Christ Church Deer Park

December 24, 2023
The Fourth Sunday in Advent
Holy Eucharist
at 9:00 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
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Truth and Reconciliation – Melissa Walter, Lead
Rummage Re-Imagined – Jayne Miles Simpson, Lead
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Community Breakfast – Anne Larkin, Lead outreach@christchurchdeerpark.org

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10:30 Coffee Hour – Sandra Geddes, Coordinator
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Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn #91 v. 1-5

(please stand as you are able)

Besançon

People Look East! The Time Is Near

People, look east. The time is near Of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able, Trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look east and sing today:

Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build, Guard the nest that must be filled. Even the hour when wings are frozen God for fledging time has chosen. People, look east and sing today: Love, the bird, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim One more light the bowl shall brim, Shining beyond the frosty weather, Bright as sun and moon together. People, look east and sing today: Love, the star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Advent Candle Lighting

Leader:

Loving God, we open ourselves to you this Christmas season. Light our lives with your imagination. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared. Magnify your love within us. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you that we may walk in the light of Christ. We watch, wait and witness the mystery of your incarnation among us.

(The candle is lit)

All: We are waiting.

We are watching. We are witnessing.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

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.

Kyrie Jubilation Mass Chepponis

Cantor: Kyrie, elesion.

All: Kyrie, elesion.

Cantor: Christe, elesion.

All: Christe, elesion.

Cantor: Kyrie, elesion. **All: Kyrie**, elesion.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: O God of Elizabeth and Mary, you visited your servants with news of the world's

redemption in the coming of the Saviour. Make our hearts leap with joy and fill our mouths with songs of praise, so that we may announce glad tidings of peace and

welcome your Christ into our midst

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.

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith - to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

**Romans 16:25-27*

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 18 #363 Duke Street

My soul proclaims your glory, Lord, my spirit sings with thankful voice, for you my lowly prayer have heard: in you, my Saviour, I rejoice.

Nations unborn will bless your name, giver of boundless grace to me, in every age you are the same: you make the humble whole and free.

You have made bare your mighty arm to break the yoke of selfish power, and lift your broken ones from harm, bursting the gates of greed's proud tower.

You fill the hungry mouths with food, and show the poverty of wealth. Your ancient vow you have made good, and raised your children to new health.

Glory to God, all being's Spring, to God the Word, salvation's voice, to God the Spirit, praise we sing: with all the ages we rejoice.

Gospel Acclamation

(please stand as you are able)

Jubilation Mass Chepponis

Cantor: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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 Luke.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from Luke 1:26-38 her.

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)

Leader:

In joyful expectation let us pray to our Saviour and Redeemer, saying, "Lord Jesus, come soon!"

O Wisdom, from the mouth of the Most High, you reign over all things to the ends of the earth: come and teach us how to live.

All: Lord Jesus, come soon!

O Lord, and head of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and you gave the law on Sinai: come with outstretched arm and ransom us.

All: Lord Jesus, come soon!

O Branch of Jesse, standing as a sign among the nations, all kings will keep silence before you and all peoples will summon you to their aid: come, set us free and delay no more.

All: Lord Jesus, come soon!

O Key of David and sceptre of the house of Israel, you open and none can shut; you shut and none can open: come and free the captives from prison.

All: Lord Jesus, come soon!

O Morning Star, splendour of the light eternal and bright Sun of righteousness: come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

All: Lord Jesus, come soon!

O King of the nations, you alone can fulfil their desires: Cornerstone, you make opposing nations one: come and save the creature you fashioned from clay.

All: Lord Jesus, come soon!

O Emmanuel, hope of the nations and their Saviour: come and save us, Lord our God.

All: Lord Jesus, come soon!

Confession and Absolution

All: We fill the streets as consumers

Bright lights and tempting offers Christmas songs and shopping You lead us along a different path

To a desert river and a prophetic voice

A call to repentance

A call to service

A call to immerse ourselves

In living water that will never run dry
A call to prepare a way in our own lives
For the Saviour of the world to enter in
To know the touch of tender mercy
And rest in your forgiving love.

Forgive us, Breath of Salvation.

Presider: May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal you

and strengthen you by the Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our

Saviour. **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

- Through automatic monthly credit card or pre-authorized debit donations please contact bookkeeper@christchurchdeerpark.org if you are interested in setting up a monthly offering
- · 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)

We are thankful for all your gifts as they sustain the life and work of this parish.

Offertory Hymn #362

Tell Out, My Soul Woodlands

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 greatness of his might! Powers and dominions lay their glory by;



proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight, the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

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 for evermore!

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son,

make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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:

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world, that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus & Benedictus Chepponis

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Presider:

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All: we remember his death,

we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Presider:

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer Robinson

All:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Presider: God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All: Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei O Lamb of God

(please be seated) Chepponis

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, 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 Motet

O Little One Sweet Bach

O little one sweet, O little one mild, Thy Father's purpose thou hast fulfilled; Thou camest from heaven to mortal ken, Equal to be with us poor men, O little one sweet, O little one mild.

