

# Christ Church Deer Park

February 18, 2024  
The First Sunday in Lent  
**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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Welcome & Gathering

Opening Hymn

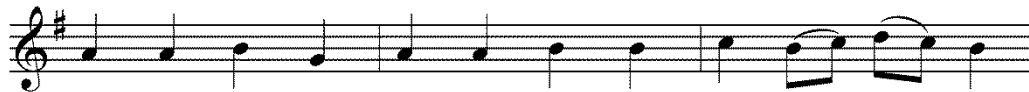
(please stand as you are able)

Again We Keep This Solemn Fast

Erhalt Uns Herr



1. A - gain we keep this sol - emn fast, A  
 2. The law and proph - ets from of old In  
 3. More spar - ing, there - fore, let us make The  
 4. Let us a - void each harm - ful way That  
 5. We pray, O bless - ed Three - in - One, Our



1. gift of faith from a - ges past, This Lent which binds us  
 2. fig - ured ways this Lent fore - told, Which Christ, all a - ges'  
 3. words we speak, the food we take, Our sleep, our laugh - ter,  
 4. lures the care - less mind a - stray; By watch - ful prayer our  
 5. God while end - less a - ges run, That this, our Lent of



1. lov - ing - ly To faith and hope and char - i - ty.  
 2. Lord and Guide, In these last days has sanc - ti - fied.  
 3. ev - 'ry sense; Learn peace through ho - ly pen - i - tence.  
 4. spir - its free From schem - ing of the en - e - my.  
 5. for - ty days, May bring us growth and give you praise.

*Ex more docti mystico*

Attr. to Gregory the Great, c. 540-604

Tr. by Peter J. Scagnelli and John Mason Neale, 1818-1866

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*Geistliche Lieder, Wittenberg, 1543*

The Great Litany

(please kneel as you are able)

*The Great Litany is traditionally sung on the First Sunday in Lent, as way of setting the season of Lent within the context of prayer.*

Cantor: God the Father, creator of heaven and earth,

All:   
 Have mer - cy on us.

Cantor: God the Son, redeemer of the world,

All: **Have mercy on us.**

Cantor: God the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide,

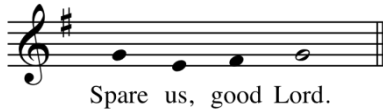
**All: Have mercy on us.**

Cantor: Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God,

**All: Have mercy on us.**

Cantor: Lord, remember not our offences, nor the offences of our forebears; spare us, good Lord, spare your people whom you have redeemed with your precious blood,

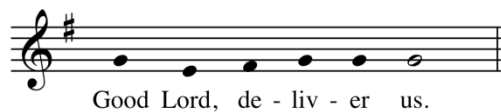
**All:**



Spare us, good Lord.

Cantor: From all evil and mischief; from sin, from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from your wrath, and from everlasting condemnation,

**All:**



Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

Cantor: From all spiritual blindness, from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

**All: Good Lord, deliver us.**

Cantor: From all deadly sin, and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

**All: Good Lord, deliver us.**

Cantor: From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of your word and commandment,

**All: Good Lord, deliver us.**

Cantor: From earthquake and tempest; from drought, fire, and flood; from civil strife and violence; from war and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

**All: Good Lord, deliver us.**

Cantor: By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your baptism, fasting and temptation; and by your proclamation of the kingdom,

**All: Good Lord, deliver us.**

Cantor: By your agony and bitter grief; by your cross and passion, by your precious death and burial, by your glorious resurrection and ascension, and by the coming of the Holy Spirit,

**All: Good Lord, deliver us.**

Cantor: In our times of trouble, in our times of prosperity; in the hour of death, and on the day of judgment,

**All: Good Lord, deliver us.**

Cantor: Receive now our prayers, Lord God. May it please you to rule and govern your holy Church universal and lead it in your way.

**All:**  Hear us, good Lord.

The musical notation consists of a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (half).

Cantor: Strengthen your servant Charles our King in true worship and holiness of life, be his defender and keeper, that he may always seek your honour and glory, and endue the leaders of the nations with wisdom and understanding.

**All: Hear us, good Lord.**

Cantor: Bless and defend all who strive for our safety and protection, and shield them in all dangers and adversities.

