

Christ Church Deer Park

March 17, 2024
The Fifth 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

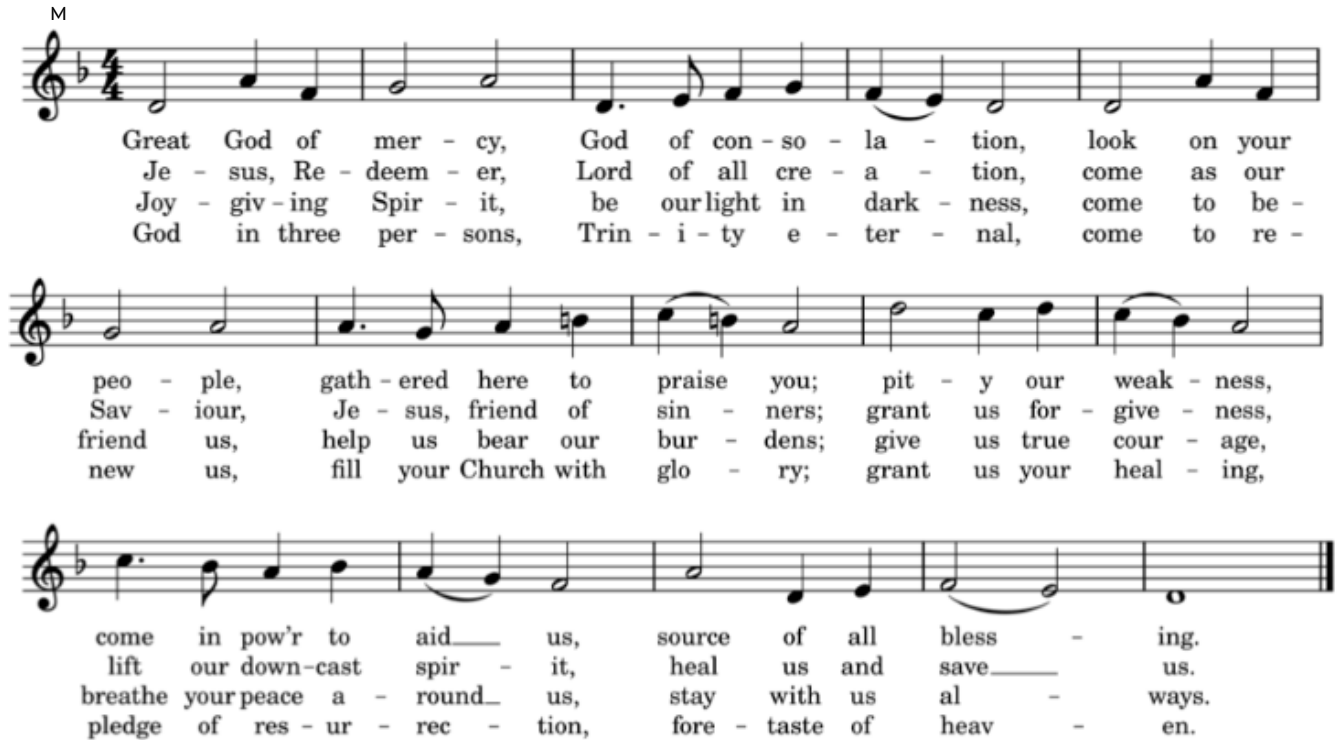
Opening Hymn

(please stand as you are able)

Great God of Mercy

ISTE CONFESSOR (ROUEN)

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Great God of mer - cy, God of con - so - la - tion, look on your
 Je - sus, Re - deem - er, Lord of all cre - a - tion, come as our
 Joy - giv - ing Spir - it, be our light in dark - ness, come to be -
 God in three per - sons, Trin - i - ty e - ter - nal, come to re -
 peo - ple, gath - ered here to praise you; pit - y our weak - ness,
 Sav - iour, Je - sus, friend of sin - ners; grant us for - give - ness,
 friend us, help us bear our bur - dens; give us true cour - age,
 new us, fill your Church with glo - ry; grant us your heal - ing,
 come in pow'r to aid us, source of all bless - ing.
 lift our down-cast spir - it, heal us and save us.
 breathe your peace a - round us, stay with us al - ways.
 pledge of res - ur - rec - tion, fore - taste of heav - en.

Text: James Quinn, SJ, © 1980, ICEL.
Tune: ISTE CONFESSOR (ROUEN)

Presider: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

All: **God's mercy endures forever.**

Liturgical Penitence

(please kneel as you are able)

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, the Spirit of the Lord was upon you, because he anointed you to preach good news to the poor. He sent you to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who were oppressed.



