find my help
in Christ alone

When fear assails,
when darkness falls

I find my peace
in Christ alone

I give my life,
I give my all
I sing my song
to Christ alone

The King of kings,
the Lord I love
All heaven sings
to Christ alone

Til he returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand
Here in the power of Christ we stand

Welcome

Gathering Together

Presider: Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen, indeed.

God is alive...
New birth is given.

Hope is alive...
A new age is dawning.

Joy is alive...
Redemption is here.

Love is alive...
Death cannot harm us.

We are alive...
New life is within us.

The church is alive...
God's spirit is within us.

**God of life, we worship you.
God of creation, we praise you.
God of revelation, we learn from you.
God of resurrection, we come to celebrate you.**

Opening Prayer

Presider: O God, our beginning and our end:
accept our doubts,
heal our desire for certainty and,
by your Spirit's gentle touch,
make us a people forgiven and forgiving;
through Jesus Christ, the Giver of Peace.

All: Amen.

Listening to God

(please be seated)

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Acts 5:27-32

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Song #312

Sing a New Song unto the Lord

Sing a New Song

Refrain

Sing a new song unto the Lord;
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
singing alleluia.

Yahweh's people dance for joy.
O come before the Lord
and play for him on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound. *Refrain*

Rise, O children, from your sleep;
your Saviour now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song. *Refrain*

Glad my soul, for I have seen
the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.
I know my Saviour lives. *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.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the people, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas

answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.
John 20:19-31

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Message

(please be seated)

Affirmation of Faith

(please stand)

Presider: Let us affirm our faith.

All: We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of the one God, Maker and sustainer of earth, sea and sky. Born of Mary's womb, faithful to the God of Abraham and Sarah, Jesus healed the sick, served the poor, and proclaimed heaven on Earth. Condemned by the religious, crucified by the state, he died but transformed even death and rose to life everlasting. He blessed the disciples with his Holy Spirit and sent them forth, east and west, north and south. We commit ourselves to Jesus, to one another as siblings, and to his mission in the world. In the grace of the Holy Spirit, amen.

Prayers of the People

Call: God of resurrection,

Response: you have rolled the stone away.

The Peace

(please stand)

Presider: Jesus stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you; why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet. Touch me and see.'

The peace of Christ be always with you!

All: And also with you.

Sharing What We Have

As a community of faith, we are learning to give sacrificially and proportionally. As we do this, we live into God's abundance for us. Many of us give regularly by envelope or pre-authorized giving. Online giving is also available; you can scan the QR Code to the right to give securely via Canada Helps. All financial gifts go towards sustaining Christ Church and our ministry locally and globally.



Musical Interlude

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: It is right to praise you, Father, for all your goodness and your love. When we turned away you did not reject us.

All: You came to meet us in your Son, welcomed us as your children and prepared a table where we might sit and eat with you.

Presider: In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

All: He opened wide his arms upon the cross and, with a love stronger than death he made for all a perfect sacrifice for sin.

Presider: On the night before he died he came to table with his friends and taking bread, he gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them saying: Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

All: Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the bread of life.

Presider: At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins do this in remembrance of me.

All: Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the true vine.

Presider: Praise to you, Lord Jesus

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

Presider: Father, send your Holy Spirit on us now; may this bread and this wine, be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**All: As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us, who know our need of
grace, one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

Presider: With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the song of heaven for ever praising you and saying:

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.**

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 gently break this bread of fragile life.

All: Our breaking down, becomes our breaking through.

Presider: As we eat this living bread, and drink the new wine of resurrection, let us celebrate the cosmic Christ, our liberator and sustainer.

All: With divine kindness you remake us, by transforming pain you heal us, by your resurrection in new life you empower us.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Communion Song

(please be seated)

The Kingdom Is Yours *Terrell Wilson, Brittney Spencer, Micah Massey, Assort Keyes*

Blessed are the ones who do not bury
All the broken pieces of their heart
Blessed are the tears of all the weary
Pouring like a sky of falling stars

Blessed are the wounded ones in mourning
Brave enough to show the Lord their scars
Blessed are the hurts that are not hidden
Open to the healing touch of God

Chorus

The kingdom is yours, the kingdom is yours
Hold on a little more, this is not the end
Hope is in the Lord, keep your eyes on him

Blessed are the ones who walk in kindness
Even in the face of great abuse
Blessed are the deeds that go unnoticed
Serving with unguarded gratitude

Blessed are the ones who fight for justice
Longing for the coming day of peace
Blessed is the soul that thirsts for righteousness
Welcoming the last, the lost, the least

Chorus

The kingdom is yours, the kingdom is yours
Hold on a little more, this is not the end
Hope is in the Lord, keep your eyes on him

Blessed are the ones who suffer violence
And still have strength to love their enemies
Blessed is the faith of those who persevere
Though they fall, they'll never know defeat

Chorus

The kingdom is yours, the kingdom is yours
Hold on a little more, this is not the end
Hope is in the Lord, keep your eyes on him

Prayer after Communion

(please stand)

Presider: Lord Jesus, we have feasted on the bread of life.