**All: Hear us, good Lord.**

Cantor: Grant wisdom and insight to all who govern us, and to judges and magistrates the grace to execute justice with mercy.

**All: Hear us, good Lord.**

Cantor: Enlighten all bishops, priests, and deacons with true knowledge and understanding of your word; that in their preaching and living they may declare it clearly and show its truth.

**All: Hear us, good Lord.**

Cantor: Bless all your servants preparing for ministry in your Church. Pour your grace upon them that they may serve others as Christ himself has served us, for the building up of his Body in love.

**All: Hear us, good Lord.**

Cantor: Encourage and prosper your servants who spread the gospel in all the world, and send out labourers into the harvest.

**All: Hear us, good Lord.**

Cantor: Bless and keep your people, that all may find and follow their true vocation and ministry.

**All: Hear us, good Lord.**

Cantor: Give us a heart to love and reverence you, that we may diligently live according to your commandments.

**All: Hear us, good Lord.**

Cantor: To all your people give growth in grace to listen to your word, to receive it gladly, and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

**All: Hear us, good Lord.**

Cantor: Strengthen those who stand firm in the faith, encourage the faint-hearted, raise up those who fall, and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

**All: Hear us, good Lord.**

Cantor: To all nations grant unity, peace, and concord, and to all people give dignity, food, and shelter.

**All: Hear us, good Lord.**

Cantor: Grant us abundant harvests, strength and skill to conserve the resources of the earth, and wisdom to use them well.

**All: Hear us, good Lord.**

Cantor: Enlighten with your Spirit all who teach and all who learn.

**All: Hear us, good Lord.**

Cantor: Come to the help of all who are in danger, necessity and trouble; protect all who travel by land, air, or water; and show your pity on all prisoners and captives.

**All: Hear us, good Lord.**

Cantor: Strengthen and preserve all women who are in childbirth, and all young children, and comfort the aged and lonely.

**All: Hear us, good Lord.**

Cantor: Defend and provide for the widowed and the orphaned, the refugees and the homeless, the unemployed, and all who are desolate and oppressed.

**All: Hear us, good Lord.**

Cantor: Heal those who are sick in body or mind, and give skill and compassion to all who care for them.

**All: Hear us, good Lord.**

Cantor: Grant us true repentance, forgive our sins, and strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy word.

**All: Hear us, good Lord.**

Cantor: Son of God, we ask you to hear us.

**All:**

Son of God, we ask you to hear us.

Cantor: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

**All:**   
Grant us your peace.

Cantor: Lord, have mercy.

**All:**   
Christ, have mer - cy.

Cantor: Lord, have mercy.

### **The Absolution**

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. 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 Collect of the Day**

Presider: Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

Presider: Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

**All: Our hearts and minds are open.**

### **Listening to God – First Reading**

*(please be seated)*

Reader: A reading from Book of Genesis.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there

be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth." *Genesis 9:8-17*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 25**

*J. Turle in A*

Choir: Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul;  
my God, I have put my trust in thee.  
O let me not be confounded,  
neither let mine enemies triumph over me.

For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed;  
but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.  
Show me thy ways, O Lord,  
and teach me thy paths.

Lead me forth in thy truth and teach me:  
for thou art the God of my salvation;  
in thee is my hope all the day long.  
Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies,  
and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.

O remember not the sins and offences of my youth; but according to thy mercy  
think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.  
Gracious and righteous is the Lord;  
therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement;  
and such as are gentle, them shall he teach his way.  
All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth,  
unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.



## Listening to God- Second Reading

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you -not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him. *1 Peter 3:18-22*

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## Gospel Acclamation #179 v. 1, 6b

*(please stand as you are able)*

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

*Thomas*

Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry,  
In your death we are reborn,  
Though you die in all of hist'ry,  
Still you rise with ev'ry morn,  
Still you rise with ev'ry morn.

From the dawning of creation,  
You have loved us as your own;  
Stay with us through all temptation,  
Make us turn to you alone,  
Make us turn to you alone.

## 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 Mark.

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter

said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. *Mark 9:2-9*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Homily

*(please be seated)*

## 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.**

*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.

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# 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](mailto:bookkeeper@christchurchdeerpark.org) if you are interested in setting up a monthly offering
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- Debit/credit via the mobile credit machine at the back of the church
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We are thankful for all your gifts as they sustain the life and work of this parish.

