

Christ Church Deer Park

September 17, 2023
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
The Season of Creation

**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

10:30 Coffee Hour – Sandra Geddes, Coordinator

Choir – Patrick Dewell, Director

Chancel Guild – Anne Larkin, Lead

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Readers & Intercessors – The Rev. Ali McIntosh

Welcome Team – Paul Kingston, Coordinator

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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

Prelude

Welcome & Gathering

Opening Hymn #419

(please stand as you are able)

Let All Creation Bless the Lord

Mit Freuden Zart

Let all creation bless the Lord,
till heaven with praise is ringing.
Sun, moon, and stars, peal out a chord,
stir up the angels' singing.
Sing, wind and rain! Sing, snow and sleet!
Make music, day, night, cold and heat:
exalt the God who made you.

All living things upon the earth,
green fertile hills and mountains,
sing to the God who gave you birth;
be joyful, springs and fountains.
Lithe waterlife, bright airborne birds,
wild roving beasts, tame flocks and herds:
exalt the God who made you.

O men and women everywhere,
lift up a hymn of glory;
all you who know God's steadfast care,
tell out salvation's story.
No tongue be silent; sing your part,
you humble souls and meek of heart;
exalt the God who made you.

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.

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.

Source of all life, we give thanks to you for your wondrous creation made manifest in the environment that surrounds us; strengthen us in the mission of stewardship and care towards nature, the work of your hands, encouraging us to preserve life in all its precious forms. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Readings & 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 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 #619

Fairest Lord Jesus

Crusader's Hymn

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou the Godhead's human son:
thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,
thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
who makes the troubled heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and fair the twinkling, starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.

All fairest beauty, heavenly and earthly,
wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;
none can be nearer, fairer, or dearer
than thou, my Saviour, art to me.

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at this table bring wholeness to our broken world. 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: 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

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**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

Stainer

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.

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

(please be seated)

All Beautiful the March of Days

Forest Green

All beautiful the march of days
as seasons come and go;
the hand that shaped the rose hath wrought
the crystal of the snow,
hath sent the hoary frost of heaven,
the flowing waters sealed,
and laid a silent loveliness
on hill and wood and field.

O'er white expanses, sparkling pure ,
the radiant morns unfold;
the solemn splendours of the night
burn brighter through the cold;
life mounts in every throbbing vein,
love deepens round the hearth,
and clearer sounds the angel hymn,
"Good will and peace on earth."

O thou, from whose unfathomed law
the year in beauty flows,
thyself the vision passing by
in crystal and in rose;
day unto day doth utter speech,
and night to night proclaim
in ever-changing words of light
the wonder of thy name.

Communion Motet

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Rutter

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flow'r that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.

Refrain

The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning,
That brightens up the sky;

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one;

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

Refrain

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

Refrain

Prayer after Communion

(please stand as you are able)

Presider: God of peace, in this eucharist we have been reconciled to you and to our neighbours. May we who have been nourished by holy things always have the courage to forgive. 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: 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 #425

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father and our Mother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Dismissal

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Please join us for Coffee Hour upstairs in Elliott Hall.

Presider:
The Venerable Cheryl Palmer

Preacher:
The Reverend Cathy Gibbs

Reader:
Winnie Tang

Intercessor:
Andrew Harding

Director of Music:
Patrick Dewell

Soloists:
Sonya Harper Nyby,
Julia Barber, Peter Warren

Warden on Duty:
Su Laine Varkey

Sidesperson:
Danylo Dzwonyk

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Liam McIvor

Vergers:
Rikk Scapillato

Announcements

Thank you

TO THE RUMMAGE TEAM FOR
ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SALE!

YOUR HARD WORK IS VERY
APPRECIATED BY OUR CHURCH!

LOVE,
YOUR CCDP COMMUNITY

1. SEASON OF CREATION! Please join us this year as we observe the Season of Creation with the following worship activities:

- a. **Guest Preacher Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat** will join us on Sunday, September 24th at the 9:15am and 10:30am services. Sylvia, a biblical scholar, farmer, and activist, will preach on voices of the land.
- b. **Blessing of the Pets on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi:** we will gather on Wednesday, October 4th at 6pm on the west lawn to bless our pets and animals. All species are welcome, but please ensure your pet is on a leash or in a carrier (as we don't want any escapees!) This low-key service is a great one to invite friends and neighbours to.

