

Christ Church Deer Park

June 18, 2023
National Indigenous Day of Prayer

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.



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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9:15am Coffee Hour – Zara Arvini, Coordinator
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Property Committee – Andrew Harding, Chair
Refugee Committee – Julie Scott, Chair
Climate Action Group – Phyllis Creighton, Lead
Rummage Re-Imagined – Jayne Miles Simpson, Lead
Holy + Holly (Christmas Festival) – Barbara Johnston, Lead

Small Groups – The Rev. Cathy Gibbs
10:30 Coffee Hour – Sandra Geddes, Coordinator
Chancel Guild – Anne Larkin, Lead
Readers & Intercessors – The Rev. Ali McIntosh
Children's Ministry – The Rev. Ali McIntosh
Stewardship Committee – Stephen Clark
Truth and Reconciliation – Melissa Walter, Lead
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Prelude

Welcome & Gathering

Land Acknowledgement

Presider: Creator, you made all people of every land in your image and entrusted them with the care of the earth. It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect to those who first occupied this land we are upon. We give thanks to first peoples of this land, the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinabek Nations, and the Mississaugas of the Credit. We offer our respect to those ancestors who may be buried in this land. Creator, give us penitent hearts, that we may recall the destructiveness of western settlement on these peoples. Give us attentiveness so that we may hear and give thanks for Indigenous voices in our Anglican Church of Canada. Give us sincere and open hearts so that we may embrace the work of reconciliation to which you call your Church. With thankful and respectful hearts, we pray in Your Name, Your Son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn #442, v. 1, 3, 5

(please stand)

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

St. Petersburg

Great God, your love has called us here
as we, by love, for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind
your call to hear, your love to find.

Great God, in Christ you call our name
and then receive us as your own
not through some merit, right, or claim,
but by your gracious love alone.
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat
and find you kneeling at our feet.

Great God, in Christ you set us free
your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair
and offer all that faith can do
while love is making all things new.

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.

Leader: Come Great Spirit, as we gather in your name.
We face East: To your symbol colour Red, the hue of revelation; To your animal
symbol the Eagle, strong and nurturing; To your lessons calling us to the balance of
your Spirit in Harmony with brothers and sisters; To invoke your wisdom and grace,
the goodness of the ages, We pray:

All: Come Holy Spirit, Come.

Leader: We turn to face South: To your symbol colour Gold for the morning star. To your
symbol Brother Sun that enlightens our intellect and brings light on our path to live
responsibly; To your lessons calling us to balance of Mind in the Spirit of humility;
To invoke your spirit of illumination and far sighted vision; Help us to love you and
one another with our whole heart, our whole mind, and our whole soul, We pray:

All: Come Holy Spirit, Come.

Leader: We turn to face West: To your symbol colour Black, still and quiet. To your animal
symbol the Thunderbird; To your symbol the Thunder mighty and purposeful; To
your lessons calling us to balance our emotions in the spirit of Gentleness and
Honesty; To invoke your spirit of introspection, seeing within; Give us your strength
and the courage to endure, We pray:

All: Come Holy Spirit, Come.

Leader: We turn to face North: To your symbol colour white of clarity and brightness. To
your animal symbol the swan which brings us in touch with Mother Earth and
growing things; To your lessons calling us to balance of our Body in the spirit of a
good sense of humour; To invoke your spirit of innocence, trust and love; Help us to
open our eyes to the sacredness of every living thing, We pray:

All: Come Holy Spirit, Come.

Leader: We turn to complete the circle and to look: To God, our Creator who cleanses our
Mother Earth with snow, wind and rain; To Jesus Christ, the Peacemaker who fills us
with the wideness of mercy and lovingly embraces all, and the Holy Spirit who
inspires us to action:

All: Come Holy Spirit, Come.

Gloria

Senchur

All: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Choir: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

All: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Choir: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

All: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Choir: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

All: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: Let us pray.

Creator God, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life.

All: Amen.

Presider: 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.

