

Christ Church Deer Park

June 4, 2023
Trinity Sunday / Refugee Sunday

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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Readers & Intercessors – The Rev. Ali McIntosh
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Truth and Reconciliation – Melissa Walter, Lead
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Prelude

Welcome & Gathering

Opening Hymn #1

(please stand)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty

Nicaea

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though our sinful human gaze thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

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.

Gloria

Senchur

Choir: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

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

The Collect of the Day

Presider: Let us pray.
God our refuge, we hold in heart and mind those who flee their homes and who seek safety in a new place. We cannot imagine the fear, the uncertainty, the discomfort of leaving what one has known to venture to the unknown, often with little or nothing in their possession. May we be filled with a spirit of compassion and grace to welcome with open arms those who come to us in need. Show us a way of hospitality, help us to be generous; bring peace where there is turmoil. In the name of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, we pray.

All: Amen.

A Moment of Grace: A Prayer for Refugees

Presider: God of our Wandering Ancestors, long have we known that your heart is with the refugee: that you were born into time in a family of refugees fleeing violence in their homeland, who then gathered up their hungry child and fled into alien country. Their cry, your cry, resounds through the ages: "Will you let me in?"

Give us hearts that break open when our brothers and sisters turn to us with that same cry. Then surely all these things will follow: ears will no longer turn deaf to their voices. Eyes will see a moment for grace instead of a threat. Tongues will not be silenced but will instead advocate. And hands will reach out— working for peace in their homeland, working for justice in the lands where they seek safe haven.

Lord, protect all refugees in their travels. May they find a friend in us and so make us worthy of the refuge we have found in you.

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 Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.
2 Corinthians 13:11-13

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8

Fedak

Cantor: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

All: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

Cantor: O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth –
you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and
children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies,
to silence the foe and avenger.

All: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

Cantor: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?

All: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

Cantor: Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honour you crown them.
You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet;
all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,

and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

All: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

Gradual Hymn #484 v. 1, 2

(please stand as you are able)

In Christ There Is No East or West

St Bernard

In Christ there is no east or west,
in Christ no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find,
whose service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind.

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 Matthew.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
Matthew 28:16-20

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn #484 v. 3, 4

In Christ There Is No East or West

St Bernard

Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be;

who serves my God in truth and love
is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,
in Christ meet south and north;
all faithful souls are joined in one
throughout the whole wide earth.

Homily

(please be seated)

Anthem

Hymn to Freedom

Peterson, arr. Read

When every heart joins every heart
and together yearns for liberty,
that's when we'll be free.

When every hand joins every hand
and together moulds our destiny,
that's when we'll be free.

Any hour, any day, the time soon will come
when all will live in dignity,
that's when we'll be free.

When every one joins in our song
and together singing harmony,
that's when we'll be free.

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: Loving God we lift up to you people who have fled and are fleeing their homes to escape persecution through death, torture, ruthless exploitation. We pray especially for children travelling alone in dangerous situations. Good Shepherd, no refugee is a stranger to you, or far from your love. Shelter their souls and bodies.

Loving God, strengthen us to witness your love for all people.

All: In Jesus' name we pray.

Leader: We also pray for all who are fleeing drought and famine, floods and fires, earthquakes and hurricanes. Give us the wisdom to understand that these people are suffering the consequences of a lifestyle that consumes far, far more than our fair share of resources; the discipline to reduce our demands and the grace to welcome those who are suffering the worst consequence.

Loving God, strengthen us to witness your love for all people.

All: In Jesus' name we pray.

Leader: Help us to remember all who tonight will go to sleep unfed and unwelcome; strangers in foreign lands, people who have fled for their lives and are far from their homes.

Loving God, strengthen us to witness your love for all people.

All: In Jesus' name we pray.

Leader: We pray for all in authority throughout the world who make decisions that impact refugees. Grant them wisdom, compassion and courage to tackle the root causes of the refugee crisis.

Loving God, strengthen us to witness your love for all people.

All: In Jesus' name we pray.

