Christ Church Deer Park

October 29, 2023
The Twenty-Second 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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Community Care Team – Carl Wehniainen, Lead communitycare@christchurchdeerpark.org

Prayer Circle – Jan D'Angelo, Coordinator
9:15am Coffee Hour – Zara Arvini, Coordinator
Choir – Edward Cockerton, Interim Director
Flower Guild – Pat Butler, Coordinator
Welcome Team – Paul Kingston, Coordinator
Property Committee – Andrew Harding, Chair
Refugee Committee – Julie Scott, Chair
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Rummage Re-Imagined – Jayne Miles Simpson, Lead
Christmas Sale – Jayne Miles Simpson, Lead

Community Breakfast – Anne Larkin, Lead outreach@christchurchdeerpark.org

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10:30 Coffee Hour – Sandra Geddes, Coordinator
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Stewardship Committee – Stephen Clark
Truth and Reconciliation – Melissa Walter, Lead
Spiritus – Emily Chatten, Melissa Walter &
Supipi Weerasooriya, Editorial Team

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn #565

(please stand as you are able)

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side: songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

Gathering (please remain standing)

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 #366 Psalm 42

Glory, in the highest glory, peace to all, in all their days. Worship, thanks, and praise unceasing to the Source of all we raise: Reigning in the sapphire height, hidden from our mortal sight, now receive our adoration, as we make our supplication.

Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, Lamb of God, for sinners given, Word eternal, born of Mary, Word made flesh, the face of heaven: holy one, to you we pray, hear us in the realms of day, with the Spirit there united, and the Godhead high exalted.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: Your love, O God, is boundless. We who were strangers have been made your children;

we who were defenceless have been brought into your household. Keep us mindful of your mercy, so that we may love you with our whole heart and love our neighbour as ourselves. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God for ever and 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 the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests

our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

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

All: Thanks be to God.

(please stand as you are able)

Psalm #90

Choir: May the gracious care of the Lord be ours;

may he always be our refuge and help.

All: May the gracious care of the Lord be ours;

may he always be our refuge and help.

Choir: O Lord, you have been our refuge

from one age to the next.

Before the birth of the mountains,

before the world came to be, you are God forevermore.

All: May the gracious care of the Lord be ours;

may he always be our refuge and help.

Choir: Fill us, O Lord, with your love

as the promise of dawn is fulfilled. Give joy to soften our sorrows,

to soothe our years of pain.

Lord, prosper the work of our hands!

All: May the gracious care of the Lord be ours;

may he always be our refuge and help.

The Holy Gospel (please remain standing)

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.

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Matthew 22:34-46

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)

Call: Lord, hear our prayer; **Response: our hope is in you.**

Confession and Absolution

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. Amen.

The Peace (please stand as you are able)

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

The congregation is invited to remain standing for the offertory.

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 #525 v. 1, 2, 5

The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord; we are his new creation by water and the word: from heaven he came and sought us to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought us, and for our life he died.

Elect from every nation yet one o'er all the earth, our charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth; One glorious name we hallow, partake one holy food, and to one hope we follow, with every grace endued.



Yet we on earth have union with God the Three-in-One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: God of constant love, you have guided your people in all times and ages. May we who

offer you our praise today always be ready to follow where you lead; we ask this in

the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Celebrating the Eucharist

(please remain standing)

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: It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things.

You formed us in your own image. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom: through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation.

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Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus & Benedictus Hurd

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

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Presider:

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, 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." Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider:

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is 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: Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat,

whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

All: So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth

into your kingdom.

Presider: The gifts of God, for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

(please be seated) Hurd

Agnus Dei O Lamb of God

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.

Communion Anthem

Justorum Animae Stanford

Justorum animae in manu Dei sunt, et non tanget illos tormentum mortis. Visi sunt oculis insipientium mori, illi autem sunt in pace.

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and the torment of death shall not touch them.

In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die; but they are in peace.

Communion Hymn #393 v. 1, 3, 4

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all: we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, then wither and perish, but nought changeth thee.

Great Source of all glory and wisdom and light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Prayer after Communion

(please stand as you are able)

Presider:

God our guide, =you have fed us with bread from heaven as you fed the people of Israel. May we who have been inwardly nourished be ready to follow you all our days; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Closing Prayer & Blessing

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.

Presider:

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge of love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Announcements

Closing Hymn #575

Let Streams of Living Justice

Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth; give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth. The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights, the mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight. Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron power; abolish ancient vengeance: proclaim your people's hour.

For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end, for love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend. Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun; on your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run. O great Weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one; dye our texture with your radiance, light our colours with your sun.

Your city's built to music; we are the stones you seek; your harmony is language: we are the words you speak. Our faith we find in service, our hope in other's dreams, our love in hand of neighbour: our homeland brightly gleams. Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way – the path untried; your truth – the heart of stranger; your life – the Crucified.

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Please join us upstairs in Elliott Hall for Coffee Hour.

The flowers in the church today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Richard Perry.

