Christ Church Deer Park

December 11, 2022 The Third Sunday of Advent Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am



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.



Good morning! Whether this is your first time through our doors or your one thousandth, we are glad you are here! At our church you are welcome to participate as much or as little as you would like; if you don't know much about this Anglican church stuff, and feel more comfortable observing, that is ok!

So, what is our community like? Well, we are a church community from different generations and different walks of life. We are here because we want to follow Jesus and live in community with one another and our neighbours in this little corner of Toronto. We care deeply about feeding the hungry and welcoming refugees; we affirm that all people, including our LGBTQ2SI+ siblings, are made in the image of God and should be included in all the practices of our life of faith; and, no matter where we are on our spiritual journeys, we strive to lament together, rejoice together, and hold each other up on this journey of faith and life.

If you have children with you today, know that they are welcome! For most weeks at our 10:30am service, children are invited to leave the sanctuary during the Gloria for a Bible lesson downstairs, returning to their families for communion. On the last Sunday of every month, children are invited to remain in the sanctuary for the entire service. Parents and guardians are also welcome to use our upstairs Nest space or our play space in the sanctuary chapel.

To connect with our team, please feel free to reach out to any of those listed below:

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Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn #98

Hark, The Glad Sound! The Saviour Comes

Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes, the Saviour promised long: let every heart prepare a throne, and every voice a song.

Christ comes, the prisoners to release in Satan's bondage held; the gates of brass before him burst; the iron fetters yield.

Christ comes, the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure, and from the treasuries of grace to bless the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, thy welcome shall proclaim; and heaven's eternal arches ring with thy beloved name.

Advent Candle Lighting

Leader: Loving God, we open ourselves to you, trusting that this is how you made us: you created us for joy-filled hearts and lives. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you that we may walk in the light of Christ. We watch, wait and witness the mystery of your incarnation among us.

(The candle is lit)

(please stand as you are able) Richmond All: We are waiting. We are watching. We are witnessing. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Gathering (please remain standing) 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. Kyrie Missa Brevis Gabrieli Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy. Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy. Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: God of glory and compassion, at your touch the wilderness blossoms. Grant perseverance and patience to all who long for your Son's return, so that we may announce in word and deed the good news of the kingdom. We ask this through Christ whose day draws near.

All: Amen.

Listening to God

Reader: A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy

(please be seated)

Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. *Isaiah 35:1-10*

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146 v. 4-9

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- Cantor: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- Cantor: Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God;

who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;

who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The Lord sets the captive free.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Cantor: The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

> The Lord cares for the the stranger; the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation #717

Cantor: Praise to you, O Lord, King of eternal glory.
 All: Praise to you, O Lord, King of eternal glory.
 Cantor: The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted. *Is. 61:1* All: Praise to you, O Lord, King of eternal glory.

The Holy Gospel

(please remain standing)

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." *Matthew 11:2-11*

Gospeller:The Gospel of Christ.All:Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Musical Interlude

(please be seated)

The Apostles' Creed

Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

(please sit, stand, or kneel as you are able)

- Call: Prepare the way of the Lord.
- Response: Lord Jesus, come soon.

Confession & Absolution

All:As streets fill with all of us consumers
Bright lights and tempting offers
Christmas songs and shopping
You lead us along a different path
To a desert river and a prophetic voice
A call to repentance
A call to service
A call to service
A call to immerse ourselves
In living water that will never run dry
A call to prepare a way in our own lives
For the Saviour of the world to enter in
To know the touch of tender mercy
And rest in your forgiving love.
Forgive us, Breath of Salvation.

By your mercy, we can once again walk the streets of your kingdom, being alert for the signs of your grace and hope in our midst. Teach us your ways of peace and reconciliation, that we may truly live as the disciples of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Presider: This is the good news: you are forgiven of your sins; you will be swept away in the waters of mercy, salvation carrying you home to God's heart. Peace, serenity, healing, hope – these gifts, and more, are yours in this Advent season of watching and waiting. Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.All: And also with you.

The congregation is invited to remain standing for the offertory.

Sharing What We Have

Presider: We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us.
In the upside down world of the gospel,
we measure our wealth not by what we have,
but what we can give away.
Let us give away generously, in this offering,
To bless your church, your people, your creation. Amen.

We give as an expression of gratitude for all that God has done for us and because God has designed us to be givers. Instructions for offering a donation can be found on our website (or you can scan the QR Code to the right to give securely via Canada Helps); we are thankful for all your gifts as they sustain the life and work of this parish.

Offertory Hymn #101 v. 1, 2, 4

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son! Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, SCAN ME

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to set the captive free, to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth, and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth. Before him on the mountains shall peace the herald go, and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.

O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest, from age to age more glorious, all-blessing and all-blest.

The tide of time shall never his covenant remove. His name shall stand for ever: that name to us is Love.

