# Christ Church Deer Park

December 18, 2022
The Fourth 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

Ave Maria Mozart

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum. Benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.

Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

#### Welcome

#### **Opening Hymn** #267 v. 1, 3, 4, 5

(please stand as you are able)

The God, Whom Earth and Sea and Sky

Eisenach

The God, whom earth and sea and sky adore and laud and magnify, whose might they own, whose praise they swell, in Mary's womb vouchsafed to dwell.

How blest that mother, in whose shrine the world's Creator, Lord divine, whose hand contains the earth and sky, vouchsafed, as in his ark, to lie;

blest in the message Gabriel brought, blest by the work the Spirit wrought; from whom the great Desire of earth, took human flesh and human birth. O Lord, the virgin-born, to thee eternal praise and glory be, whom in the Godhead we adore forever and for evermore.

#### **Advent Candle Lighting**

Leader:

Loving God, we open ourselves to you this Christmas season. Light our lives with your imagination. 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. Magnify your love within us. 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)

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 Octavi Toni di Lasso

Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy. Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy. Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

#### The Collect of the Day

Presider: Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our

Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who

lives 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.

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

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

All: Thanks be to God.

(please stand as you are able)

Canticle 18 Duke Street

My soul proclaims your glory, Lord, my spirit sings with thankful voice, for you my lowly prayer have heard: in you, my Saviour, I rejoice.

Nations unborn will bless your name, giver of boundless grace to me, in every age you are the same: you make the humble whole and free.

You have made bare your mighty arm to break the yoke of selfish power, and lift your broken ones from harm, bursting the gates of greed's proud tower.

You fill the hungry mouths with food, and show the poverty of wealth.

Your ancient vow you have made good, and raised your children to new health.

Glory to God, all being's Spring,

to God the Word, salvation's voice, to God the Spirit, praise we sing: with all the ages we rejoice.

**Gospel Acclamation #717** 

Young

Cantor: Praise to you, O Lord, King of eternal glory.

All: Praise to you, O Lord, King of eternal glory.

Cantor: A virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

and his name shall be called Emmanuel: God with us. Matthew 1.23

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.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

\*\*Matthew 1:18-25\*\*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Homily** (please be seated)

**The Apostles' Creed** (please stand as you are able)

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: We pray to the Lord, **Response: Lord Jesus, come soon.** 

#### **Confession & Absolution**

All: We fill the streets as 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 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 quide 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** #117

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Es Ist Ein Ros' Entsprungen

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung; of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung. It came, a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind. To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Saviour, when half spent was the night.

O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, dispel in glorious splendour the darkness everywhere; true man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us, and share our every load.

#### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Presider: God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as

you sustain us with your mercy; in the name 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 arr. Proulx

Cantor: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and God of might.

All: 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.

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:

All: 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.

(please be seated)

Hunt

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.

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**

The Linden Tree Carol

arr. Jacques

There stood in heav'n a linden tree, but, tho' t'was honey-laden, all angels cried, "No bloom shall be like that of one fair maiden."

Sped Gabriel on winged feet, and pass'd through bolted portals in Nazareth, a maid to greet, blest o'er all other mortals.

"Hail Mary!" quoth the angel mild, "Of womankind the fairest: the Virgin ay shalt thou be styled, a babe although thou bearest."

"So be it!" God's handmaiden cried, "According to thy telling." Whereon the angel smartly hied up homeward to his dwelling.

This tiding fill'd his mates with glee: 'twas pass'd from one to other, that 'twas Mary, and none but she, and God would call her Mother.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

(please stand as you are able)

Presider:

Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **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.

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** #114 v. 1, 2, 3, 4

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

Helmsley

Lo, he comes with clouds descending, once for favoured sinners slain; thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train: hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty; all who set at nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deeply grieving, deeply grieving, shall the true Messiah see.

Now redemption, long expected, see in solemn pomp appear; all his saints, on earth rejected, thrill the triumph sound to hear: hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! See the day of God appear!

