

Christ Church Deer Park

November 12, 2023
The Twenty-Fourth 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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9:15am Coffee Hour – Zara Arvini, Coordinator

10:30 Coffee Hour – Sandra Geddes, Coordinator

Choir – Edward Cockerton, Interim Director

Chancel Guild – Anne Larkin, Lead

Flower Guild – Pat Butler, Coordinator

Readers & Intercessors – The Rev. Ali McIntosh

Welcome Team – Paul Kingston, Coordinator

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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

Christmas Sale – Jayne Miles Simpson, Lead

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn #355 v. 1, 3, 7

(please stand as you are able)

All Creatures of Our God and King

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
alleluia, alleluia!
Bright burning sun and golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!
Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness,
alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

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.

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: O God, you call us to choose between you and the false gods of this world. In the midst of the darkness of sin and death wake us from our slumber and call us forth to greet Christ, so that with our eyes and hearts fixed on him, he may lead us to eternal light.

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.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven,

and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm #70

Psalm of All Seasons

Choir: Open your ears, O faithful people, open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood, God has come to you.

**All: Open your ears, O faithful people, open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood, God has come to you.**

Choir: Hear my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

That which we have heard and known, and what our forebears have told us,
we will not hide from their children.

We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds
and the power of the Lord,
and the wonderful works God has done.

**All: Open your ears, O faithful people, open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood, God has come to you.**

Choir: The Lord gave a decree in Jacob and established a law in Israel,
Commanding our ancestors to teach it to their children;

That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn;
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

So that they might put their trust in God,
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep God's commandments.

**All: Open your ears, O faithful people, open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood, God has come to you.**

Gospel Acclamation #711

(please stand as you are able)

Alleluia

Black, Wedd

Cantor: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Cantor: Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

Matthew 24:42, 44

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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.

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Matthew 25:1-13

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

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 #380 v. 1, 4, 6

O Worship the King

Hanover

O worship the King, all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;

it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Gracious God, your word to us is food indeed. Receive all we offer you this day, and let your loving-kindness be our comfort, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your living Word.

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.

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: "I am the bread of life," says the Lord.
"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst."

**All: Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!**

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

All: Thanks be to God.

(please be seated)

Agnus Dei O Lamb of God

Hurd

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

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sins 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

Be Thou My Vision

Chilcott

Be thou my vision
O Lord of my heart
Be all else but naught to me
Save that thou art

Be thou my best thought
In the day and the night
Both waking and sleeping
Thy presence my light

Be thou my vision
O Lord of my heart
Be all else but naught to me
Save that thou art

Be thou my best thought
In the day and the night
Both waking and sleeping
Thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom (Be thou my wisdom)
Be thou my true word (Be thou my word)

Prayer after Communion

(please stand as you are able)

Presider: Living God, in the eucharist you fill us with new hope. May the power of your love, which we have known in word and sacrament, continue your saving work among us, and bring us to the joy you promise. 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 #362 v. 1, 2, 4

Woodlands

Tell Out, My Soul

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name -- the Lord, the mighty one.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and forevermore!

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.

Presider:
The Reverend Ali McIntosh

Preacher:
The Reverend Cathy Gibbs

Gospeller:
The Venerable Cheryl Palmer

Interim Director of Music:
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Katherine MacDonald

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Anne Welch

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Rikk Scapillato

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- 1. CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE & CAFÉ:** Please sign up in Elliott Hall to get involved on November 25, between 10 and 2. We will call you, and find the perfect way for you to participate with us. We had a volunteer brain storm this week, with a pizza / salad dinner. The great ideas were most welcome, and having dinner together, breaking bread, brought us a little closer. There is always room at our table... Baking drop off days are November 20 and 22nd. (this has to be a hard end date -- packaging finishes on the 23rd). Any items received after the 22nd, will be sold at the Café, or included in the lunch package with Mary Kay Brown's delicious lentil soup, sandwich, a sweet and coffee or tea. IF anyone would like to contribute to or has an idea that may enhance our sale, we would be happy to have a chat, maybe add a table or two. Perhaps you have a flair for arrangements, and would like to make 5 or 6 winter arrangements with Oasis. Re-imagining.... Jayne, Mary, Lucia, Sharon
- 2. SATURDAY COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** is in need of winter socks, sweaters, hoodies, winter coats, shoes, boots, slippers, gloves, hats, scarves for our guests. We are also looking for toiletries (soap, body wash, lip care, lotion, shampoo). Please leave in the bins at the Bell tower door or Yonge street door. Our guests are very appreciative – thank you!
- 3. 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. Don't miss the last class on Tuesday, November 14th (7-8pm on Zoom). To register email Rev. Cathy at cjibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org
- 4. 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#/>](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084BAFAF29A6F4C61-44714366-household#/)
- 5. 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.
- 6. TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION WORKING GROUP:** On June 8, 2022, Kimberly Murray was appointed as Independent Special Interlocutor for Missing Children and Unmarked Graves and Burial Sites associated with Indian Residential Schools. Ms. Murray is a member of Kahnésatake Mohawk Nation and was previously Assistant Deputy Attorney General for

Indigenous Justice in the province of Ontario. The appointment is intended to be a critical step towards respectful commemoration and justice for First Nations, Inuit and Métis in Canada. The work of the Special Interlocutor was funded for \$10.4 million over two years in the federal Budget 2022. In June 2023, the Special Interlocutor issued an interim report. This detailed report includes sections describing the work so far, the difficulties with access to records and land, and current issues such as the attacks on groups announcing possible unmarked graves by ‘denialists’, using email, telephone, social media, op-eds, and, in some cases, personal confrontation. The Interim Report suggests that the Criminal Code of Canada be amended to make inciting hate against residential school survivors a criminal offense, as some countries have done with Holocaust denial. The final report of the Special Interlocutor is due in 2024. The website of the Special Interlocutor is: <https://osi-bis.ca/>.

- 7. CLIMATE ACTION GROUP:** "History continues to outrun electricity planning in Ontario, as it has been doing for decades now, and we all pay for the overshoots and malinvestment that result. We cannot afford another round of ill-conceived commitments to multi-billion-dollar megaprojects that will be left half-built and stranded just as technology, market forces, and common sense converge on a smarter, less expensive, more distributed and renewables-based energy system. One my grandchildren, and yours, can feel good about." [source: "20% of Oil and Gas Fields Must Shut Down as Climate Change Makes Quebec Wildfires 2-7x More Likely", August 22, 2023, Primary Author: Mitchell Beer]

- 8. POLLINATOR GARDEN UPDATE:** The cardboard has been spread and the first step of the "lasagna gardening" is done on the western plot of the lawn. The next steps involve covering the cardboard with leaf clippings, dirt, compost, mulch, coffee grounds, etc. This will help prime the soil for planting in the spring.

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, November 15

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

Saturday, November 18

8-9am Community Breakfast

11am-2pm Christmas Sale Intake
Atrium Entrance

Sunday, November 19

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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