

# Christ Church Deer Park

May 21, 2023  
Ascension Sunday

**Holy Eucharist  
at 10:30 am**



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**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.

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*People's Warden* – Su Laine Varkey

*Deputy Warden* – Katherine MacDonald

*Deputy Warden* – Paul Kingston

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*Prayer Circle* – Jan D'Angelo, Coordinator

*Small Groups* – The Rev. Cathy Gibbs

*9:15am Coffee Hour* – Zara Arvini, Coordinator

*10:30 Coffee Hour* – Sandra Geddes, Coordinator

*Choir* – Patrick Dewell, Director

*Chancel Guild* – Anne Larkin, Lead

*Flower Guild* – TBD, Coordinator

*Readers & Intercessors* – The Rev. Ali McIntosh

*Welcome Team* – Paul Kingston, Coordinator

*Children's Ministry* – The Rev. Ali McIntosh

*Property Committee* – Andrew Harding, Chair

*Stewardship Committee* – Stephen Clark

*Refugee Committee* – Paul Kingston, Chair

*Truth and Reconciliation* – Melissa Walter, Lead

*Climate Action Group* – TBD, Lead

*Spiritus* – TBD, Editor

*Rummage Re-Imagined* – Jayne Miles Simpson, Lead

*Holy + Holly (Christmas Festival)* – Barbara Johnston, Lead

## Prelude

## Welcome & Gathering

### Opening Hymn #5

*(please stand)*

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

*Ratisbon*

Christ whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise!  
Triumph o'er the shades of night:  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day's return,  
till thy mercy's beams I see,  
till they inward light impart,  
glad my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,  
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, Radiance divine,  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Presider: May his grace and peace be with you.

**All: May he fill our hearts with joy.**

## Gloria

*Darwall*

Glory to God on high,  
and peace to all on earth.  
We worship you, we give you thanks,  
our heavenly King.  
We give you praise,  
almighty God and Father blessed  
in glory bright.

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ,  
the Father's only Son,  
the sacrificial Lamb,  
who saves the world from sin,  
have mercy Lord.  
Beside the Father's hand enthroned,  
now hear our prayer.

You only are the Lord,  
you only are most high.  
You only are the holy one,  
Lord Jesus Christ.  
And now you reign  
with Father and with Spirit one  
in glorious light.

### **The Collect of the Day**

Presider: Let us pray.

Holy God, send your promised Spirit of revelation and wisdom, so that, in the blessed freedom of hope, we may witness to the grace of forgiveness and sing with joy to the One who makes us one.

**All: Amen.**

### **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 Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or

periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' *Acts 1:1-11*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 47**

*Nettleton*

Clap your hands, O faithful people!  
Shout to God a song of praise!  
The Most High our land has ransomed,  
and will reign as Lord always!  
Great the majesty around us,  
sure the paths our feet had trod;  
we are claimed as sons and daughters,  
children of a gracious God.

With a shout and blast of trumpet,  
God ascends to reign above,  
clothed in robes of righteous judgement,  
crowned with all-redeeming love!  
Fill the world with glad rejoicing;  
heaven shall sing, and earth reply!  
Let the nations rise in wonder  
all God's works to glorify!

**Gradual Hymn #245 v. 1, 2**

*(please stand as you are able)*

O Lord Most High, Eternal King

*Gonfalon Royal*

O Lord most high, eternal king,  
by thee redeemed thy praise we sing.  
The bonds of death are burst by thee,  
and grace has won the victory.

Ascending to the sapphire throne,  
thou claim'st the kingdom as thine own;  
and angels wonder when they see  
how changed is our humanity.

## 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 Luke.

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.' Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God. *Luke 24:44-53*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Gradual Hymn #245 v. 3, 4

*(please stand as you are able)*

O Lord Most High, Eternal King

*Gonfalon Royal*

Be thou our joy, O mighty Lord,  
as thou wilt be our great reward;  
let all our glory be in thee  
both now and through eternity.

O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
all praise to thee let earth accord,  
who art, while endless ages run,  
with Father and with Spirit, one.

Alleluia!

## Homily

*(please be seated)*

## Musical Interlude

## 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.**

## Prayers of the People

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

## The Peace

*(please stand)*

Presider: 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 by 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.