Cantor | All

Lord Je - sus Christ, Son of God, have mer - cy on me, a sin - ner.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you ate and drank with sinners. For those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. You did not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Cantor: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

All: have mercy on me, a sinner.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to scribes and Pharisees who brought you to a woman caught in adultery, "Let him who is without sin be the first to throw a stone." And when they had gone away, one by one, you looked at her and said, "Has no one condemned you? Neither do I condemn you; go, and do not sin again."

Cantor: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

All: have mercy on me, a sinner.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you called Zacchaeus to hasten and come down from the sycamore tree that he might receive you into his home. He gave half his goods to the poor and restored fourfold to any he had defrauded. You brought the joy of salvation to his house that day. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

Cantor: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

All: have mercy on me, a sinner.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you welcomed the sinful woman when she knelt before you in the house of Simon. She washed your feet with her tears, wiped them with the hair of her head, and anointed you with costly ointment. You forgave her sin and sent her on her way in peace. Her sins, which were many, were forgiven, for she loved much.

Cantor: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

All: have mercy on me, a sinner.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you were crucified between two thieves, one on your right and one on your left. One of them hurled insults at you but the other confessed his sin and asked you to remember him when you came into your kingdom. In the hour of your agony, you said to the penitent thief, "Today you will be with me in paradise."

Cantor: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

All: have mercy on me, a sinner.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, in the glory of your risen life you restored Simon Peter who had disowned you in the time of trial. You committed to him the care of your flock and once again called him to follow you in the way of the cross.

Cantor: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
All: have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence is kept.

Leader: Eternal God,
All: giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.

Kyrie Communion Service in E H. Darke
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

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: Most merciful God, by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you created humanity anew. May the power of his victorious cross transform those who turn in faith to him 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 Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51:1-13

Refrain: G. Black

Verse Tone: St. Meinrad Archabbey, 1993

Refrain:



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God.

Refrain by George Black
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Cantor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;
in your great compassion blot out my offences.
Wash me through and through from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin. *Refrain*

Cantor: For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight. *Refrain*

Cantor: And so you are justified when you speak
and upright in your judgement.
Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,
a sinner from my mother's womb. *Refrain*

Cantor: For behold, you look for truth deep within me,
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed. *Refrain*

Cantor: Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquities. *Refrain*

Cantor: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
Give me the joy of your saving help again
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. *Refrain*

Listening to God- Second Reading

Reader: A reading from Book of Hebrews.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek. *Hebrews 5:5-10*

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation #179 v. 5, 6f

(please stand as you are able)

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

THOMAS

Christ, you lead and we shall follow,
Stumbling though our steps may be,
One with you in joy and sorrow,
We the river, you the sea,
We the river, you the sea.

God of all our fear and sorrow,
God who lives beyond our death;
Hold us close through each tomorrow,
Love as near as every breath.
Love as near as every breath.

Text and Music: M. Haugen © 1984 G.I.A. Publications

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 John.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

John 12:20-33

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.

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

Offertory Hymn #375

At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious when from death he passed;

Name him, Christians, name him, with love strong as death,
but with awe and wonder, and with bated breath;
he is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true;
crown him as your Saviour in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you in its light and power.

Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
with his Father's glory, with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

Text: C. Noel; Music: R. Vaughan Williams

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Eternal God, your only Son suffered death upon the cross to bring the world salvation. Accept the praise and thanksgiving we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrating the Eucharist

(please remain standing)

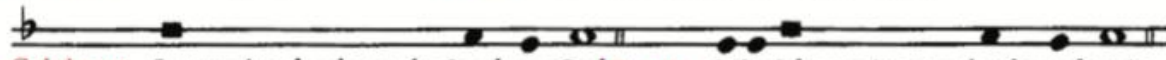
The Great Thanksgiving



Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And also with you.



Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.



Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God *People* 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. _____

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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.

All:

All Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come,
 your will be done, on earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread,
 For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-against us.
 Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from e - vil. For the king-dom,
 the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

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Breaking of the Bread

Presider: We break this bread,

All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Presider: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

**All: If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
 if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

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

All: Thanks be to God.

(please be seated)

Agnus Dei Communion Service in E

H. Darke

Choir: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

All are welcome to receive communion with us

As the sidespeople pass your pew, please line up in the centre aisle.

