Christ Church Deer Park

March 31, 2024
Easter Day
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 #203

(please stand as you are able)

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia! our triumphant holy day, alleluia! who did once, upon the cross, alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia! unto Christ our heavenly King, alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, alleluia! our salvation have procured; alleluia! now above the sky he's king, alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Text and Music: Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt.

Gathering (please remain standing)

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia! Presider: May his grace and peace be with you.

All: May he fill our hearts with joy.

Gloria Missa Pacem L.R. Babin



Music: Missa Pacem, L. Randolph Babin © 2004, GIA Publications, Inc.

Choir: Lord God, heavenly king,

almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Refrain

Choir: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Refrain

Choir: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Refrain

The Collect of the Day

Presider: Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, you have

overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who

with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, 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)

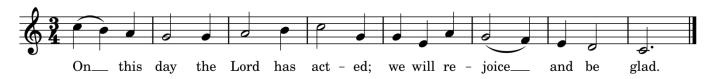
Reader: A reading from Book of Isaiah.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Refrain:



Cantor: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his mercy endures for ever. Let Israel now proclaim,

"His mercy endures for ever." Refrain

The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!" Refrain

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord. The Lord has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death. *Refrain*

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord. "This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter." *Refrain*

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. *Refrain*

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Refrain*

Listening to God - Second Reading

Reader: A reading from Book of Acts.

Then Peter began to speak to the Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Acts 10:34-43

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Easter Sequence

(please remain steated)

Christians, Praise the Paschal Victim

VICTIMAE PASCHALI LAUDES

Choir:

Christians, praise the Paschal Victim! Offer thankful sacrifice! Christ the Lamb has saved the sheep, Christ the just one paid the price, reconciling sinners to the Father. Death and life fought bitterly for this wondrous victory; the Lord of life who died reigns glorified!

O Mary, come and say what you saw at break of day. "The empty tomb of my living Lord! I saw Christ Jesus risen and adored! Bright angels testified, shroud and grave clothes side by side! Yes, Christ my hope rose gloriously. He goes before you into Galilee."

Share the good news, sing joyfully: His death is victory! Lord Jesus, Victor King, Show us mercy. Amen. Alleluia.

Music: Plainchant, Mode I; *Text: Victimae paschali laudes; attr. to Wipo of Burgundy, c. 1000–c. 1050* Tr. © 1983, Peter J. Scagnelli, pub. by WLP

Gospel Acclamation #212 v. 1, 2

(please stand as you are able)

Alleluia! The Strife is O'er

VICTORY

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done, now is the victor's triumph won; O let the song of praise be sung: alleluia!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst, and Jesus hath his foes dispersed: let shouts of praise and joy outburst: alleluia!

Text: Finita jam, 17th century, tr. F. Pott; Music: G.P. da Palestrina, adapt. W. H. Monk

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.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and

saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her. John 20:1-18

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation #212 v. 4, 5

All:

Alleluia! The Strife is O'er VICTORY

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

On the third morn he rose again, glorious in majesty to reign.
O let us swell the joyful strain: alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee, from death's dread sting thy servants free, that we may live and sing to thee: alleluia!

Text: Finita jam, 17th century, tr. F. Pott; Music: G.P. da Palestrina, adapt. W. H. Monk

Homily (please be seated)

The Nicene Creed (please stand as you are able)

Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was

buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

(please stand, kneel, or sit as you are able)

Leader: God of the bright morning star,

God of the rising sun,

God of darkness redeemed, we praise and worship you! For empty tombs, we thank you!

For disciples running with good news, we thank you!

For your presence, alive, powerful, resurrected we thank you!

We celebrate your victory over death, over all the powers that would defeat us...

God of resurrection;

All: you have rolled the stone away.

Leader: Inspiring Spirit,

help us to grasp resurrection;

to understand its power,

to see its force at work in our world,

overturning evil empires,

changing the hatred within us,

moving the world slowly, forcefully, bending us towards love and truth...

God of resurrection;

All: you have rolled the stone away.

Leader: Triumphant and humble Lord,

on this day of great gladness

empower us to be your ambassadors,

proclaiming good news.

Good news in our kitchens and living rooms, good news in the offices and workshops good news in the fields and factories.

Help us to be that good news, walking softly on this good earth, caring gently for all people, living hopefully into your kingdom....

God of resurrection;

All: you have rolled the stone away.

Leader: God of redeeming darkness and blessed quiet,

today we think of all who are grieving,

and for the sick and dying....

We pray for peace in the face of violence, and shelter for those who need it.

We pray for places in the world that are torn by war and bloodshed...

for the people of Ukraine, Yemen, Syria, Palestine, Israel, Sudan, and Somalia.