Listening to God

(please be seated)

Reader: A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is

honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:4-9

(Always dance with joy before our Honoured Chief! I will say it again: dance with joy! Let everyone see how kind and thoughtful you are. Our Honoured Chief is close at hand. Do not let your hearts be weighed down with anything. Instead, with every step you take, send your voice to the Great Spirit, asking him for the things you need. And in all your prayers remember to give him thanks. Then the peace and harmony of the Great Spirit, which goes far beyond our small and weak ways of thinking, will watch over your hearts and minds through the Chosen One, Creator Sets Free (Jesus). Last of all, my sacred family members, if anything can be seen as good and honourable, think deeply about these things. Things that are true and noble, upright and pure, full of beauty and worthy of respect. Follow the way of life you have seen in me, the things you have learned from me, heard from me, and received from me. Keep walking in the traditions I have passed on to you. Then the Great Spirit of Peace will continue to walk with you on this road.)

First Nations Translation

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 105

Ave Virgo Virginum

Praise the Lord, the day is won!
Glory, hallelujah!
God for us great things has done.
Sing, shout hallelujah!
Now let all the earth proclaim
resurrection wonder;
in God's all-enduring name,
death is cast asunder!

Loosed from chains by bondage cast;
glory, hallelujah!
God has freed our souls at last.
Sing, shout hallelujah!
Slaves held captive for so long,
scarred by sin and sadness,

lift anew their victory song,
filled with joy and gladness!

As God's Spirit moved the sea;
glory, hallelujah!
set our hearts at liberty.
Sing, shout hallelujah!
In our darkest, dreadful day,
crushed by grief and mourning;
God will roll the stone away, m
radiant love adorning.

God's great covenant is sealed!
Glory, hallelujah!
Our salvation is revealed.
Sing, shout hallelujah!
Plagues no more confound the flock,
flames nor flood assail us;
sure as water from the rock,
God will never fail us!

The Holy Gospel

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his

glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me." ') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known. *John 1:1-18*

(Long ago, in the time before all days, before the creation of all things, the one who is known as the Word was there face to face with the Great Spirit. This Word fully represents Creator and shows us who he is and what he is like. He has always been there from the beginning, for the Word and Creator are one and the same. Through the Word all things came into being, and not one thing exists that he did not create. Creator's life shined out from the Word, giving light to all human beings. This is the true Light that comes to all the peoples of the world and shines on everyone. The Light shines into the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it or put it out. Into the wilderness of the Land of Promise (Judea) came a man named Gift of Goodwill (John). He was sent by the Great Spirit to tell what he knew about the Light so everyone could believe. He was not the Light but came to speak the truth about the Light. The true Light that shines on all people was coming into the darkness of the world. He came down into this world, and even though he made all things, the world did not recognize him. Even his own tribe did not welcome or honour him. But all who welcome and trust him receive their birthright as children of the Great Spirit. They are born in a new way, not from a human father's plans or desires, but born from above – by the Great Spirit. Creator's Word became a flesh-and-blood human being and pitched his sacred tent among us, living as one of us. We looked upon his great beauty and saw how honourable he was, the kind of honour held only by this one Son who fully represents his Father – full of his great kindness and truth. Gift of Goodwill (John) told what he knew about him and cried out with a loud voice, "The one I have told you about is here! He comes after me, but is much greater – my elder! He has more honour, for even though he is thought to be younger, he existed before I was born." From the fullness of his being we have all had many gifts of kindness poured out on us. Drawn from the Water (Moses) gave us our tribal laws, but the gift of great kindness and truth came from Creator Sets Free (Jesus), the Chosen One. No one has ever seen the Great Spirit, but the one Son, who is himself the Great Spirit and closest to the Father's heart, has shown us what he is like.)

First Nations Translation

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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)

Leader: O God, we come together as a human family, blessed to be alive, blessed to be on this land, blessed to have neighbours as diverse as your creation. You surround us with air we breathe, water we drink, all manner of living plants and animals that delight us and sustain us. Thank you, Creator, for all you provide...Hear us as we give thanks saying,
Lord in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: O God, today we give thanks for Indigenous leaders, neighbours and friends in our community. We lament that historic and contemporary racism continues to mar our relations. We lament the church's role as beneficiaries of an economic and governance system that privileges settler peoples at the expense of the First Peoples of this land. We lament apathy in the face of the need for change, change that recognizes the sovereignty of the First Peoples and recognizes at long last, in ways that make a difference, the sacredness of the land and the need for all of us to walk humbly upon it.
Lord in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Hear us now as we pray for those hurting and in pain in all our communities: For anyone worn down by systemic racism, including by government and by the church, that settler Canadians and those with power will change their thinking and how they live so justice will finally come.