Leader: Gracious God, you call us to welcome people who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence, and war. Help us to remember that we all belong to the same human family. Help us to honour the sacrifice of migrants and refugees with actions more than words.

Loving God, strengthen us to witness your love for all people.

All: In Jesus' name we pray.

Leader: Help us to remember that we are many parts of a single body, each one unique and every one necessary, all of us searching for an eternal place where we can belong. We pray that we will be examples of inclusion and nurturing. Give us voices that refuse to remain silent, and hands to reach out in welcome.
Loving God, strengthen us to witness your love for all people.

All: In Jesus' name we pray.

Leader: Help us to be aware of the fears, anxiety, pain, sorrow, uncertainty all refugees suffer and to know that many refugees carry wounds, mental and physical and have suffered greatly. Give us compassionate hearts for those who had courage to flee their homes but live in hope and strive for a desire to better our world.
Loving God strengthen us to witness your love for all people.

All: In Jesus' name we pray.

Leader: Help us by your grace to banish fear from our hearts, that we may embrace each of your children as our own brother and sister and sibling; to welcome migrants and refugees with joy and generosity, while responding to their many needs; to realize that you call all people to learn the ways of peace and justice and to share our abundance.
Loving God strengthen us to witness your love for all people.

All: In Jesus' name we pray.

Leader: Most gracious and loving God, no one is a stranger to you and no one is ever far from your loving care. Look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger, are homeless and are hungry. Bless those who work to bring them relief, inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts, and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will rejoice in your reign of justice and of peace. We ask in Jesus' name, who also was a refugee and migrant and who had no place to call home,

All: 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

Let Us Build a House

Two Oaks

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain:

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *[Refrain]*

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: [*Refrain*]

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: [*Refrain*]

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Living God, receive all we offer you this day. Grant that hearing your word and responding to your Spirit, we may share in your divine life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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, because, in the mystery you disclose to us, you reveal your glory as the glory of your Son and the Holy Spirit: three persons equal in majesty, undivided in splendour, yet one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your everlasting glory. Therefore with all the company of heaven we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

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

**Blessed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord.**

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

Land of Rest, arr. Proulx

All: O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your 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)

Ubi Caritas

arr. Ambrosetti

Refrain:

Ubi caritas et amor Deus ibi est

Since the love of Christ has gathered us as one,
let us then rejoice and be glad now and always.
So let us fear and let us love the living God
and with hearts pure and whole
let us love each other. *[Refrain]*

Since therefore we gather together as one,
let our minds not be divided or broken.
Let division and hatred and jealousy cease
and in the midst of us may Christ our God then be. *[Refrain]*

Therefore, along with the blessed ones, we see
your transcendent glory enthroned: Christ our God.
Source of delight which is boundless and indeed good,
throughout every age without end time unceasing. *[Refrain]*

Communion Hymn

O Threefold God of Tender Unity

Azair

O threefold God of tender unity,
life's great unknown that binds and sets us free:
felt in our loving, greater than our thought,
you are the mystery found, the mystery sought.

O blaze of radiance, source of light that blinds,
fierce burning fire in our prophetic minds,
you live in mystery, yet within us dwell;
life springs from you as from a living well.

In every making, each creative dream,
and in the flowing of life's healing stream,
when love is born or people reconciled,
we share your life, O Parent, Spirit, Child.

O threefold God of tender unity,
life's great unknown that binds and sets us free:
felt in our loving, greater than our thought,
you are the mystery found, the mystery sought.

Prayer after Communion

(please stand as you are able)

Presider: Almighty and eternal God, may we who have received this eucharist worship you in all we do, and proclaim the glory of your majesty. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: Amen.

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.

Blessing

Presider: The Triune God makes a place for all, longs for safety for everyone, and transcends every border meant to keep God's love away. May this uniting God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you all the days of your lives. **Amen.**

Announcements

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

Kingsfold

Come, join the dance of Trinity,
before all worlds begun –
the interweaving of the Three,
the Father, Spirit, Son.
The universe of space and time
did not arise by chance,
but as the Three, in love and hope,
made room within their dance.

