

Christ Church Deer Park

April 14, 2024
The Third Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist & Holy Baptism
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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Prelude Rhapsodie on "Lasst Uns Erfreuen"

G. Leclerc

Welcome & Gathering

(please note all hymn numbers are from Common Praise, the blue hymnal)

Opening Hymn #215

(please stand as you are able)

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

GAUDEAMUS PARITER

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness;
God hath ransomed Israel
into joy from sadness:
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters;
led them with unmoistened foot
through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today:
Christ hath burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death
as a sun hath risen.
All the winter of our sins,
long and dark, is flying
from his light, to whom we give
laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright
with the day of splendour,
with the royal feast of feasts,
comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem,
who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesus' resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death,
nor the tomb's dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal
hold thee as a mortal;
but today amidst the twelve
thou didst stand, bestowing

that thy peace which evermore
passeth human knowing.

Alleluia now we cry
to our King immortal,
who triumphant burst the bars
of the tomb's dark portal;
alleluia, with the Son
God the Father praising;
alleluia, yet again
to the Spirit raising.

Text: John of Damascus; tr. J.M. Neale; Music: J. Horn

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

f Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a! Glo - ry to God in the high - est.
Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a! And peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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

All: Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

All: 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

All: 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: O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who is alive 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 Acts.

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Acts 3:12-19

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4

G. Black

Refrain:



Cantor:

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
"You mortals, how long will you dishonour my glory;
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?" *Refrain*

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed. *Refrain*

Offer the appointed sacrifices
and put your trust in the Lord.
Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!"
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord. *Refrain*

You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety. *Refrain*

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Listening to God – Second Reading

Reader: A reading from First Letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sins is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

1 John 3:1-7

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation #709

(please stand as you are able)

Alleluia

based on VICTORY

Cantor: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Cantor: Lord Jesus, open to us the scriptures;
make our hearts burn within us while you speak. *Luke 24.32*

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The Holy Gospel

(please remain standing)

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Luke 24:36b-48

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

(please be seated)

The Celebration of Baptism

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Priest: The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents

& Sponsors: We present Lily Alannah Merrithew to receive the sacrament of baptism.

We present Benjamin Bradley Christensen to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Priest: Will you be responsible for seeing that this child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

Parents

& Sponsors: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents

& Sponsors: I will, with God's help.

The priest asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the candidates.

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

Answer: I do.

The priest addresses the congregation.

Priest: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Lily and Benjamin in their lives in Christ?

People: We will.

Prayers for the Candidates

Priest: Let us now pray for Lily and Benjamin who are to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Send them into this world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Priest: We give you thanks, almighty God and Father, for by the gift of water you nourish and sustain all living things.

People: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest: We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea, you led your people out of slavery to freedom in a promised land.

People: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest: We give you thanks for sending your Son Jesus. For us he was baptized by John in the river Jordan. For us he was anointed as Christ by your Holy Spirit. For us he suffered the baptism of his own death and resurrection, setting us free from the bondage of sin and death, and opening to us the joy and freedom of everlasting life.

People: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest: We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with his gifts so that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

People: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest: We give you thanks for you have called Lily and Benjamin to new life through the waters of baptism. Now sanctify this water, that your servants who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin. Anoint them with your Holy Spirit and bring them to new birth in the family of your Church, that they may become inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

We give you praise and honour and worship through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People: Blessed are you, our strength and song, and our salvation.

Priest: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Priest: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: 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.

Priest: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Priest: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you preserve in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the earth?

People: I will, with God's help.