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## Offertory Hymn #511

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

*Southwell*

Lord Jesus, think on me,  
and purge away my sin;  
from earthborn passions set me free,  
and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me,  
with many a care opprest;  
let me thy loving servant be,  
and taste thy promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me,  
nor let me go astray;  
through darkness and perplexity  
point thou the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me,  
that, when the flood is past,  
I may the eternal brightness see,  
and share thy joy at last.

## Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: God our refuge and our strength, receive all we offer you this day, and through the death and resurrection of your Son transform us to his likeness. We ask this in his name.

**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 up to the Lord.**

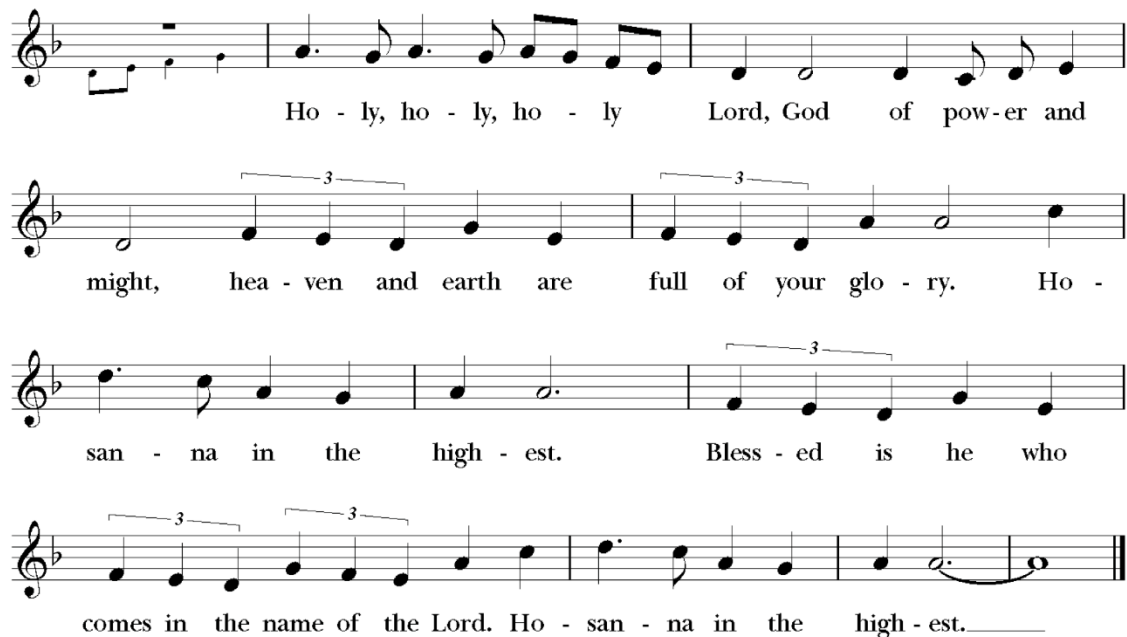
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, because you bid your faithful people to cleanse their hearts and to prepare with joy for the paschal feast; that reborn through the waters of baptism and renewed in the eucharistic mystery, we may be more fervent in prayer and more generous in the works of love. Therefore we raise our voices to you in praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

## Sanctus & Benedictus

*R. Powell*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

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.**



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# 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 Motet

Richard de Castre's "Prayer to Jesus"

*R.R. Terry*

Jesu, Lord, that madest me,  
and with thy blessèd blood hast bought,  
forgive that I have grievèd thee  
with word and will, and e'en with thought.

Jesu, in whom is all my trust,  
that died upon the bloody tree,  
withdraw my heart from fleshly lust,  
and from all worldly vanity.

Jesu, for thy woundèd hurt  
on feet and on thine handèd two,  
O make me meek and low of heart,  
and thee to love as I should do.

Jesu, keep them that are good,  
amend them that have grievèd thee,  
and send them fruits of earthly food  
as each man needeth in his degree.

-Richard Caister, c. 1430

## Communion Hymn

The Lent Prose

*Attende Domine*

Refrain: Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:  
for we have sinn'd against thee.

