Christ Church Deer Park

December 24, 2022 Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist at 7:00 pm



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.



Hello! 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 are comfortable doing.

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.

We welcome families to our worship! Your children are an important part of our services – even if they're wiggly, a bit playful, or make some noise. Most Sundays (except for the final Sunday of the month) during 9:15 and 10:30 services, grownups are welcome to drop their child(ren) off downstairs in St. Nicholas' Chapel for dedicated children and youth programming. We also have a small children's play area in our front chapel. If you need to move around to and from these spaces with your child during service, that is entirely allowed! We also provide young children with a busy bag package. Please feel free to contact our Children and Youth Coordinator Vivia Kay Cook with any questions about how we can best serve your family!

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Jazz Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn #118 vs. 1, 2, 3

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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*]

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.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: 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 splendor 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. **Amen.**

Hymn #135 v. 1, 3, 4

Shepherds in the Field Abiding

Shepherds in the field abiding, tell us, when the seraph bright greeted you with wondrous tiding, what you saw and heard that night.

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Choristers on high were singing Jesus and his virgin birth, heavenly bells the while a-ringing, "Peace, good-will to all on earth." [*Refrain*]

Thanks, good shepherds, true your story; let us go to Bethlehem. Angels hymn the king of glory; carol we with you and them. [*Refrain*]

Listening to God

(please be seated)

Reader: Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

All: Our hearts and minds are open.

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.

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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.

Jazz Interlude

The Holy Gospel

(please stand as you are able)

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 Ouirinius 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 Luke 2:1-20 had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

Homily

(please stand as you are able)

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

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Hear our Prayer". Gracious and loving God, on this holy day your Son our Saviour was born in human flesh. Renew your Church as the Body of Christ. God of new birth,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: On this holy day your Son was born in a lowly stable. Protect with your love, the poor, lonely and homeless, remembering especially those who live in poverty in our city and the 60 million refugees in our world. And help us to bring healing to broken humanity. God of mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: On this holy day Mary, in the pain of labour, brought your Son to birth. Hold in your hand all who are in pain or distress. God of healing,

All: Hear our prayer.

- Leader: On this holy day your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. Uphold all who suffer in mind, body or spirit and bring solace to those who live in the darkness of doubt and in the shadow of death. God of light,
- All: Hear our prayer.
- Leader: On this holy day the angels sang to God's people on earth. Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in all the world. God of peace,All: Hear our prayer.

Leader:	On this holy day shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy. Give us grace and voice to preach the Gospel of Christ's redemption. God of faith,
All:	Hear our prayer.
Leader:	On this holy day strangers found the Holy Family, and saw the baby lying in the manger. Bless our homes and all whom we love. God of love,
All:	Hear our prayer.
Leader:	On this holy day heaven comes down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven. Grant your peace to all who have died and bring them to your eternal kingdom. God of hope,
All:	Hear our prayer.
Leader:	On this holy day Christians the world over celebrate Christ's birth. Open our hearts that he may be born in us today. God of joy,
All:	Hear our prayer.
Leader:	On this holy day angels and shepherds worshipped at the manger throne. Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, and all the saints. God of eternity,
All:	Hear our prayer.
Presider:	Merciful God, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit now, and forever.
All:	Amen.
The Peace	(please remain standing)
Presider:	In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high has broken upon us, giving light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and

giving light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and guiding our feet into the way of peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.All: And also with you.

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 God's church, God's people, and God's 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

Go Tell It On The Mountain

Chorus: Go tell it on the mountain Over the hills and ev'rywhere Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born

While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night Behold throughout the heavens There shone a holy light [*Chorus*]

The shepherds feared and trembled When lo above the earth Rang out the angel chorus That hailed the Savior's birth [*Chorus*]

Down in a lowly manger The humble Christ was born And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn [*Chorus*]

Prayer over the Gifts

- (please stand as you are able)
- Presider: Source of light and gladness, accept all we offer on this joyful feast. May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours; for he is Lord now and for ever.
- All: Amen.



Celebrating the Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider:The Lord be with you.All:God's 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 our thanks and praise.

Presider: It is right indeed that we should praise you, God of love, our source and our fulfilment, for you create all things, and in you we live and move and have our being. Your wonder is manifest in land and sea and sky.

When the times had at last grown full and the earth had ripened in abundance, you made us in your image for yourself. And even though we turn from you, again and again you call us to yourself, and in every age, promise liberation.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own to rear them in your way of compassionate love. From your own being you sent Jesus among us, incarnate of the Holy Spirit and born of Mary our sister.

Jesus revealed your care for all you have made, and showed us your way of reconciliation. Looking forward to the joy of new life, Jesus suffered the pangs of the cross and in rising again became the first-born of the renewed family.

You sent your Holy Spirit and gave birth to us your church. Your Spirit stays to nurture and to guide us.

Now we join hands around your table, and with all creation we hymn your praise for your unending love, as we sing,

Sanctus & Benedictus #732

Proulx

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

Presider: To you indeed be glory, almighty God, because on the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you; do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

And so in this great sacrament we celebrate and proclaim the mystery of our faith.
All: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come in glory.