All: Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Leader: For survivors of residential schools, and their families that continue to live with that legacy, that justice will finally come.
Lord in your mercy,
All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For those Indigenous women and girls who are among the thousands of murdered and missing, for them and their families, our lament at the shame of what has happened and our pledge to advocate for their safety, that justice will finally come.
Lord in your mercy,
All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the air, that all might breathe it clean and free, that justice might finally come. For the waters—marshlands, lakes, rivers, streams. For the great seas and oceans. That they might be protected for the benefit of seven generations hence, that justice will finally come.
Lord in your mercy,
All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the lands, forests, grass, and farmlands. For the prairies, foothills, and mountains. For their beauty, for the life that teems within, upon, and over them, for the reprioritization of the health of ecosystems over profit, so justice will finally come.
Lord in your mercy,
All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the animals, birds, fish, and life of all kinds whose viability is being threatened by unsustainable human activity, that their lives will begin to count so that justice will finally come.
Lord in your mercy,
All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: All this, as well as the prayers of our hearts, O God, we lift up to you. Hear our celebrations as we claim anew our kinship with you and with all our relations. Hear our laments, and grow our hearts full of compassion for self and other as we leave this place to be a better friend and neighbour to all. We pray in the name of Creator, who is Mother and Father of us all. We pray as well in the Spirit of Christ, whose words continue to guide our lives today. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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

Presider: Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept

Presider: Most merciful God,
**All: we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Presider: Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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.

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
- 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 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.

Offertory Hymn #450

You Call Us, Lord, to Be

Rhosymedre

You call us, Lord, to be a people set apart,
to feel with thoughtful mind and think with tender heart.

Refrain:

Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

You call us, Lord, to care for self and neighbour too,
to take the risk, and dare to show what love can do. *Refrain*

You call us, Lord, to be good stewards of the earth;
to tend to it as a place of blessedness and worth. *Refrain*

You call us, Lord, to serve: to die that we may live,
to know we best receive when joyfully we give. *Refrain*

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Creator, you bless us with many good gifts returned to you from your creation. Feed us with the Bread of Life, your Son 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: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus & Benedictus

Buley

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes
in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Presider: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, 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: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

Buley

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.

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)

In Sacred Manner May We Walk

Teague

In sacred manner may we walk
upon the fair and loving earth,
in beauty mov, in beauty love
the living round that brought us birth.
We stand on holy ground.
We stand on holy ground.

In sacred manner may we see
the luminous and loving stars,
with wonder and with awe behold
their ever new creatove powers.
The heavens show us God.
The heavens show us God.

In sacred manner may we touch
the suspirant and loving green.
Give honour and give gratitude
for shade, for bloom, for gift unseen.
The trees shall shout for joy.
The trees shall shout for joy.

In sacred manner may we hear
the pounding waves, the scaring fire,
the rushing wind, the singing night,
the forest hymn, the loving choir.
The morning stars shall sing.
The morning stars shall sing.

In sacred manner may we live
among the wise and loving ones,
sit humbly, as at a sage's feet,
by four-legged, finned, and feathered ones.
The animals will teach.
The animals will teach.

In sacred manner may we walk
upon the fair and loving earth,
in beauty move, in beauty love,
the living round that brought us birth.
We stand on holy ground.
We stand on holy ground.

Prayer after Communion

(please stand as you are able)

Prsider: Great Creator, you have fed us with bread from heaven. Continue to renew us in your truth, to give light to our minds strength to our bodies, and seal us with your Holy Spirit. We ask this in Christ's name.

All: Amen.

Prsider: 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.

Blessing

Prsider: 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: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? [*Refrain*]

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? [*Refrain*]

Postlude

Please join us after the service for refreshments.

Memorial Flowers

The flowers in the church are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Margaret and Monty Larkin and Tanner Larkin.