- **To receive a blessing**, as you reach the priest with the bread, cross your arms over your chest. Return to your seat after receiving the blessing.
 - **To receive the bread**, hold your hands in front of you, palms up.
 - **To receive the wine from the cup**, take the bottom of the cup and the base and guide it to your mouth.
 - **If you prefer to take only the bread**, you may indicate this to the cup bearer by crossing your arms over your chest, or simply walking past them.
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Communion Motet

Ave Verum Corpus

W. Byrd

*Ave, verum corpus natum
de Maria Virgine:
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine:
cuius latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum,
in mortis examine.
O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie,
O Jesu Fili Mariae.
Miserere mei. Amen.*

Hail the true body, born
of the Virgin Mary:
You who truly suffered and were sacrificed
on the cross for the sake of humankind.
From whose pierced flank
flowed water and blood:
Be a foretaste for us
in the trial of death.
O sweet, O merciful,
O Jesus, Son of Mary.
Have mercy on me. Amen.

Communion Hymn

Grant to Us, O Lord

L. Deiss

REFRAIN

Cantor/All

Grant to us, O Lord, a heart re - newed;
Re - cre - ate in us your own Spir - it, Lord!

Choir: Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord our God, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel. *Refrain*

Choir: Deep within their being I will implant my law; I will write it in their hearts. *Refrain*

Choir: I will be their God, and they shall be my people. *Refrain*

Choir: And for all their faults I will grant forgiveness: nevermore will I remember their sins. *Refrain*

Text and Music: L. Deiss © 1965, 1966, 1968, 1973, World Library Publications, Inc.
Text based on: Jeremiah 31:34; Ezekiel 36:26

Prayer after Communion

(please stand as you are able)

Presider: Merciful God, you have called us to your table and fed us with the bread of life. Draw us and all people to your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **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 #436 v. 1, 2, 5a, 6

I Bind Unto Myself Today

ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE / DEIRDRE

I bind unto myself today
the strong name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three-in-One, and One-in-Three.

I bind this day to me for ever,
by power of faith, Christ's incarnation,
his baptism in the Jordan river,
his death on cross for my salvation.
His bursting from the spiced tomb,
his riding up the heavenly way,

his coming at the day of doom,
I bind unto myself today.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.

I bind unto myself the name,
the strong name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three-in-One, and One-in-Three,
of whom all nature hath creation,
eternal Father, Spirit, Word.
Praise to the Lord of my salvation,
salvation is of Christ the Lord.

Text attributed to St. Patrick; tr. C.F. Alexander; Music: Irish hymn, arr. C.V. Stanford

Dismissal

(please stand as you are able)

Presider: Go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Praeambulum in G, WV 41

H. Scheidemann

Please join us in Elliott Hall for Coffee Hour!

Memorial Flowers

The flowers in the church are given by William Jackson and Genevieve Chornenki to the glory of God and in memory of Patricia Reynolds.

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The Venerable Cheryl Palmer

Preacher:
The Reverend Cathy Gibbs

Gospeller:
The Reverend Ali McIntosh

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Peter Warren

Reader:
Michael Baker

Intercessor:
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Pat Butler

Livestream Production Manager:
Christian Crawford

Holy Week & Easter 2024



MARCH 24 PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

8:00am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
10:30am Sung Eucharist with Liturgy of the Palms*



March 27 WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

11:00am Holy Eucharist



March 28 MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00pm Sung Eucharist with Stripping of the Altar
8:00pm Gethsemane Watch (silent vigil)



March 29 GOOD FRIDAY

9:45am Stations of the Cross
10:30am Solemn Liturgy
7:00pm Church on Tap



March 30 HOLY SATURDAY

8:00pm The Great Vigil



March 31 EASTER SUNDAY

8:00am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9:15am Contemporary Worship
10:30am Sung Eucharist*

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*Unless indicated otherwise, all liturgies
are in-person at Christ Church Deer Park.
Liturgies with an (*) will also be livestreamed.*

*Please see our website for updates and further details
www.christchurchdeerpark.org*

----ANNOUNCEMENTS----

1. DAILY LENTEN REFLECTIONS: Sign up at <https://pwrdf.org/lent2024/> to receive daily Lenten reflections from Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat, whose work we know well at CCDP. They are short and sweet and perfect for busy people.