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# Sharing What We Have

We give as an expression of gratitude for all that God has done for us and because God has designed us to be givers.

## Ways to Give Financially

- Cash or cheque made out to *Christ Church Deer Park*
- Debit/credit via the mobile credit machine at the back of the church
- E-transfer to [donations@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:donations@christchurchdeerpark.org)
- Online via Canada Helps (scan the QR code to the right to be brought to the website)
- Through automatic monthly PAR or credit donations  
please contact [bookkeeper@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:bookkeeper@christchurchdeerpark.org) if you are interested in setting up a monthly offering



We are thankful for all your gifts as they sustain the life and work of this parish.

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## Offertory Hymn #84

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour

*St. Osmund*

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,  
first begotten from the dead,  
thou alone, our strong defender,  
liftest up thy people's head.  
Alleluia, Jesus, true and living bread!

Here our humblest homage pay we,  
here in loving reverence bow;  
here for faith's discernment pray we,  
lest we fail to know thee now.  
Alleluia, thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee  
as of old in Bethlehem,  
here as there thine angels hail thee,  
branch and flower of Jesse's stem.  
Alleluia, we in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished  
once for all when thou wast slain,  
in its fullness undiminished  
shall forevermore remain,  
alleluia, cleansing us from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,  
stricken Rock with streaming side,  
heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
worship thee, the Lamb who died,  
alleluia, risen, ascended, glorified!

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Presider: Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew us in his transfigured life; for the sake of 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: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his glorious resurrection appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. Therefore we praise you 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

*Jackson*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory:  
glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he who cometh  
in the name of the Lord:  
hosanna in the highest.

Presider: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All: we remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

Presider: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**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: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**All: Now we are raised to new life.**

Presider: We were buried in your tomb.

**All: Now we share in your resurrection.**

Presider: Live in us, that we may live in you.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Agnus Dei

*Ireland*

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.

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## All are welcome to receive communion with us

As the sidespeople pass your pew, please line up in the centre aisle.

- **To receive a blessing**, as you reach the priest with the bread, cross your arms over your chest. Return to your seat after receiving the blessing.
  - **To receive the bread**, hold your hands in front of you, palms up.
  - **To receive the wine from the cup**, take the bottom of the cup and the base and guide it to your mouth.
  - **If you prefer to take only the bread**, you may indicate this to the cup bearer by crossing your arms over your chest, or simply walking past them.
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## Communion Motet

*(please be seated)*

Alleluia! Ascendit Deus

*Byrd*

*Alleluia. Ascendit Deus in jubilatione et Dominus in voce tubæ. Alleluia. Dominus in Sina in sancto, ascendens in altum captivam duxit, captivitatem. Alleluia.*

Alleluia. God is ascended in jubilation and our Lord in the voice of trumpet. Our Lord is in them, in Sina, in the holy place. Thou art ascended on high, thou hast taken captivity captive. Alleluia.

## Prayer after Communion

*(please stand as you are able)*

Presider: Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## Blessing

Presider: Eternal God, we rejoice in your greatness and power, your gentleness and love, your mercy and justice. Enable us by your Spirit to honour you in our thoughts, and words and actions, and to serve you in every aspect of our lives; and may God our Creator bless you and keep you all of your days, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## Announcements

### Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia!

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### Closing Hymn #247 v. 1, 2, 3, 6

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

*Ascension*

Hail the day that sees him rise, alleluia!  
to his throne above the skies; alleluia!  
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, alleluia!  
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits; alleluia!  
lift your heads, eternal gates; alleluia!  
he hath conquered death and sin; alleluia!  
take the King of Glory in. Alleluia!

Highest heaven its Lord receives, alleluia!  
yet he loves the earth he leaves; alleluia!  
though returning to his throne, alleluia!  
still he calls the world his own. Alleluia!

Lord, though parted from our sight, alleluia!  
far above the starry height, alleluia!  
grant our hearts may thither rise, alleluia!  
seeking thee above the skies. Alleluia!