Presider:
The Venerable Cheryl Palmer

Preachers:
The Reverend Cathy Gibbs
Melissa Walter

Gospeller:
The Reverend Ali McIntosh

Intercessor:
Anne Larkin

Reader:
Kelsey Taylor

Director of Music:
Patrick Dewell

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

Warden on Duty:
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Announcements

- 1. TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION WORKING GROUP:** On June 21, 2021, the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People Act* became the law in Canada. This law committed Canada to bring its own laws into alignment with the *Declaration*, which lists a number of unique rights of Indigenous Peoples. Call to Action 43 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission had called for Canadian governments to fully implement the *Declaration*. The *Act* required the development of an Action Plan to implement the *Declaration* within two years of its adoption. A broad consultation and collaboration process ran between December 2021 and December 2022, and generated a range of measures and recommendations from more than 220 virtual sessions and 60 submissions from Indigenous partners. A draft plan was released in March 2023 and is now undergoing further consultation and cooperation with Indigenous partners. The planned actions listed in the draft cover many areas of government responsibility including health care, the justice system, climate change and the environment, languages, citizenship and immigration, and more. The Action Plan to implement the *Act* is officially scheduled to be made public on June 21, 2023, which is National Indigenous Peoples Day in Canada – however, on April 6, 2023, the Assembly of First Nations passed a resolution calling on the federal government to extend the deadline for finalizing the Action Plan to allow better consultation. At this point, the Government of Canada still states that the plan will be released by the end of June. In the meantime, the draft Action Plan is available on the Justice department's website:
<https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/declaration/ap-pa/ah/index.html>
- 2. CLIMATE ACTION GROUP:** In Genesis 2, God lets Adam give a name to all the living creatures. From this we can reflect that God's intention was for humankind to have a close relationship with the creatures of the earth, a relationship whereby we know the names of the birds and bugs and trees that share our home. God says to God's people, "I have called you by name, and you are mine." (Is. 43:1). Likewise, by asking humans to name the creatures of the earth, God asks us to take the responsibility of caring for them with wisdom and stewardship, as God cares for us.
- 3. EDITOR WANTED FOR *SPIRITUS*:** As announced at Vestry, after eight years of dedication as editor of our parish newsletter *Spiritus*, sadly, Genevieve Chornenki is putting down her red pen. We are currently looking for someone to take up this important ministry, with overall responsibility for producing the newsletter several times a year, working together with a small editorial team. *Spiritus* publishes opinion pieces, educational notes, book reviews, ministry and committee reports, notices, and other miscellaneous items, without demanding conformity of thought or opinion. All members of the parish are invited to write for it, and many are regular contributors. Typically, there are three regular issues each year published for Lent, Fall and Advent. Past issues are archived on the website: <https://christchurchdeerpark.org/spiritus->

archive/ Anyone interested in this role or in learning more about what's involved, please contact Genevieve by email at: genevieve.chornenki@bell.net

4. MOSAIC ONLINE PRAYER: Our final Zoom gathering before the summer will be Wednesday, June 21st 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

5. 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!

6. MEMORIAL FLOWERS: If you would like to dedicate flowers on a Sunday in memory of a loved one, please contact Pat Butler, our Flower Guild organizer (pat.butler@bell.net or 416-573-1415).

7. 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.

8. CHURCHES-ON-THE-HILL FOODBANK: The food of the month for June is grains, rice, couscous, quinoa. The foodbank is also finding it a challenge to obtain baby formula, there are limits on how much can be purchased at any one time. The brands we are looking for are Kirkland Omega, stage 1 with iron, yellow label (Costco). If you are at a Loblaws affiliate, PC Infant Formula with Iron, Stage One or Parents Choice Iron Fortified, Stage One at Walmart. Enfamil and Simlac are also good substitutes and can be found at most stores. Ensure it is Iron fortified/ with Iron and Stage One, Step One. If you purchase it, the foodbank will either give you a tax receipt or reimburse you the cost. You can drop it off at the foodbank on Tuesday or Thursday morning from 9-12noon with your contact info (name, phone number, email, address) OR let Anne Larkin know at outreach@christchurchdeerpark.org. Thank you for your support.

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, June 21

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

7:00pm MOSAIC
On Zoom

Saturday, June 24

No Community Breakfast
** we switched a date with
Calvin Presbyterian this month*

Sunday, June 25

8:00am Holy Eucharist
In person

9:15am Holy Eucharist
& Sunday School
In person

10:30 am Holy Eucharist
In person & Livestreamed

4:30pm Jazz Vespers
In person



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