We pray for all those living in uncertainty and fear...

God of resurrection;

All: you have rolled the stone away.

Leader: Living God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,

anoint us with your touch

so that the softness of your love may break into our hardness

and open us anew...

God of resurrection;

All: you have rolled the stone away.

Leader: We celebrate and we rejoice -

the old has passed away. In you, in your resurrection,

in your life and love,

everything becomes new!

All: Amen.

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.

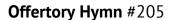
Sharing What We Have

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



The Day of Resurrection

ELLACOMBE

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the passover of gladness, the passover of God! From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,



our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; and, listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin, the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend, for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

Text: John of Damascus, tr. J. M. Neale; Music: Gesangbuch, Württemburg, 1784

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that we

who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the

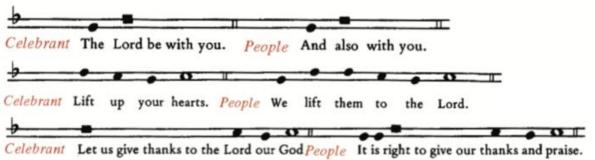
joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: Amen.

Celebrating the Eucharist

(please remain standing)

The Great Thanksgiving

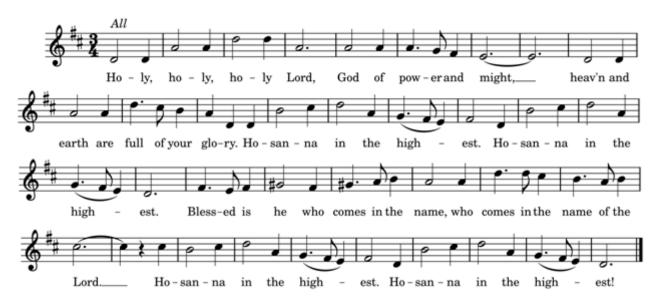


Presider:

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus & Benedictus Missa Pacem

L.R. Babin



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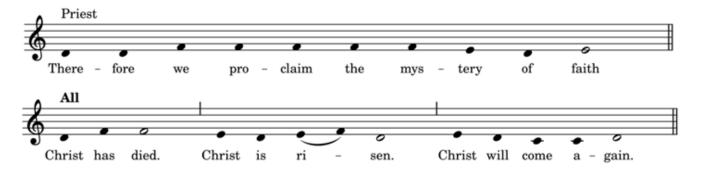
Presider:

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."



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.



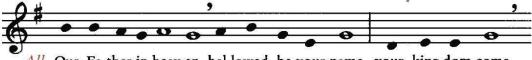


The Lord's Prayer

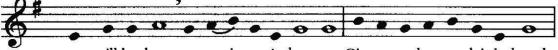
M. Robinson II

Cantor: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

All:



All Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come,

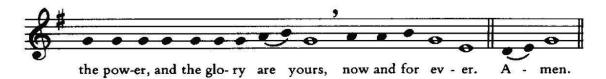


your will be done, on earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread,



For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us





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Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: Now we are raised to new life. Presider: We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection. Presider: Live in us, that we may live in you.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

(please be seated)
Pascha nostrum, Plainchant

Fraction Chant Christ Our Passover

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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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.

Communion Hymn

Hail Thee, Festival Day

SALVE FESTA DIES





Choir:

Lo, the fair beauty of earth, from the death of the winter arising! Every good gift of the year now with its Saviour returns. *Refrain*

He who was nailed to the cross is God and the ruler of all things; all things created on earth worship the maker of all. *Refrain*

Mourning they laid thee to rest, who art author of life and creation; treading the pathway of death, life thou bestowedst on all. *Refrain*

God of all pity and power, let thy word be assured to the doubting; light on the third day returns: rise, Son of God, from the tomb! *Refrain*

Text: Venantius Fortunatus, tr. M.F. Bell; Music: R. Vaughan Williams

Communion Motet

Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem, Your sweetest notes employ, The Paschal victory to hymn In strains of holy joy. For Judah's Lion bursts his chains, Crushing the serpent's head; And cries aloud through death's domains To wake th'imprison'd dead.

Devouring depths of hell Their prey at his command restore; His ransom'd hosts pursue their way Where Jesus goes before.

Triumphant in his glory now
To him all power is given;
To him in one communion bow
All saints in earth and heaven.

While we, his soldiers, praise our King, His mercy we implore, Within his palace bright to bring And keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be, All glory to the Son, All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee, While endless ages run.

Alleluia! Amen.