We have quenched our thirst with the wine of your new kingdom. In your risen power you have united us with all our loved ones in heaven and on earth. May that sense of communion strengthen and renew us, bring us hope and joy, today and in the days to come. To you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, be glory here and everywhere, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Closing Prayer

Presider: As we have worshiped,

All: so we take our worship into the world.

When we walk uncertain into the garden:
we leave rejoicing!

Where we meet the stranger:
we encounter love!

When we are sent to share the news:
we shout it loud!

As storytellers we shape your unfolding story,
as animated people we share your passion for justice,
as bearers of God we embody your life in the world.

God, help us listen to forgotten stories, empower us with boldness when we are afraid, and resource us to be midwives of new beginnings.

Blessing

Presider: When it takes hold, resurrection doesn't let go,
it shakes the dead awake,
it shakes the darkness from the light,
it shakes the silence from our throats
and it wrestles death from all that is dying.
Let us go out into the world
and in the upheaval of resurrection
seek out this new life.

And may the blessing of God
be upon you, body, mind and spirit,
as you leave this place.

Amen.

Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Closing Hymn #505

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

Be thou my vision, the joy of my heart
Nought be all else to me, save that thou art,
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor seek human praise
Thou my inheritance, now and always,
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High God of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Memorial Flowers

The flowers in the church are given to the glory of God.

Presider:
The Reverend Canon Cheryl Palmer

Preacher:
Vivia Kieswetter

Intercessor:
Ali McIntosh

Reader:
Elsa Scurfield

Musicians:
Liz Gan
Matt Scott
Stephen Scott

Vergers:
Jorge Vargas

Flower Arrangement:
Nina Overbury
Norma Ross

— Announcements —

Ali's Ordination

Our very own Alexandra McIntosh, currently serving as our lay pastoral associate, is being ordained as a transitional deacon! (This is the first ordination step towards becoming a priest in the Anglican Church.)



AND - YOU ARE INVITED!

Sunday, May 1st at 4:30pm
St. James Cathedral
(Church & King)

Let's come out to support Ali on this special occasion!

The service will also be livestreamed to the Anglican Diocese of Toronto's YouTube channel.



Email Ali

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WE NEED YOUR HELP

GREETER

- greet people at the door
- hand out bulletins
- make people feel welcome
- be the face of our church to newcomers
- facilitate the passing of the offering plate
- know that we couldn't do this without you!

HOSPITALITY

- in early June, coffee hour will return!!
- help set up, serve, and clean up on Sundays
- feed people like Jesus did
- enable people to enjoy a time of fellowship
- know that we couldn't do this without you!

Children and
Youth Ministries

**Christ
Church
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countdown to confirmation!

In less than a month, on Sunday May 15th,
Bishop Kevin Robertson will visit Christ Church Deer Park to confirm
some of our youth.

Everything is now in person:

Sundays during the 9:15 service, Wednesday midweeks from 6-7pm.

Parents, please make every effort to help your kids make it to all sessions.
Thank you for your help preparing your children for this important event!



reconciling prayer

Using The Gospel, *A Disciple's Prayerbook*, and stories to pray a way forward.

Join Vivia Kay Kieswetter and encounter new stories and old stories in fresh ways. This online course will wrap conversations about reconciliation in prayer, recognising that the more difficult a talk is, the more we need to invite Jesus to participate in it.