2. JAZZ VESPERS returns on Sunday, September 17th at 4:30pm. All are welcome!

3. MOSAIC MIDWEEK PRAYER: Once a month let us pause midweek to come together and seek God. Wednesday, September 20th at 7pm on Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87540473407?pwd=NzFyMGIjLzZ5VXREK2NWczZOajlDZz09>

Meeting ID: 875 4047 3407

Passcode: 033695

- 4. CHURCH ON TAP:** Come to lament and come to rejoice – for God is with us. Service followed by beer and light refreshments. Friday, September 22nd at 7pm.
- 5. THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE:** Fall is right around the corner, and so we will be accepting items for our Thanksgiving food drive. Items of particular need are: cereals, rice, pasta, canned fruits, canned vegetables, canned meat, canned fish, legumes, peanut butter, and baby food. From the Sundays of September 10 through October 8, items can be placed in the red wagon at the back of the sanctuary; after being blessed on Thanksgiving Sunday, the items will be donated to the Churches-on-the-Hill Food Bank.
- 6. PONDERING THE PSALMS:** The Psalms are full of joy, gratitude, lament, and anger. Come and learn more about these poems that we hear each week in church. Cheryl, Ali, and Cathy will present insights and challenges for you to ponder. Where? On Zoom. When? Tuesdays of Oct. 17, Oct. 24, Nov. 7 & Nov. 14 (no class on Halloween). Time? 7-8pm. To register email Rev. Cathy at cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org
- 7. TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION WORKING GROUP:** The news this summer has been filled with fires, floods, and other disasters caused by climate change. As we reflect on how we can best care for our earth, it is important to remember the role of Indigenous communities. Across the world, Indigenous people steward about 20-25% of the land, but this land contains about 80% of the earth's biodiversity and 40% of what are called 'ecologically intact' landscapes. The COP 15 UN Biodiversity Conference last year emphasized the important role of Indigenous Peoples in protecting biodiversity; following the conference the Canadian government committed \$800 million to funding Indigenous-led conservation over the next seven years. Past reports have shown examples that Indigenous communities have been highly successful at conservation efforts on their lands – for example, a UN report from 2021 noted that between 2006 and 2011, Indigenous lands in the Peruvian Amazon reduced deforestation twice as much as other similar protected areas.
- 8. CLIMATE ACTION GROUP:** The Dalai Lama once said, "Anyone who thinks that they are too small to make a difference has never tried to fall asleep with a mosquito in the room."
- 9. SUPPORT FOR FLEMINGDON PARK MINISTRY'S URBAN FARM:** Since 2018, the Common Table farm and market project of Flemingdon Park Ministry has provided fresh produce to people in the Flemingdon Park community, many of whom are newcomers to Canada. As its seed funding comes to an end, Common Table is looking for funding for 2024 and beyond. On Sept. 23 from 2-5 p.m., the farm will host a Harvest Fundraiser with farm tours, tasty treats, music and a silent auction. Admission is free – sign up online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/harvest-fundraiser-for-the-common-table-farm-tickets->

704728119777. Also, during September, all donations up to \$75,000 will be matched by local corporate donor Lucullus Bakery.

10. REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP: Christ Church has partnered with a private sponsor group to help bring Farima and her children to Canada. Farima is an Afghan single mother whose husband was killed by the Taliban in 2021. She has two young children, a boy age 5 and a girl age 1. They are ethnic Hazara, a minority in Afghanistan which is persecuted by the Taliban and ISIS. Their application is pending, and while we don't have an exact arrival date, it appears likely to be within a few months. The family are currently in hiding in Pakistan. The sponsor group is looking for volunteers who would like to be part of the support group for the family. The kinds of activities we will do include finding household goods and clothing, assisting in opening bank accounts, applying for OHIP and other government benefits, accompanying the family to doctor and dentist appointments, setting up school for Farima's son and English language classes for her. Social activities will also be important, including going on outings in Toronto so they can learn how to get around the city and shop and budget appropriately. Many of the activities will happen close to arrival. There is no fixed time commitment and we hope to have enough volunteers so that no one is asked to do too much. Anyone interested in joining the group should please contact Linda Hall at 416-844-5259 by phone or text, or by email at lindahall.toronto@gmail.com. If you don't have time to help in person and would like to assist with a financial donation, that is also an option as they are still raising money to meet the goal for sponsorship. Linda, contact details above, can provide details of how to do that.

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, September 20

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

Friday, September 22

7pm Church on Tap

Saturday, September 23

8-9am Community Breakfast

Sunday, September 24

8:00am Holy Eucharist
In person

9:15am Holy Eucharist
& Sunday School
In person

10:30am Holy Eucharist
In person & Livestreamed



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