Text: R. Campbell; Music: C.V. Stanford; translated from St Fulbert of Chartres' Chorus novae Jerusalem

Prayer after Communion

(please stand as you are able)

Presider:

Lord Jesus, we have feasted on the bread of life. We have quenched our thirst with the wine of your new kingdom. In your risen power you have united us with all our loved ones in heaven and on earth. May that communion strengthen and renew us, bring us hope and joy, today and in the days to come. To you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, be glory here and everywhere, now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessing

Presider: When it takes hold, resurrection does not let go,

it shakes the dead awake,

it shakes the darkness from the light,

and it wrestles death from all that is dying.

Let us go out into the world and in the upheaval of resurrection seek out this new life.

And may the blessing of God be upon you, body, mind and spirit, as you leave this place and go into the world filled with this Easter promise.

Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

That Easter day with joy was bright, The sun shone out with fairer light, Alleluia, alleluia! When to their longing eyes restored, The glad apostles saw their Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

His risen flesh with radiance glowed; His wounded hands and feet he showed; Alleluia, alleluia! Those scars their solemn witness gave That Christ was risen from the grave. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O Jesus, in your gentleness, With constant love our hearts possess; Alleluia, alleluia! To you our lips will ever raise The tribute of our grateful praise. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! O Lord of all, with us abide In this our joyful Easter-tide; Alleluia, alleluia! From ev'ry weapon death can wield Your own redeemed for ever shield. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

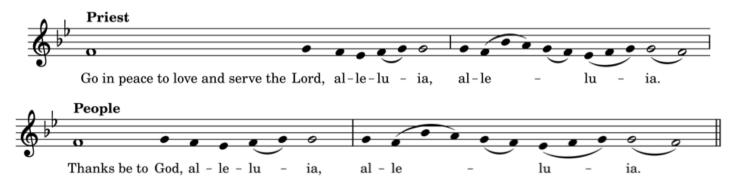
All praise to you, O risen Lord,
Now by both heav'n and earth adored;
Alleluia, alleluia!
To God the Father equal praise,
And Spirit blest our songs we raise.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Claro paschali gaudio, tr. J. Neale; Tune: Geistliche Kirchengesang Cologne 1623

Dismissal

(please stand as you are able)

Presider: Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world God loves!



Postlude Toccata from Symphonie No. 5

C-M. Widor

Please join us after the service for refreshments!

Memorial Flowers

The flowers and Easter decorations are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God and in loving memory of

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Warden on Duty: Stephen Clark

Sidesperson: Supipi Weerasooriya

Flower Arrangement: Mary van Straubenzee Karen Lenk, Lucia Nebesny

Livestream Production Manager: Christian Crawford

----ANNOUNCEMENTS----

- **1. BISHOP ANDREW ASBIL** is visiting Christ Church on Sunday, April 7th! Please join us for worship at any of our three services that morning as we welcome the Bishop to our parish.
- **2. Office CLOSED Good Friday & Easter Monday:** Please note that the church office will be closed on both Good Friday and Easter Monday.
- **3. PEWS FOR SALE!** We are embarking on an exciting project: the removal of four rows of pews from the back of the sanctuary! This will help open up our worship space and provide opportunities for creative and dynamic uses of the nave. So do you want to take home a piece of CCDP's history? Have a home or cottage that would benefit from a beautiful, solid-wood pew in the entranceway? We will have 8 small pews (5 feet, 1 inch long) and 8 long pews (12 feet, 1 inch long) for sale. We are asking \$300/small pew and \$150/long pew. Purchaser must organize pick up. Please email rentals@christchurchdeerpark.org by May 1st, 2024 if interested.

4. 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 27 from 5pm-7pm at CCDP. 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. It'll be a fun-filled evening with live entertainment, nibbles, and drinks (beer and wine for sale). Please join us!

- 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, with a light reception following. Please join us!
- 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, 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). Also, looking to our April 20th sale, the Reeve's family Café is in the plans. We need some homemade squares and cookies to sell that day. If you would be able to sign up for that, please contact Jayne or Winnie. 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. WOMEN'S POTLUCK:** The next women's potluck will be Thursday, May 16th from 6-8pm in Elliott Hall. All women from the parish are welcome!
- 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. 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.
- 8. 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. Indigenousled 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.

- **9. CLIMATE ACTION GROUP:** Surround us with the fragrance of resurrection, that we might inhale the Spirit of all of creation restored. [source: Sylvia Kleesmaat, *Ecological grief and creational hope: a Lent curriculum for all ages*, Lent 2022, p.84]
- **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 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.

USITOR 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, April 3 11:00am Holy Eucharist In person

Saturday, April 6 8-9am Community Breakfast

> Sunday, April 7 8:00am Holy Eucharist In person

9:15am Contemporary Worship

In person

10:30am Holy Eucharist In person & Livestreamed

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