Choir: To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:  
lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:  
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications. *Refrain*

O thou chief Cornerstone, Right Hand of the Father  
Way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial  
cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement. *Refrain*

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated  
bow down and hearken to thy children  
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses. *Refrain*

Sins oft committed now we lay before thee  
with true contrition, now no more we veil them  
grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution. *Refrain*

Innocent, captive, taken unresisting  
falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced,  
save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer. *Refrain*

## Prayer after Communion

*(please stand as you are able)*

Presider: Let us pray. Faithful God, in this holy bread you increase our faith and hope and love. Lead us in the path of Christ who is your Word of life. We ask this in his name.  
**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: Whatever wilderness the Spirit has brought you to:  
walk in boldness, as a beloved child of God;  
walk in peace, under the shelter of the Most High;  
walk in faith, knowing Christ walks with you.  
And may the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be upon, help you,  
and change you as we walk with the Lord during this season of Lent. **Amen.**

## Announcements

### Closing Hymn #175

Forty Days and Forty Nights

*Heinlein (Aus Der Tiefe)*

Forty days and forty nights  
you were fasting in the wild;  
forty days and forty nights  
tempted, and yet undefiled:

burning heat throughout the day,  
bitter cold when light has fled,  
prowling beasts around your way,  
stones your pillow, earth your bed.

Shall not we your trials share,  
learn your discipline of will,  
and with you by fast and prayer  
wrestle with the powers of hell?

So if Satan, pressing hard,  
soul and body would destroy:  
Christ who conquered, be our guard;  
give to us the victor's joy.

Saviour, may we hear your voice -  
keep us constant at your side;  
and with you we shall rejoice  
at the eternal Eastertide.

**Dismissal**

*(please stand as you are able)*

Presider: Go forth in the name of Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** “Attende Domine” from Twelve Chorale Preludes on Gregorian Chant Themes, Op.8 *J. Demessieux*

*Please join us in Elliott Hall for Coffee Hour!*

Presider:

The Reverend Cathy Gibbs

Preacher:

The Venerable Cheryl Palmer

Gospeller:

The Reverend Ali McIntosh

Director of Music:

Stefani Bedin

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## ----ANNOUNCEMENTS----

1. **CHURCH ON TAP** happens Friday, February 23 at 7pm. Please join us!
2. **FINANCIAL FORUM & VESTRY:** Pick up your copy of the Vestry booklet, Money Matters, and 2023 Financial Statements at either entrance!
  - a. Our Financial Forum will be Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm on Zoom – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3936684248?pwd=OUd6a0ZuNk55dEZ3WExWQ2s1MmRaQT09&omn=85405267767>  
Meeting ID: 393 668 4248  
Passcode: 033695
  - b. Our Vestry Meeting will be Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm in person in Elliott Hall.
3. **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – YOU ARE INVITED!** Grace Church-on-the-Hill is hosting this year, and the event is on Friday, March 1, 2024 at 1pm. Please support this service, which is observed throughout the world at the same time and on the same day. World Day of Prayer brings the world to prayer and praise and supports women’s activities throughout the world. This year’s prayers are written by the Christian Women of Palestine. We hope you will be able to attend.
4. **RUMMAGE SALE INTAKE!** Our next Rummage Sale is approaching (April 20!), and we have cleaned our space in preparation for our Spring Clothing and Accessories Sale intake collection. For many newcomers and young neighbourhood dwellers, our sale is a great resource when creating their new homes. We plan to include GENTLY used household linens at all of our sales. Please check your closets, and think of us as you purge. Drop off clothes and linens to the Atrium (the glass doors halfway down the building on Heath Street) between 11 and 2pm on every Saturday until April 13<sup>th</sup> (except no intake on Holy Saturday – March 30). We are always looking for fellow workers, if you care to join us pre sale, or on our sale day. We laugh, we work, and we make money for the Church along the way. Students looking to increase Community Service hours are also welcome. ~The Relmagine Team: Jayne, Lucia, Mary and Sharon
5. **PASTORAL CALLS:** An integral part of Christian community is to support one another through times of joy and celebration and also times of grief and confusion. If you or someone you know may benefit from a call or visit from one of our clergy, please reach out to our congregational care team by email at [communitycare@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:communitycare@christchurchdeerpark.org).

## 6. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN LENT

- a. LENTEN RETREAT: ENCOUNTERS PART II: Our Lenten retreat day will continue with the work of Amy Jill Levine, looking at those people who were at the crucifixion of Jesus. We will explore how their experience at the cross relates to our own experience as we move towards Easter. No previous experience is necessary. Everyone is welcome.