Presider: Therefore, loving God, recalling now Christ's death and resurrection, we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration, that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and be filled with your life and goodness. Strengthen us to do your work, and to be your body in the world.

Unite us in Christ and give us your peace. Through your Holy Spirit, burning as a flame, gentle as a dove, may we who receive these gifts live lives of justice, love, and prayer, and be a voice for those who are not heard. In union with your whole church, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

- Presider: We pray our common prayer that Christ taught us:
- 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 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.

Welcome to the Table

Presider: Come to this table not because you must but because you may. Come not because you have all faith but because you have some faith and would like to grow. Come because you love the Lord a little and would like to love more. Come because all is ready and because we are his body.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

You are welcome to come forward to receive 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 Hymns

(please be seated) St. Louis

O Little Town of Bethlehem #120

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.

What Child Is This? #137

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain:

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary. Greensleeves

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christians, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. [*Refrain*]

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him. The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him. [*Refrain*]

Peace

Prayer after Communion

Horace Silver

(please stand as you are able)

- Presider: Creator of all, tonight you have united earth and heaven in sending your Son to take our human nature. May we 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.

Closing Prayer & Blessing

- Presider: Glory to God,
- All: 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.
- Presider: The joy of new birth; the hope of promises fulfilled; the love to forgive: may all these things reside in your hearts and give you peace this Christmastime.

And may the blessing of God, the Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit, clothe you in light, teach you their ways, and keep you in the love and joy of Christ.

All: Amen.

Dismissal

- Deacon: Let us go in peace to love and serve the newborn King.
- All: Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn #138

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born 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 hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heaven 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! [*Refrain*]

(please sit during the improvisation, then stand as you are able for the third verse)

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen 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. [*Refrain*]

Postlude

Christmas Flowers

The flowers in the church are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

Richard Perry Arthur and Doris Morrow Herbert Morrow Margaret and Monty Larkin Tanner Larkin Bettie Martindale Peter Roman Ramesh Kamath Jorja Gorham Ted Ritcey Donald Oke Felicia and Arthur Atkinson Paul Kavanagh Dragomir Ion Dragomir Paraschiva Zamfir Silviu-Constantin Stephen Godfrey John M. Godrey Mary Godfrey Mary Kearns Mary Robertson

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> > Reader: Margaret Hanson

> > Warden on Duty: Su Laine Varkey

Livestream Production Manager: Christian Crawford

> Verger: Denis Delisle

– Announcements –

Dear Friends,

It is an awesome love in the heart of God that inspired Christmas.

The wonder and meaning of the season is simply unfathomable: that God would choose to come among us and remain with us – stirring up a sometimes-complacent people and bringing life to all. How do we respond to this awesome event? How do we celebrate Christmas with more depth than a simple attraction to the charming story? To be true to Christmas – to be true to the Christ Child – to be like the shepherds or magi, requires us to be open to amazement, open to creativity, open to growth, development, reform – open to the new and exciting news that God is among us.

Let us therefore embrace the challenge of the Christ Child to stir things up and help us grow into his light and life. In a world where we often encounter fear, loneliness and sadness, only God's own flesh and blood can bring true peace and joy. Our very existence is therefore dependent upon the life of the Christ Child. Thus, in awe, we retell the story over and over, so that the joy and wonder of God's perfect gift may forever captivate our lives. And may God grant us the wisdom and courage to carry the good news of Christmas to all whom we encounter.

Ablessed Christmas and happy New Year to you!

FROM THE STAFF OF CHRIST CHURCH

LET'S CONTINUE REJOICING!

NEXT SUNDAY - JANUARY 1 We continue the Christmas joy as we celebrate The Epiphany of our Lord

at **8am** and **10am**.



Midweek Eucharist

at Christ Church Deer Dark

Our midweek Eucharist is undergoing a change. Starting January 11th our regular Wednesday morning eucharist will be moving from 7:30 AM with breakfast to 11:00 AM followed by lunch. This is a time when people who are at home may be able to join us. So please come out and bring a friend for **Eucharist and lunch** on **Wednesday, January 11th at 11:00 AM**.

If you cannot join us on the 11th, please attend any Wednesday at 11:00 AM. We will be here each week, so consider becoming a regular attendee. The Wednesday crowd is a lovely group of people!

Got kids with big questions? We welcome them!

 Children and Youth gather for dedicated programming on Sunday mornings at both our 9:15 and 10:30 Services.

 Come and be part of a welcoming, encouraging, and supportive group of amazing kids!

 email our Children and Youth Coordinator Vivia Kay Cook for more information and for a zoom link at: vkay@christchurchdeerpark.org



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.

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

Sunday, December 25

10:00am Holy Eucharist In person & Livestreamed

Wednesday, December 28

no service

Sunday, January 1

8:00am Holy Eucharist In person

10:00 am Holy Eucharist In person & Livestreamed



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