O little one sweet, O little one mild, With joy thou hast the whole world filled; Thou camest here from heaven's domain, To bring men comfort in their pain, O little one sweet, O little one mild.

O little one sweet, O little one mild, In thee Love's beauties are all distilled; Then light in us thy love's bright flame, That we may give thee back the same, O little one sweet, O little one mild.

O little one sweet, O little one mild, Help us to do as thou hast willed. Lo, all we have belongs to thee! Ah, keep us in our fealty! O little one sweet, O little one mild.

Communion Hymn #96

Creator of the Stars of Night

Creator of the stars of night, thy people's everlasting light, Jesus, redeemer of us all, hear thou thy servants when they call.

Thou, sorrowing at the helpless cry of all creation doomed to die, didst save our lost and guilty race by healing gifts of heavenly grace.

Conditor Alme Siderum

When earth was near its evening hour, thou didst in love's redeeming power, like bridegroom from his chamber, come forth from a maiden mother's womb.

At thy great name, exalted now, all knees in lowly homage bow; all things in heaven and earth adore, and own thee King for evermore.

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three-in-One, praise, honour, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.

Prayer after Communion

(please stand as you are able)

Presider:

Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Closing Prayer & Blessing

Presider: May the star guide your steps towards the place of wonder;

May angels sing their news as you travel to the manger; May promise fill these days as we watch at the edge of birth.

And may the blessing of God, the Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit, clothe you in light, teach you their ways, and keep you alert and prepared for the coming of Christ.

All: Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn #114

Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending

Helmsley

Lo, he comes with clouds descending, once for favoured sinners slain; thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train: hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty; all who set at nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deeply grieving, deeply grieving, shall the true Messiah see.

Now redemption, long expected, see in solemn pomp appear; all his saints, on earth rejected, thrill the triumph sound to hear: hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! See the day of God appear!

Yea, amen, let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne; Saviour, take the power and glory; claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly! O come quickly! O come quickly! Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come!

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 Venerable Cheryl Palmer

Preacher: The Reverend Cathy Gibbs

Interim Director of Music: Edward Cockerton

> Soloists: Julia Barber Sonya Harper Nyby

> > Intercessor: Paul Gooch

Reader: Pauline Thompson

Warden on Duty: Paul Kingston

Sidesperson: Danylo Dzwonyk

Livestream Production Manager: Christian Crawford

> Verger: Rikk Scapillato



- **1. PASTORAL CALLS:** From time to time, depending upon what is happening in our lives, we could benefit from a call or visit from one of our clergy. If you or anyone you know might be in need, please contact our congregational care team: communitycare@christchurchdeerpark.org
- 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. CHURCHES ON THE HILL FOOD BANK:** In the last year we have provided over 100,000 meals to our 720 families. In 2020 we were serving over 200 families a week and are now serving over 400 families. We will spend \$300,000 on food this year. Approx 40% of our food is provided by Daily Bread and 10% from the affiliated churches and community. To make a financial donation you can give through CCDP making a note/ memo for foodbank or go to cothfoodbank.ca to make an online donation. For more info you can speak with Anne Larkin.
- **4. TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION WORKING GROUP:** Looking to support Indigenous artists and makers as you shop for Christmas presents? Toronto has a number of shops featuring authentic Indigenous art, home goods, and other gifts. Some options include: Pacha Indigenous Art Collection (789 Dundas St. W), the Native Canadian Centre of Toronto's Cedar Basket Gift Shop (16 Spadina Rd.), and Mino Bimaadiziwin Indigenous Art Market (1107 Queen St. E).
- 5. CLIMATE ACTION GROUP: Environmental justice is not a category unto itself. Justice for the environment goes hand-in-hand with economic justice. We cannot seek one without the other, for it is always those who have fewer resources and less wealth, those who are already underrepresented or marginalized due to race or gender, that bear the brunt of calamities and injustice. It is the fisherman off the coast of India who cannot feed his family due to foreign trawlers harvesting most of the fish; it is the Congolese teenager who toils in the toxic cobalt mines, never earning more than a scrap in a billion-dollar industry; it is the elder living in Grassy Narrows who has difficulty standing and swallowing due to mercury poisoning, the result of a paper mill's pollution of the watershed sixty years ago. This Advent, let us pay attention to Mary's words of praise: "He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty." (Luke 1: 52-53) Let us, too, lift up the lowly and fill the hungry with good things; let us protect the environments and ecosystems our neighbours on Earth rely upon for life itself.



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

Sunday, December 24

4:00pm Holy Eucharist Casual Christmas for Families *In person*

7:00pm Holy Eucharist Contemporary Christmas Celebration In person

9:00pm Holy Eucharist Traditional Christmas Celebration In person & Livestreamed

> Monday, December 25 9:00am Holy Eucharist In person & Livestreamed

Wednesday, December 27
No 11am Service

Saturday, December 30 8-9am Community Breakfast

> Sunday, December 31 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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