Date: Saturday March 9

Time: 9:30am-3:00pm

Place: Christ Church Deer Park

Cost: \$25 (includes snacks and lunch)

Bring: a pen and journal

To Register: email Cathy ([cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org))

- b. WEEKLY LENTEN STUDY: Jesus is...

- a) the Messiah
- b) our Redeemer
- c) the Great Counsellor
- d) a gardener
- e) all of the above

Jesus was indeed a gardener. Join us for our Tuesday evening Lenten study, exploring the ways in which Jesus used the importance of God's earthly creation to teach the Good News of the resurrection and how we can continue with Jesus' work while caring for this gift.

Dates: February 20, March 5, 12, 19 (There is no class February 27)

Place: Christ Church Deer Park (Arthur Smith Room)

Time: gather together at 6:30pm (bring your own supper!); class 7:00-8:00pm

To Register: email Cathy ([cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org))

## 7. CHERYL'S RETIREMENT

- a. The PARTY: We of course cannot have Cheryl retire without a party! So please *save the date* for Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. We are planning a coffeehouse/cabaret style retirement party to celebrate Cheryl's six-and-a-half years of ministry with us and many years of ministry in our Diocese. We are looking for people to help make this party happen (hospitality, showing off your skills in the cabaret, etc.). If you would like to help us throw a party, please reach out to Su at [sulainearkey@me.com](mailto:sulainearkey@me.com)
- b. The SERVICE: Cheryl's last Sunday at CCDP will be April 28<sup>th</sup>. On that day, we will have *only one* service, which will be at 10am. Please join us!

- 8. TRUTH & RECONCILIATION WORKING GROUP:** Jordan's Principle is a principle that was established in Canada to ensure that First Nations children receive medical, social, and educational care when they need it, instead of waiting because of jurisdictional disputes between levels of government. It was first established by First Nations in response to the death of five-year-old Jordan River Anderson, a child from Norway House Cree Nation who suffered from a rare muscular disorder that required years of medical treatment in a Winnipeg hospital. After spending the first two years of his life in a hospital, doctors cleared Jordan to live in a family home near the hospital. However, for over two years, the federal and provincial governments could not resolve who was responsible for paying for the necessary home care. Jordan died in 2005 in hospital and never had the opportunity to live in a family home. In June 2015, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission made Jordan's Principle the third of its 94 Calls to Action, calling on all levels of government to fully implement it. However, since then the government of Canada has been censured by the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal multiple times over failure to fully adhere to Jordan's Principle. In June 2019, the Calls for Justice of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls called for the federal and provincial/territorial governments to immediately implement Jordan's Principle for all First Nations (Status and non-Status) children.
- 9. CLIMATE ACTION GROUP:** At a news conference last week, Timmins MP Angus connected the dots from Bill C-372 to the 1990s tobacco advertising bans, arguing that today's fossil industry has shifted its "propaganda" by claiming its products are clean and part of the solution to climate change. "That's like Benson and Hedges telling you they can help end lung cancer," he said. "This is because Big Oil has always relied on the Big Tobacco playbook of delay and disinformation." [source: Energy Mix 11 Feb. 2024]
- 10. 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](mailto:pat.butler@bell.net) or 416-573-1415. You will receive a tax receipt and a photo of the arrangement. Also, to anyone who may wish to join the Flower Guild, please contact Nina Overbury.
- 11. MEALS ON WHEELS:** Are you tired of preparing your meals each day? Are you a senior or a housebound individual having difficulty shopping for food? If so, call Yorkminster Park Meals on Wheels at 416-482-0549. We have volunteers who can deliver hot meals or frozen meals (chosen by you from an extensive menu) to your home at reasonable prices.





## 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

**Tuesday, February 20**

6:30pm Lenten Study  
*In person (Arthur Smith Room)*

**Wednesday, February 21**

11:00am Holy Eucharist  
*In person*

**Friday, February 23**

7:00pm Church on Tap

**Saturday, February 24**

8-9am Community Breakfast

**Sunday, February 25**

8:00am Holy Eucharist  
*In person*

9:15am Holy Eucharist  
*In person*

10:30am Holy Eucharist  
*In person & Livestreamed*



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