2. CHERYL'S RETIREMENT

a. The GIFT: As we all know, Cheryl will be celebrating her last service with us on April 28, and although we will miss her dearly, we hope to express our gratitude for her many years of service to CCDP by sending her off equipped for her retirement adventures! Cheryl doesn't just walk to and from her home and the church ... she walks between 12-15 km every day as she prepares and trains for her retirement pilgrimage in May to walk 500 km of the Camino de Santiago (The Way of St. James), a vast network of ancient pilgrim routes which converge at the tomb of St. James in Santiago de Compostela in northwest Spain. The 35-day trek will be a walking journey of spiritual growth and renewal. As is our custom, we are gathering a purse for Cheryl. If you would like to contribute to our gift of sending her off on her pilgrimage, here are the ways you can donate:

1. Online, via our donation page on our website:
<https://christchurchdeerpark.org/give/>
2. Label an envelope "Cheryl's gift" and place it on the offering plate.
3. Stop by the office in-person and see Amanda or Elisabeth to make arrangements.

Please note that these contributions are not tax-deductible.

b. The PARTY: We of course cannot have Cheryl retire without a party! So please *save the date* for Saturday, April 27th. 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 sulainevarkey@me.com

c. The SERVICE: Cheryl's last Sunday at CCDP will be April 28th. On that day, we will have *only one* service, which will be at 10am. Please join us!

3. THE 29TH ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY WALK is hosted each year by the Churches on the Hill (of which CCDP is a member) and involves two groups which visit the different local churches for brief prayers. The Eastern Group arrives at CCDP at 12:50pm on Good Friday. Information about the routes of the walk can be found at either entrance. All are welcome to participate.

- 4. EASTER FLOWERS:** If you would like to donate towards the purchasing of flowers for Easter, please indicate “Easter flowers” on your donation and please include any names of those you are giving in memory of, so that they can be included in the Easter bulletins. The last day to donate towards Easter flowers is Sunday, March 24.
- 5. 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, shoes, accessories and linens to the Atrium (the glass doors halfway down the building on Heath Street) between 11 and 2pm on every Saturday until April 13th (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 ReImagine Team: Jayne, Lucia, Mary and Sharon
- 6. POLLINATOR GARDEN:** Those attending the Rev. Cathy Gibbs’ Lenten study series at CCDP this past Tuesday evening heard about the benefits of planting native plants in the new pollinator garden. Brad Lennon of the property committee showed how the garden along the west boundary of the church property might be designed. We also heard from Donna Lang of the Greening Sacred Spaces project of the interfaith organization Faith and the Common Good. She has arranged for the grant from the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation that has enabled CCDP to purchase 70 plants that will be delivered to us in May. Donna also announced that she had received confirmation just that day that Scotts Canada would also be donating pallets of mulch and soil to us for the pollinator garden. That shipment will arrive in mid-April, and we will need a group of volunteers to spread the soil and mulch in the new garden. Brad Lennon has tentatively set the date of April 20th for that work party, so please let him know if you can help with that work. He can be reached at blennon@sympatico.ca if you would like to volunteer or if you have questions.
- 7. JAZZ VESPERS** is TODAY at 4:30pm! All are welcome.
- 8. 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.

9. TRUTH & RECONCILIATION WORKING GROUP: In Canada, half of all incarcerated women are Indigenous – even though Indigenous people make up about 5% of the total Canadian population. In maximum security, that number goes up to almost three-quarters. In November 2023, Ivan Zinger, the Correctional Investigator of Canada, released a report calling the situation unconscionable and noting that change has been very slow. Indigenous-led healing lodges are one recommended approach to better support incarcerated Indigenous people, but healing lodges run by communities are given significantly fewer resources than those run by the government, and there are only three healing lodges for women in Canada, all located in the prairies. Among other recommendations, the report urges Corrections Services to transfer control of healing lodges to local Indigenous communities and appropriately fund them.

10. CLIMATE ACTION GROUP: With the climate crisis – heat waves, droughts, storms, and flooding posing significant threats to systems aimed to prevent nuclear accidents – time is precious. Governments must not waste time with nuclear energy fairy tales. Let's demand a just transition towards a safe, renewable energy system that secures jobs and protects life on our planet. [The International Atomic Energy Agency will hold a nuclear energy summit in Belgium on 21 March 2024].

11. 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. Also, to anyone who may wish to join the Flower Guild, please contact Nina Overbury.

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, March 13

11:00am Holy Eucharist

In person

Saturday, March 23

8-9am Community Breakfast

Sunday, March 24 – Palm/Passion Sunday

8:00am Holy Eucharist

In person

10:30am Holy Eucharist

with Procession of Palms from Mt. Pleasant

Cemetery Gate

(gather at the Yonge St. gate at 9:45am)

In person & Livestreamed



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