Come, speak aloud of Trinity,
as wind and tongues of flame
set people free at Pentecost
to tell the Saviour's name.
We know the yoke of sin and death,
our necks have worn it smooth;
go tell the world of weight and woe
that we are free to move!

Within the dance of Trinity,
before all worlds begun,
we sing the praises of the Three,
the Father, Spirit, Son.
Let voices rise and interweave,
by love and hope set free,
to shape in song this joy, this life:
the dance of Trinity!

Postlude

Please join us after the service for Coffee Hour.

Memorial Flowers

The flowers in the church are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Jennifer and Desmond Mallalieu.

Presider:
The Reverend Cathy Gibbs

Preachers:
The Reverend Ali McIntosh
Paul Kingston

Gospeller:
The Venerable Cheryl Palmer

Intercessor:
Julie Scott

Reader:
Michael Baker

Director of Music:
Patrick Dewell

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

Trumpeters:
Matisse Blundell, Aled Blundell, Maslin Blundell

Warden on Duty:
Nick Strube

Sidesperson:
Andrew Harding

Flower Arrangement:
Pat Butler

Livestream Production Manager:
James Finnerty

Vergers:
Denis Delisle

— Announcements —

- 1. THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who made the Pentecost BBQ such a success!
- 2. 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). Please register by emailing Rev. Cathy at cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org
- 3. TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION WORKING GROUP:** Did you know there is an Indigenous-focused and led school in Toronto? The Wandering Spirit Survival School was founded in 1977 by Elder Pauline Shirt and the late Elder Vern Harper, who founded the school to nurture the Indigenous identity of their own child. Wandering Spirit was the first Indigenous-led school founded in Canada and was initially designated as an alternative school by the Toronto District School Board (TDSB). In 1983, the school was recognized by the TDSB as a Cultural Survival/Native Way program instead of an alternative school, and in 1989, the program was renamed First Nations School of Toronto. In 2018/19, the school was renamed Kâpapâmahchakwêw – Wandering Spirit School. For most of its history, the school included students from Kindergarten to Grade 8. In 2017, it expanded to include a secondary school, and it recently held its first high school graduation for 50 senior students. It currently has 180 students. The school has interwoven the Ojibwe language and Indigenous cultures, values and traditions, particularly from the Anishinaabe perspective, throughout the curriculum, which is taught by Indigenous educators, Elders, and knowledge keepers.
- 4. CLIMATE ACTION GROUP:** Ontario is home to about 400 species of bees, including 16 different species of bumblebees! Each species is important to our ecosystem, pollinating the flowers we enjoy and much of the food we eat. (In fact, insect pollinators are responsible for an estimated one out of every three bites that people in North America take!). It is not news to say that bees and other insects are in decline due to disease, habitat loss, and pesticide use. It can be daunting to know what to do with this information. The first step is to know that as Christians we are called to be stewards and caretakers of Creation; God calls us to not be afraid, but to let our hands be strong (Zech. 8:13). Individually we can plant a pollinator garden; collectively we can raise our voices to enact policy change and awareness at the local and provincial levels. [Sources: <https://www.ontarioparks.com/parksblog/guess-how-many-bee-species-call-ontario-home/> and <https://ontarionature.org/campaigns/pollinators/>]
- 5. CHURCH ON TAP:** Save the date and tell your friends! Friday, June 16th 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!

- 6. 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=aTJzZmxEcGlITU9Hai9CNTRXQkhvQT09>
Meeting ID: 834 3180 6850
Passcode: 033695
- 7. 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!
- 8. 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).
- 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, June 7

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

Saturday, June 10

8-9am Community Breakfast
**no community breakfast
on June 24 instead*

Sunday, June 11

8:00am Holy Eucharist
In person

9:15am Holy Eucharist
& Sunday School
In person

10:30 am Holy Eucharist
In person & Livestreamed



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