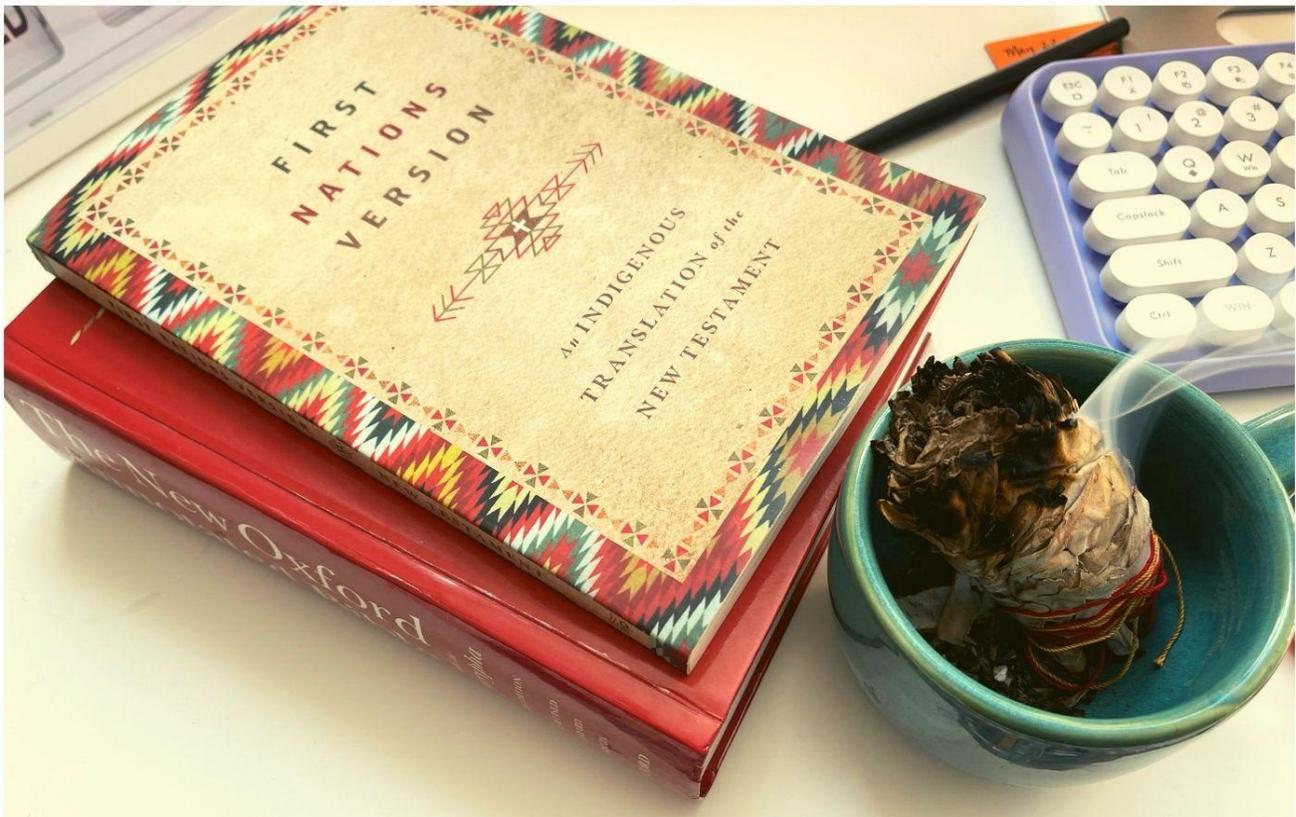
From May 26-June 17. Online from 7-8:30pm.

All adults and youth from grade 9 are welcome!

email vkay@christchurchdeerpark.org to register

"in Jesus we know we belong to a Sacred Circle with the Gospel and Baptismal Covenant in the Centre—We are all related"—Rule of Life, *A Disciple's Prayerbook*

free, downloadable copies of *A Disciple's Prayerbook* can be found at:
Anglican.ca/resources/a-disciples-prayer-book



THANK YOU to all those who volunteered as readers, prayer leaders, flower arrangers, light-switch operators, altar guild members, or in any other way to help make our Holy Week and Easter Services so meaningful! They would not have happened without your commitment and generosity of time. Thank you!

Reminder that Masks are still required for Worship

We are currently in the Amber Stage of reopening under Diocesan guidelines, and this means masks or face coverings are still required to be worn during worship services. If you are in need of a mask, a greeter can provide you with one. Thank you for helping us keep each other safe as we navigate this stage of the pandemic.



Truth and Reconciliation Working Group

On April 1, 2022, in front of a delegation of First Nation, Métis, and Inuit representatives from Canada, Pope Francis apologized and expressed his shame for the role some Catholics played in abuses at Residential Schools in Canada. Approximately 70% of the more than 130 Residential Schools operating in Canada between 1831 and 1996 were run by the Catholic Church.



The United Church of Canada was responsible for managing 15 Residential Schools between 1849 and 1969, and apologized to Indigenous people in 1986 for its role in colonization and again in 1998 for its role in operating the schools. In 1993, the Anglican Church of Canada apologized for its role in administering 36 Residential Schools and hostels between 1820 and 1969. In 1994, the Presbyterian Church of Canada adopted the Confession to God and to Indigenous People for its role in the Indian Residential School System.

Information about Residential Schools is available at

<https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/article/residential-schools>

You can watch the full Anglican apology here: <https://www.anglican.ca/tr/apology/>



Celebrate the spring beauty and wonder of Creation.
Cherish and protect it.

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

Wednesday, April 27

7:30 am Holy Eucharist
In Person

Saturday, April 30

8:00 am Community Breakfast

Sunday, May 1

8:00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
In person

9:15 am Contemporary Service
(Sunday School ages 10-16)
In person and on Zoom

10:30 am Holy Eucharist
In person



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