The Baptism

Priest: Benjamin Bradley / Lily Alannah, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Priest: I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Gracious God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

The Giving of the Light

Priest: Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

People: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Priest: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

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*
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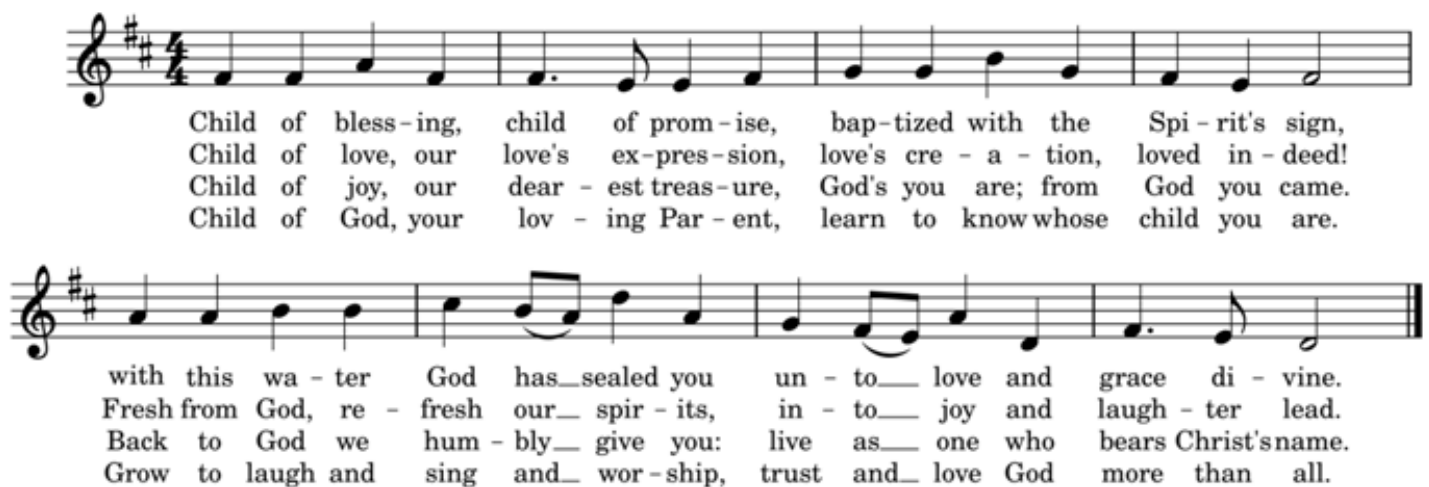


We are thankful for all your gifts as they sustain the life and work of this parish.

Offertory Hymn

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

DRAKE'S BROUGHTON



Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, bap - tized with the Spi - rit's sign,
Child of love, our love's ex - pres - sion, love's cre - a - tion, loved in - deed!
Child of joy, our dear - est treas - ure, God's you are; from God you came.
Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose child you are.

with this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
Fresh from God, re - fresh our spir - its, in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.
Back to God we hum - bly give you: live as one who bears Christ's name.
Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

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Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Creator of all, you wash away our sins in water, you give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

All: Amen.

Celebrating the Eucharist

(please remain standing)

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them 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; 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

All
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav'n and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name, who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:



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.

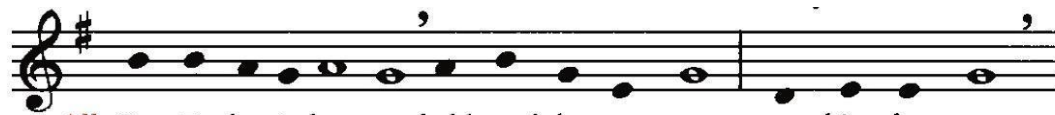
In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

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.

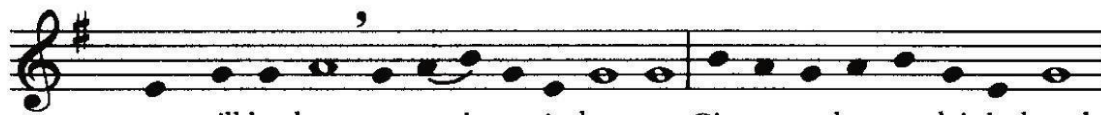


Cantor: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

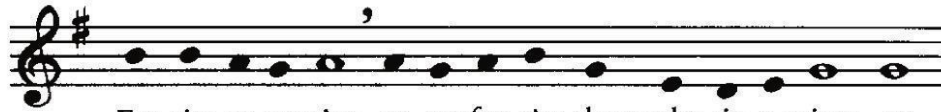
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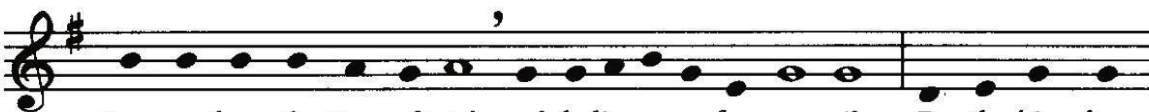
All Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come,



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.