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrating the Eucharist

(please remain standing)

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 fullness of time came among us in our flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world, that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus & Benedictus

All:

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Cantor: All:	Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and God of might. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and God of might.
Cantor:	Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
	Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
All:	Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
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Cantor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

All: Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Presider: Holy and mysterious God, in the beginning the darkness waited, and you created light. Sarah and Abraham waited for a future, and you sent descendants greater than the stars. The Hebrew slaves waited for rescue, and you sent Miriam and Moses to enact your liberation. Israel waited in exile for renewal, and you empowered prophets and poets with your life-giving speech.

As the whole world groaned in waiting for release and rebirth, you sent Jesus, born of strong Mary, fathered by humble Joseph, incarnate in our humility, in solidarity with the suffering and the poor, full of wisdom and grace for all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Hoping beyond hope, we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.** Presider: Remembering all your promises fulfilled in Jesus' body given for the beloved universe, in the great hope of the resurrection, and in all that is to come by your mercy, with eager expectation we cry out:

All: Come, Lord Jesus!

Presider: Send your Spirit into this broken world, into our hopeful, imperfect gathering, and on this sacred bread and wine so we may be healed and whole again and be filled with the courage to love.

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

Presider: All praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, here and now and into the great beyond.

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: God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All: Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

- Presider: The gifts of God, for the people of God.
- All: Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei O Lamb of God

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. (please be seated) Hunt O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

Please follow the directions given by the sidespeople as you come forward for communion at the communion rail. If you do not wish to receive communion, please feel free to come forward and fold your hands over your chest to indicate your desire for a blessing.

After nearly three years of Covid protocol, that prevented us from using the common cup at communion, we are reintroducing wine at our Eucharistic liturgies.

It is completely optional whether or not you receive wine from the common cup. Church teaching tells us that partaking of the consecrated wine OR bread is a full and complete Eucharistic experience. You are invited to restart taking wine, but there is nothing compulsory about receiving it. If you do not wish to take from the cup, simply receive the bread and return to your seat.

Note: Intinction (dipping the bread into the chalice of wine) is not an option in the Anglican Church in the Diocese of Toronto.

Communion Motet

Audivi Vocem de Caelo

Audivi vocem de caelo venientem: venite omnes virgines sapientissimae; oleum recondite in vasis vestris dum sponsus advenerit. Media nocte clamor factus est: ecce sponsus venit! I heard a voice coming from heaven: come, all you most wise virgins; store up the oil in your vessels until the bridegroom comes. At midnight the cry broke forth: behold, the bridegroom comes!

Prayer after Communion

(please stand as you are able)

Presider: Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Prayer & Blessing

Presider: May the star guide your steps towards this place of wonder; May angels sing their news as you travel to the manger; May promise fill these days as we watch at the edge of birth. Tallis

And may the blessing of God, the Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit, clothe you in light, teach you their ways, and keep you alert and prepared for the coming of Christ.

All: Amen.

Announcements

Dismissal

Deacon:Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.All:Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn #93 v. 1, 2, 3, 5

You Servants of the Lord

You servants of the Lord, each in your calling wait, observant of his heavenly Word, and watchful at his gate.

Let all your lamps be bright, and trim the golden flame; attentive stand, as in his sight, for awesome is his name.

Watch: 'tis your Lord's command, and while we speak, he's near; mark the first signal of his hand, and ready all appear.

Christ shall the banquet spread with his own royal hand, and raise each faithful servant's head amid the angelic band.

Postlude

Please join us in Elliott Hall for Coffee Hour!

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Memorial Flowers

The flowers in the church are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ed Saunders.

Presider: The Reverend Canon Cheryl Palmer

> Preacher: The Reverend Cathy Gibbs

Gospeller: The Reverend Ali McIntosh

> Director of Music: Patrick Dewell

Soloists: Sonya Harper Nyby, Kelsey Taylor, Julia Barber, Peter Warren

> Prayers of the People: Nigel Johnson

> > Reader: Cristina Oke

Warden on Duty: Nick Strube

Sidesperson: Rebecca Wells-Jopling

Flower Arrangement: Monica Peel

Livestream Production Manager: Liam McIvor

> Verger: Jorge Vargas Salazar

Announcements

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Advent Study: Light One Candle

With a series of talks by Bishop Andrew Asbil, we will explore the four themes of the Advent season: hope, peace, joy, and love, which the bishop says "are the true gifts of Advent as we anticipate the birth of our Saviour." When: Tuesdays November 29-December 20 Time: 7:00-8:00 Place: Zoom

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Register with Cathy Gibbs (cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org)

Order of the Diocese of Toronto – We are so pleased to share that our very own Anne Larkin, longtime member of CCDP and Community Breakfast Organizer, will receive the Order of the Diocese of Toronto. The purpose of this Order is to recognize and honour laypersons in our Diocese who have given outstanding service over a significant period of time to their volunteer ministry. Through her ongoing work leading both our Community Breakfast programme and Chancel Guild, and her care in providing help and rides to church for our seniors, Anne has demonstrated such outstanding service. The award will be presented at the Bishop of Toronto's New Year's Day Levée at St. James Cathedral on January 1st at 4pm, and all are welcome to attend. The service can also be livestreamed at <u>www.youtube.com/tordio135</u>. Congratulations, Anne, from all of us at CCDP!