Yea, amen, let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;

Saviour, take the power and glory; claim the kingdom for thine own: O come quickly! O come quickly! O come quickly! Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come!

#### Postlude

Please join us in Elliott Hall for Coffee Hour!

Presider: The Reverend Cathy Gibbs

Preacher: The Reverend Ali McIntosh

Gospeller: The Reverend Canon Cheryl Palmer

Director of Music: Patrick Dewell

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

Prayers of the People: Paul Kingston

Reader: Robin Elliott

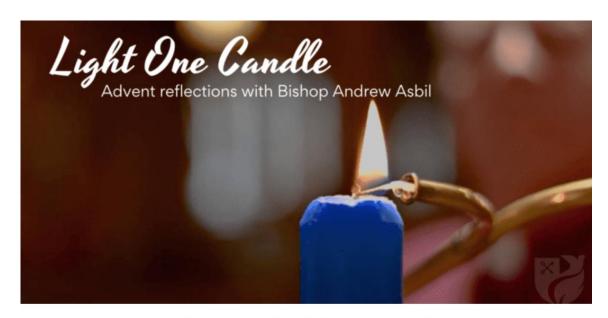
Warden on Duty: Paul Kingston

Sidesperson: Danylo Dzwonyk

Livestream Production Manager: James Finnerty

> Verger: Jorge Vargas Salazar

# Announcements ——



#### **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

new email address!

Time: 7:00-8:00 Place: Zoom

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 1<sup>st</sup> at 4pm, and all are welcome to attend. The service can also be livestreamed at <a href="https://www.youtube.com/tordio135">www.youtube.com/tordio135</a>. 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 TODAY. 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!



# 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!** Please remember to place your donations 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 (<a href="mailto:bookkeeper@christchurchdeerpark.org">bookkeeper@christchurchdeerpark.org</a> or 416-920-5211 ex. 32).

**Truth and Reconciliation Working Group:** From the beginning of the Indian Act in 1869, Indigenous women were discriminated against by a system that applied treaty rights based on paternal lineage only.

This was formalized in the Indian Act revisions of 1951, which established a government register for all First Nations people. Those eligible were described as 'registered' or 'status Indians', and were the only First Nations



people who could exercise their treaty rights and receive services from the federal government (Inuit and Métis people were not included in the register). Section 12(1)(b) of the Act stated that a First Nations woman lost her status if she married a non-First Nations man, or even if she married a First Nations man who didn't have status himself. Their children also could not be registered and could never claim status. Between 1958 and 1968 alone, an estimated 100,000 women and children lost status this way. In contrast, since 'Indian status' was associated with the man of the household, a woman married to a status Indian, and their children, could claim status, regardless of her ethnic background.

After protests and court cases by different women who had lost their status this way, the government enacted Bill C-31 in 1985. This bill sought to remove gender discrimination in the Indian Act and to allow women who had lost their Indian status through marriage, and their children, to apply for reinstatement to the register and to a Band list for their community. However, the gender inequities in the Indian Act were not fully resolved until Bill S-3 in 2019.



Climate Action Group: One million species worldwide are at risk of extinction, not just polar bears or the northern spotted owl. The air you breathe, the water you drink, the food you eat depend on biodiversity. Pollinators are essential to grow our crops and healthy oceans to provide oxygen. We are part of Earth's one web of life. [Ecojustice, 6 Dec. 2022]



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, donations can be given directly to Anne Larkin, CCDP member and Foodbank volunteer. Questions about this ministry? Please talk to Anne Larkin or Laura Kuca.



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



#### 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, December 21 7:30am Holy Eucharist

7:00pm Blue Christmas (Church on Tap) In person

**Saturday, December 24** 4:00pm Young Families Christmas *In person* 

7:00pm Jazzy Christmas In person & Livestreamed

9:00pm Traditional Liturgy In person

Sunday, December 25 10:00 am Holy Eucharist In person



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