

Christ Church Deer Park

August 27, 2023
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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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10:30 Coffee Hour – Sandra Geddes, Coordinator

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Chancel Guild – Anne Larkin, Lead

Flower Guild – Pat Butler, Coordinator

Readers & Intercessors – The Rev. Ali McIntosh

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Children's Ministry – The Rev. Ali McIntosh

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Stewardship Committee – Stephen Clark

Refugee Committee – Julie Scott, Chair

Truth and Reconciliation – Melissa Walter, Lead

Climate Action Group – Phyllis Creighton, Lead

Spiritus – Emily Chatten, Melissa Walter &

Rummage Re-Imagined – Jayne Miles Simpson, Lead

Supipi Weerasooriya, Editorial Team

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

If you are here a few minutes early, please join us for refreshments on the south lawn.

Prelude

Welcome & Gathering

Opening Hymn #381 v. 1, 2, 4, 5

(please stand as you are able)

Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven

Praise, My Soul

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our forebears in distress;
praise him still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless;
alleluia, alleluia,
glorious in his faithfulness.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
alleluia, alleluia,
praise the high eternal one.

Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise with us the God of grace.

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

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.
Almighty God, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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 Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Romans 12:1-8

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

All: Thanks be to God.

(please stand as you are able)

Psalm #124

Old 124th

Our help is in the name of God the Lord;
the one who made the heavens with a word;
Creator of the world, each living thing.
Come, bless the Lord, lift up your hearts and sing:
"Our help is in the name of God the Lord."

When evil seems to have the upper hand,
call on God's name: the Lord, the great "I Am."
When troubles rise and all around gives way,
remember God stays with us night and day.
Our help is in the name of God the Lord.

Praise God the Lord who hears the captives' prayer;
like birds escaping from the fowler's snare

we are set free; our praises now ascend:
"Blessed by the Lord: Creator, Saviour, Friend.
Our help is in the name of God the Lord."

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 when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. *Matthew 16:13-20*

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)

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

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.

bles God's church, God's people, and God's creation. Amen.

Offertory Hymn #524 v. 1, 2, 4

O Christ the Great Foundation

Aurelia

O Christ, the great foundation
on which your people stand
to preach your true salvation
in every age and land:
pour out your Holy Spirit
to make us strong and pure,
to keep the faith unbroken
as long as worlds endure.

Baptized in one confession,
one church in all the earth,
we bear our Lord's impression,
the sign of second birth.
One holy people gathered
in love beyond our own;
by grace we were invited,
by grace we make you known.

This is the moment glorious
when he, who once was dead,
shall lead his church victorious,
their champion and their head.
The Lord of all creation
his heavenly kingdom brings:
the final consummation,
the glory of all things.

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: God of glory, receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love, and increase in us that true and perfect gift. We ask this in the name 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: 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 #722

Picardy, arr. Wedd

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

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

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna,
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 #690

Hurd

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 Hymn #522

(please be seated)

Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me

Redhead No. 76

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure,
cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labours of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone:
thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hands I bring;
simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Saviour, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar through tracts unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

Prayer after Communion

(please stand as you are able)

Presider: Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love. Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things, for the sake of Jesus Christ our 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: And may God our Creator, Jesus our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Sustainer, bless you and keep you all of your days.

All: Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

St. Denio

How firm a foundation, you servants of God,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can be said than to you has been said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed!
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen and help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not – I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I'll never – no, never – no, never forsake!"

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Presider:
The Reverend Robert Gorham

Preacher:
The Reverend Cathy Gibbs

Reader:
Sean Chang

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Patrick Dewell

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Announcements

1. **RUMMAGE ON THE LAWN SALE:** Come out on Saturday, September 16th from 10am-2pm for some shopping that supports our church! We'll have treasures, linens, toys, books, CDs, housewares, sporting goods, a bake sale, and a BBQ! Please bring cash.
 - a. **Last Rummage Intake:** For the sale, our last Rummage Intake day will be Saturday, September 9th from 11am-2pm at the Atrium entrance.
 - b. **Winter Coats Accepted:** We have decided to sell winter coats, hats, and gloves; so, we are now accepting these items for the sale.
 - c. **Volunteers Needed:** Please consider giving us an hour or two of your time on September 15th (day before the sale) or 16th (day of the sale); we are looking to fill morning or afternoon shifts. You are our church family and we cannot do this without you! Last year many newcomers came to buy for their new homes. Some students came looking for university stuff. But best was the number of families, or single people, who just wanted to hear the organ with the doors open – and no preachers. Some people had never been in a church. Our wonderful clergy, walking the crowd, were available for a few quiet words – no pressure – just breaking down barriers. Others hadn't worshipped since leaving their countries, fearful of praying. We take a lot for granted here. So, if you are interested and available, please contact Lucia (lucia.nebesny@gmail.com) or Jayne (416-489-2400).
 - d. **Calling All Bakers!** We are having a youth-run bake sale at our Rummage Sale, and are in need of donated baked goods! All items must be packaged as they will be sold. Please drop off your items on the Thursday or Friday ahead of the sale between 9am and 7pm at the Atrium doors. Thank you!

2. **COMMUNITY BREAKFAST – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** We are looking for some more volunteer support for our Community Breakfast program, which runs three out of the four Saturdays a month from 7am-10am. **We are also considering a lunchtime BBQ on Labour Day (September 4) and are looking for volunteers for set up, grilling, and serving.** If you are interested or know anyone who might be, please contact Anne at outreach@christchurchdeerpark.org

3. **TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION WORKING GROUP:** *Indspire* is a national Indigenous registered charity that invests in the education of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people. It is the largest funder of Indigenous education outside the federal government. With the support of its funding partners, *Indspire* disburses financial awards, delivers programs, and provides resources to First Nations, Inuit, and Métis students, educators, communities and other stakeholders. Programs include *Rivers to Success*, *Teach for Tomorrow*, *National Gathering for Indigenous Education*, and *Building Brighter Futures: Bursaries, Scholarships and Awards*. In 2022-23, *Indspire* awarded over \$27.5 million through 7,522 bursaries and scholarships to

Indigenous students. Indspire also hosts the *National Gathering for Indigenous Education* which this year will be held in Montreal in November. The *Gathering* will provide opportunities to learn strategies to engage students, to share best practices in the classroom, and to examine emerging trends affecting Indigenous students. Education disparities remain a serious issue in Canada: according to recent statistics, only 63% of all First Nations youth had completed high school, compared with 91% of the non-Indigenous population. Further information about *Indspire* is available at <https://Indspire.ca>.

4. CLIMATE ACTION GROUP: The climate crisis has been brought home to people across Canada in 2023 through the dangerous and unprecedented wildfire season that has burnt almost twice as much area as the previous record year. Across the world, extreme heat, wildfires, flooding and extreme weather events have caused devastation to millions. For many in the global south, this was already a reality that continues to get worse, a crisis driven by the increasing concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere from reliance on fossil fuel energy. More than 30 years of international talks have failed to stem the rise of carbon emissions: governments remain wedded to fossil fuels, subsidizing their operations, approving new oil and gas production and building pipelines and other infrastructure. The Ford government's expansion of gas-fired electricity plants in Ontario is a local example of public energy policy moving in the wrong direction. But the science is clear: we must stop producing and burning fossil fuels as quickly as possible to avoid the worst of the climate crisis - we are in it now. [Source: Lyn Adamson, Climate Fast Toronto activist]

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, August 30

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

Saturday, September 2

8-9am Community Breakfast

Sunday, September 3

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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