Memorial Christmas Flowers & Greenery – If you would like to contribute towards the purchasing of poinsettias and greenery for our Christmas Services in memory of a loved one, please designate 'Christmas flowers' on your envelope and include with your gift the name(s) you'd like printed in the Christmas bulletins. Donations for flowers & greenery will be accepted until December 18th. You may include a donation for flowers & greenery with your normal offering; simply indicate the amount that is to go towards Christmas flowers. Thank you!



Sunday, December 18th 4:30pm

Christ Church All are welcome! Deer Park

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES

December 23

7:00pm Quiet Christmas (Church on Tap)

Christmas Eve

4:00pm	Casual and fun service for
	young families, with interactive
	Christmas pageant and Communion
7:00pm	Have a swinging Yule at our
	jazzy Christmas celebration with
	band, choir and Communion
9:00pm	Traditional Eucharist with choir,
	carols and candles

Christmas Day

10:00am Quiet, reflective, and traditional Christmas service with Eucharist and choir

> Christmas is a wonderful time to invite a friend or family member to church!

Donate Hats, Mitts, and Socks for Community Breakfast! As winter sets in, we are looking for new or gently used warm hats, mittens/gloves, and socks (new socks only, please) to give to guests during our Community Breakfast program. Please bring your donations to church on Sunday, December 18th and place in the collection bins in the Belltower and Narthex entrances. Thank you!

2023 Weekly and Monthly Offering Envelopes are available for pick up in the Belltower entrance. If you would like to switch on or off envelopes, please speak to Elisabeth Lunder (bookkeeper@christchurchdeerpark.org or 416-920-5211 ex. 32).

Truth and Reconciliation Working Group: The Potlatch is a feast at which gifts are given, practiced by Indigenous peoples of the Pacific Northwest Coast of Canada and the United States, including the Haida, Tlingit, Heiltsuk, Kwakwaka'wakw, and Coast Salish cultures. A Potlatch often involves music, dancing, singing, storytelling and games. The Potlatch is of central cultural importance and



traditionally served as a way to demonstrate rank and power, redistribute wealth, and establish claims to certain rights or titles. Potlatches and other cultural ceremonies became illegal in 1884 in a revision to the Indian Act, as part of the government's goal of assimilation. Christian authorities saw the Potlatch system as un-Christian, wasteful, and excessive. Penalties included a mandatory jail sentence of at least two months. The law was difficult and impractical to enforce, and for this reason and because of changing public views the Potlatch ban was repealed in 1951.



Climate Action Group: The Vancouver Island marmot (*Marmota vancouverensis*) is one of the rarest mammals in the world. Thanks to recent recovery efforts, the population has increased from a low count in 2003 of less than 30 wild marmots living in a handful of colonies to just over 250 marmots on over more than 20 mountains in 2021.



Churches on-the-Hill Foodbank

ANNUAL HOLIDAY GIFT PROGRAM

Please help make this holiday season a bit more festive for our Clients

A \$30 donation will help a family in need Celebrate the Holiday Season



Note: A tax receipt will be provided in the New Year

The Churches on-the-Hill Foodbank, of which Christ Church is a partner, is having their Annual Holiday Gift Program this month. The Foodbank feeds hundreds of hungry families and all gifts and donations go directly to helping our neighbours. If you would like to give, please make out donations to "Churches on-the-Hill Foodbank" and put them in the offering plate or bring to the church office: alternatively, Anne Larkin, CCDP member and Foodbank volunteer, will be in Elliott Hall after both 9:15 and 10:30am services, and donations can also be given directly to her. Questions about this ministry? Please talk to Anne Larkin or Laura Kuca.



Join the young people of CCDP for some

family game time!

JANUARY 22, 2023 12-2 P.M. (RIGHT AFTER 10:30 SERVICE) LIGHT SNACKS AND SOME BOARD GAMES.

ALL FAMILIES WELCOME



LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that the land on which we worship is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee (*ho-den-oh-shownee*), and Anishinabek (*ah-nish-nahbek*) 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.

UVISITOR 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, December 14

7:30am Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 18

8:00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP) In person

9:15 am Contemporary Service & Sunday School In person

> 10:30 am Holy Eucharist In person & Livestreamed

> > 4pm Jazz Vespers In person



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