## Postlude

*Please join us for Coffee Hour in Elliott Hall.*

Presider:  
The Venerable Cheryl Palmer

Preacher:  
The Reverend Cathy Gibbs

Gospeller:  
The Reverend Ali McIntosh

Intercessor:  
Hector Acero

Reader:  
Liz Quinlan

Director of Music:  
Patrick Dewell

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

Warden on Duty:  
Su Laine Varkey

Sidesperson:  
John Goodwin

Livestream Production Manager:  
James Finnerty

Vergers:  
Denis Delisle

# Announcements

- 1. WE'RE HIRING!** We are seeking both a second full-time custodian and a part-time family minister to join our staff team. Full job descriptions and ways to apply are on our website at <https://christchurchdeerpark.org/job-openings/> Please share this widely and with anyone who may be interested.
- 2. PENTECOST BBQ:** Let's gather together and celebrate on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30am service. We'll have burgers, hot dogs, salads, sides, and desserts! Sign up in Elliott Hall to help out or bring food! **(Also, everyone is invited to wear red on Pentecost!)**
- 3. BOOK STUDY:** This June we will be having a book study focused on *Speaking of Sin* by Barbara Brown Taylor. We'll have two discussions on Zoom led by Rev. Cathy (Tuesdays June 6 & 13 at 7pm). We also have copies of the book available to the first 15 registrants. Please register by emailing Rev. Cathy at [cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org)
- 4. TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION WORKING GROUP:** Friday May 5<sup>th</sup> marked the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit people (MMIWG), also known as Red Dress Day. Leading up to the day, the federal House of Commons unanimously voted to declare that the continued disappearance and murder of Indigenous women, girls, and Two-Spirit people is a national emergency. Indigenous women and girls are 12 times more likely to be missing or murdered than other women or girls in Canada. They are more likely to experience domestic violence but also more likely to be killed by acquaintances or strangers, and are also disproportionately likely to be targets of other kinds of violence. The same holds true for Two-Spirit and LGBTQ+ Indigenous people. The 2019 report from the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls listed many Calls for Justice, some of which apply to all Canadians and urge us to learn more about the crisis. The website of the National Inquiry has much more information: <https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/>
- 5. CLIMATE ACTION GROUP:** The positive effects of forest conservation extend to pandemic prevention, carbon sequestration, and biodiversity retention -- which address the climate and the ecological crises. [Source, *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists* citing a Harvard study].
- 6. CHURCH ON TAP:** Save the date and tell your friends! Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm we will have our final Church on Tap service before breaking for the summer. This service will celebrate Pride Month: three drag queen guests will join us and our preacher will be Billy J. Choi-Gekas. It promises to be a meaningful and joyous time of worship and fellowship (with a party

afterward in Elliott Hall, of course!). Donated snacks and baked goods for the party are most welcome!

**7. MOSAIC ONLINE PRAYER:** Our final Zoom gathering before the summer will be Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm. Join us for a short time of reflective reading and meditative prayer. The Zoom link is below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83431806850?pwd=aTJzZmxEcGlTU9Hai9CNTRXQkhvQT09>

Meeting ID: 834 3180 6850

Passcode: 033695

**8. JAZZ VESPERS:** Sunday, June 25 at 4:30pm. As usual, we celebrate the start of summer with a bang! Brian Barlow's Big Band plays music from Ellington's Sacred Concerts. We'll have trumpets, trombones, saxophones drums, piano, French horn, bass, AND will be joined by special guest vocalist Heather Bambrick from Jazz.FM! All are welcome!

**9. MEALS ON WHEELS:** Are you tired of preparing your meals each day? Are you a senior or a house-bound individual having difficulty shopping for food supplies? If so, call Yorkminster Park Meals on Wheels at 416-482-0549. They have volunteers who can deliver hot meals or frozen entrees (chosen by you from an extensive menu) to your home at reasonable prices.

## 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, May 24**

11:00am Holy Eucharist  
*In person, followed by lunch*

**Saturday, May 27**

8am-9am Community Breakfast

**Sunday, May 28**

8:00am Holy Eucharist  
*In person*

9:15am Holy Eucharist  
& Sunday School  
*In person*

10:30 am Holy Eucharist  
*In person & Livestreamed*  
*Followed by Parish BBQ!*



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