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.

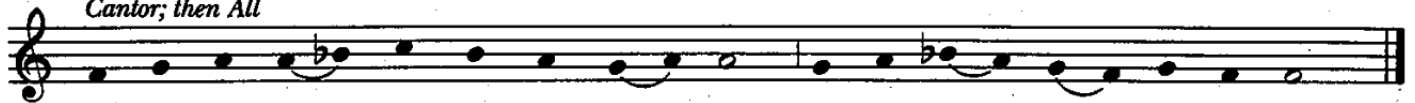
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Fraction Chant

The Disciples Knew the Lord Jesus

(please be seated)
Plainsong, adapt. M. Martens

Antiphon
Cantor; then All



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Choir: The bread which we break, alleluia,
is the communion of the body of Christ. *Antiphon*

Choir: One body are we, alleluia,
for though many we share one bread. *Antiphon*

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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

Cantate Domino

G. Pitoni

*Cantate Domino canticum novum;
laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum.*

*Laetetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum,
et filii Sion exsultent in rege suo.*

O sing unto the Lord a new song:
let the congregation of saints praise him.
Let Israel rejoice in him that made him:
and let the children of Sion be joyful in their
King.

Psalm 149

Communion Hymn #405

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord

ALLEUIA NO. 1

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
He is the King of creation. *Refrain*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth,
Jesus has died and is risen. *Refrain*

We have been crucified with Christ;
now we shall live forever. *Refrain*

Come let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour. *Refrain*

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Prayer after Communion

(please stand as you are able)

Presider: Author of life divine, in the breaking of bread we know the risen Lord. Feed us always in these mysteries, that we may show your glory to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 #239

Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now

ST. ALBINUS

Jesus lives! Thy terrors now
can no more, O death, appal us.
Jesus lives! By this we know
thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.
Alleluia!

Jesus lives! Henceforth is death
but the gate of life immortal;
this shall calm our trembling breath
when we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluia!

Jesus lives! For us he died;
then, alone to Jesus living,
pure in heart may we abide,
glory to our Saviour giving.
Alleluia!

Jesus lives! Our hearts know well
nought from us his love shall sever;
life, nor death, nor powers of hell
tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluia!

Dismissal

(please stand as you are able)

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

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Postlude

Ein Siegesgesang ("A Song of Victory") from 33 Portraits, Op. 101

S. Karg-Elert

Please join us after the service for refreshments!

Memorial Flowers

The flowers in the church are given to the glory of God and in loving memory
of Elizabeth and Terence Bredin.

Assisting with the Liturgy

Presider:

The Reverend Cathy Gibbs

Preacher:

The Venerable Cheryl Palmer

Gospeller:

The Reverend Ali McIntosh

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Stefani Bedin

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Tonatiuh Abrego, Peter Warren

Readers:

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Prayers:

Hector Acero

Warden on Duty:

Su Laine Varkey

Sidesperson:

Anne Welch

Flower Arrangement:

Lucia Nebesny

Livestream Technician:

Christian Crawford

-----ANNOUNCEMENTS-----

- 1. LUNCH TODAY!** First, a little bit of background: Rahul, who arrived in Canada in 2021, came to CCDP because he wanted a welcoming place in which to worship. Then, after returning to India to marry his beautiful Ashita, he brought her to Canada in September 2023. Since that time Rahul has volunteered at a number of things, working alongside us. This Easter week Ashita and Rahul participated in our services, not only in the congregation, but actively involved in creating our worship. Now, on Sunday, April 14th (TODAY!), Rahul and Ashita invite you to enjoy a light Indian lunch in Elliott Hall after the 10:30 service. They asked their family how they could thank Cheryl before she departs, and also thank the congregation for the welcome and care they feel here. Ashita's mother told them to prepare a meal, as an offering of thanks, and this is what they are doing. Please come for this meal. And, when you see them next, congratulate Ashita and Rahul for joining us in their new life in Canada.
- 2. POLLINATOR GARDEN:** Scotts Canada have recently told us that this coming Tuesday they will be delivering 2 pallets each of soil and mulch for our pollinator garden. This means that we will have close to 300 cubic feet of material to spread over the area of the garden. Brad

Lennon has been seeking volunteers to help him with this task. He mainly is looking for those who can help rake the soil and then the mulch evenly over the garden. He has hoped several could join him next Saturday, April 20th, at 9 AM. However, if you are busy on that day working at the rummage sale and you would still like to help him, he is also willing to partner with anyone who would like to join him on this Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday (April 17, 18, 19). Or he may need your help if you can arrange any weekday the following week to help him mark out the grid guideposts for the planting that will happen in mid-May. If you have a half hour or an hour to spare and can help, please see him after the 10:30 AM worship service today or phone him and leave a message at 416-705-5330.

3. 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 is currently preparing 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. Please note the deadline for contributing to Cheryl's gift is TODAY.

1. Online, via our donation page on our website:

<https://christchurchdeerpark.org/give/>

Note: Please do not donate to Cheryl's purse through Canada Helps.

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!

5. **RUMMAGE SALE!** Our next Rummage Sale is fast approaching (April 20 from 10am-2pm!). We are in need of homemade squares and cookies to sell that day at Gabriel's Café. If you would

be able to sign up for that, please contact Jayne or Winnie. Baked goods may be dropped off Friday, April 19th. 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. **CHURCH ON TAP** gathers on Friday, April 19th at 7pm. Join us for a reflective worship full of Scripture and song (with beer afterwards, of course!)
7. **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.
8. **POTLUCK – SAVE THE DATES:**
 1. Our next Ladies Pot Luck will be held on Thursday May 16th. Bring something to share. If you are rushed, and unable to bring anything, we will have plenty, so do still come... We look forward to seeing everyone around 6pm for dinner.
 2. Wednesday July 17th we will have our 1st ever (or definitely in the past 21 years), ALL gender Congregation Potluck picnic. 6 pm (ish) on the lawn. Please bring your own plate (you may want a separate dish for dessert), your glass, and your cutlery, your napkins. NOTE: we will have access to the restrooms, but no access to the kitchen. Bring something summery to share (a salad, casserole, cookies, lemonade, wine, cold cider ...) or if you have a busy day, please just pop by, there will be plenty to share with you.
9. **JAZZ VESPERS!** Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 21st at 4:30pm. (Also mark your calendars for May 12 and May 26 – the latter will be a special celebration of the 25th anniversary of Jazz Vespers at CCDP!)
10. **WEDNESDAY EUCHARISTS:** While we will continue having our regular 11am Eucharist on Wednesdays, please note for the meantime we will no longer be serving lunch afterward. We will, however, have tea, coffee and cookies available – so please feel free to bring a bagged lunch and enjoy a time of fellowship!
11. **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.

12. 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.

13. CLIMATE ACTION GROUP: “The kiss of the sun for pardon, the song of the birds for mirth; one is nearer God's Heart in a garden than anywhere else on Earth.” [Source: “God's Garden” lines 13–16, *Poems*, by Dorothy Frances Gurney (London: Country Life, 1913)]

14. 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, April 17

11:00am Holy Eucharist

In person

Friday, April 19

7pm Church on Tap

In person

Saturday, April 20

8-9am Community Breakfast

10am-2pm Rummage Sale

Sunday, April 21

8:00am Holy Eucharist

In person

9:15am Contemporary Worship

In person

10:30am Holy Eucharist

In person & Livestreamed

4:30pm Jazz Vespers

In person



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