Presider: The Reverend Ali McIntosh

Preacher: The Venerable Cheryl Palmer

Interim Director of Music: Edward Cockerton

> Intercessor: Andrew Harding

> > Reader: Anne Welch

Warden on Duty: Stephen Clark

Sidesperson: John Goodwin

Flower Arrangement:
Pat Butler

Livestream Production Manager: Christian Crawford

> Verger: Rikk Scapillato

Announcements —

1. EDWARD COCKERTON – OUR NEW INTERIM DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Edward Cockerton is a music director, educator, and accompanist. He is a graduate from the Red Deer College Music program with a Diploma of Music specializing in Voice and Piano. Edward has worked with many churches as a pianist, soloist and special guest performer. In addition to teaching music privately in the GTA, he works as an accompanist for the National Ballet of Canada. He is thrilled to be a part of the Christ Church Deer Park team and helping the congregation worship in harmony.



- **2. SPIRITUS OUT NOW!** Our newest edition of *Spiritus* is hot off the press. Find your copy at either entrance or online via our website.
- **3. CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE & HOLIDAY DECORATIONS** will occur on Saturday, November 25th. This is a fun event to get involved in we'll be selling holiday decorations, baked goods, and we'll have a re-gifting table. We will need volunteers for November 23-25! If you are interested in helping please email lwanttovolunteerforccdp@gmail.com and leave your phone number, availability, and if you have a preference for volunteer duties (duties include: elves to join the team, wrapping fairies, and general helpers.) Please also email us if you can make Christmas baked goods for the sale we will need your goodies a few days ahead of the sale in order for them to be festively packaged. Lastly, your donations of Christmas decorations and new items for our re-gifting table can be dropped off in the church Atrium on all Saturdays up to November 18th, from 11am-2pm.
- 4. BRING YOUR CARDBOARD BOXES! Help Us to Plant Our Pollinator Garden! Join our Property Committee team on November 4th at 10 AM as we begin to build our new garden on the west lawn. It will benefit our local ecosystem and add to the beauty that Ed's flowers have already brought to our church property. What is a Pollinator Garden? Pollinators, such as bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds, are in decline, and we can make a difference by providing them with a safe haven. Pollinator gardens provide essential resources for the creatures that play a vital role in sustaining our ecosystem and producing the food we eat. How Can You Help? Come join us for an hour this weekend as we flatten the cardboard boxes that were donated during the week. Then we will lay them out on the lawn and weight them down to rid the area of grass and weed roots to prepare the soil for planting next spring.
- **5. 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 Hallowe-en). Time? 7-8pm. To register email Rev. Cathy at cqibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org
- **6. ARRIVAL OF THE RAZAI FAMILY:** We now have a list of items needed for the Razai Family as they settle into life in Canada. Please sign up on the online list to donate items: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084BAFAF29A6F4C61-44714366-household#/
- **7. MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** To beautify our church's services, we invite donations of flowers to honour loved ones. There is a committee standing by to purchase and arrange the flowers on the date of your choice. Please contact Pat Butler, Memorial Flowers Coordinator, to select the date and name the person(s) you are remembering. Reach Pat at pat.butler@bell.net or 416-573-1415. You will receive a tax receipt and a photo of the arrangement.
- 8. TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION WORKING GROUP: For the past 34 years, the Bold Eagle Program of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), in partnership with the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations (FSIN), has selected 100 Indigenous youth from Western Canada and Northwestern Ontario to participate in a 6-week program designed exclusively for Indigenous youth. The program follows the CAF Primary Reserve Basic Military Qualifications but includes cultural teachings and considerations for participants. It is a youth development program that cultivates leadership, fitness, teamwork and resiliency. There are 5 regional programs across Canada. The first week concentrates on teachings from Indigenous elders on self-discipline and teamwork. In the other weeks, participants go through standard military training that includes weapon handling, drills, first aid, navigation, field craft, and survival skills. There is no obligation to join the military. The Bold Eagle program has allowed the CAF to build a model of collaboration with their Indigenous partners and cultural advisors in the FSIN, Saskatchewan First Nations Veterans Association, and the Alberta Métis Veterans Association. There is a long tradition of Indigenous people participating in the CAF in the First World War over 4,000 Indigenous people served in uniform.
- **9. CLIMATE ACTION GROUP:** In October 2021, the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) <u>recognized</u> for the first time "that having a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment is a human right." ...wildfires <u>continue</u> to pose a direct threat to biodiversity across the planet. According to the <u>Living Planet Report 2020</u> by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), populations of monitored mammals, fish, birds, reptiles, and amphibians have collectively dwindled by nearly 70 percent worldwide from 1970 to 2016. The underlying cause: humanity. [source: the Bullet, Reynard Loki, "Wildfires and the Threat to Earth's Biodiversity," 6 Sept. 2023]

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.

UVISITOR 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, November 1 11:00am Holy Eucharist In person, followed by lunch

Saturday, November 4 8-9am Community Breakfast

10am Pollinator Garden Solarization
West Lawn

11am-2pm Christmas Sale Intake

Atrium Entrance

Sunday, November 5 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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