

# Christ Church Deer Park

April 7, 2024  
The Second Sunday of Easter  
**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 #211**

*(please stand as you are able)*

Good Christians, All, Rejoice and Sing

VULPIUS (GELOBT SEI GOTT)

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord of life is risen today!  
Sing songs of praise along his way;  
let all the earth rejoice and say:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory  
that love, that life which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
and sing today with one accord  
the life laid down, the life restored:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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**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 in excelsis Deo.*  
*Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.*  
*Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.*  
*Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.*  
*Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.*  
*Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.*  
*Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe.*  
*Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.*  
*Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.*  
*Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.*  
*Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.*  
*Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu solus Dominus.*  
*Tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe.*  
*Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris.*  
*Amen.*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly king,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glory.  
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.  
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.

### **The Collect of the Day**

Presider: O God, our beginning and our end: accept our doubts, heal our desire for certainty and, by your Spirit's gentle touch, make us a people forgiven and forgiving; through Jesus Christ, the Giver of Peace.

**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.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and

brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. *Acts 4:32-35*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 133**

G. Black

Refrain:



How good it is for all to live to-gether in u - ni - ty.

Cantor: Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live together in unity!  
It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,  
Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe. *Refrain*

It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.  
For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore. *Refrain*

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**Listening to God – Second Reading**

Reader: A reading from First Letter of John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life - this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us - we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;

and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.  
*1 John 1:1-2:2*

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: Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me?

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.

*John 20.29*

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 John.

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may

come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. *John 20:19-31*

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.**

## Prayers of the People

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

## The Peace

*(please remain standing)*

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.

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# Sharing What We Have

We give as an expression of gratitude for all that God has done for us and because God has designed us to be givers.

## Ways to Give Financially

- Through automatic monthly credit card or pre-authorized debit donations  
please contact [bookkeeper@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:bookkeeper@christchurchdeerpark.org) if you are interested in setting up a monthly offering
- Cash or cheque made out to *Christ Church Deer Park*
- Debit/credit via the mobile credit machine at the back of the church
- E-transfer to [donations@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:donations@christchurchdeerpark.org)
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We are thankful for all your gifts as they sustain the life and work of this parish.

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## Offertory Hymn

We Walk by Faith

ST. BOTOLPH



1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no  
2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as  
fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound, to call on you when  
realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you



none e'er spoke; but we believe him near.  
 we re - joice; and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
 you are near, and seek where you are found:  
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Words: Henry Alford (1810-1871), alt.  
 Music: *St. Botolph*, Gordon Slater (1896-1979)

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### Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our 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; 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.

*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!

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

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:

*All*

Christ has died. Christ is ri - sen. Christ will come a - gain.

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;

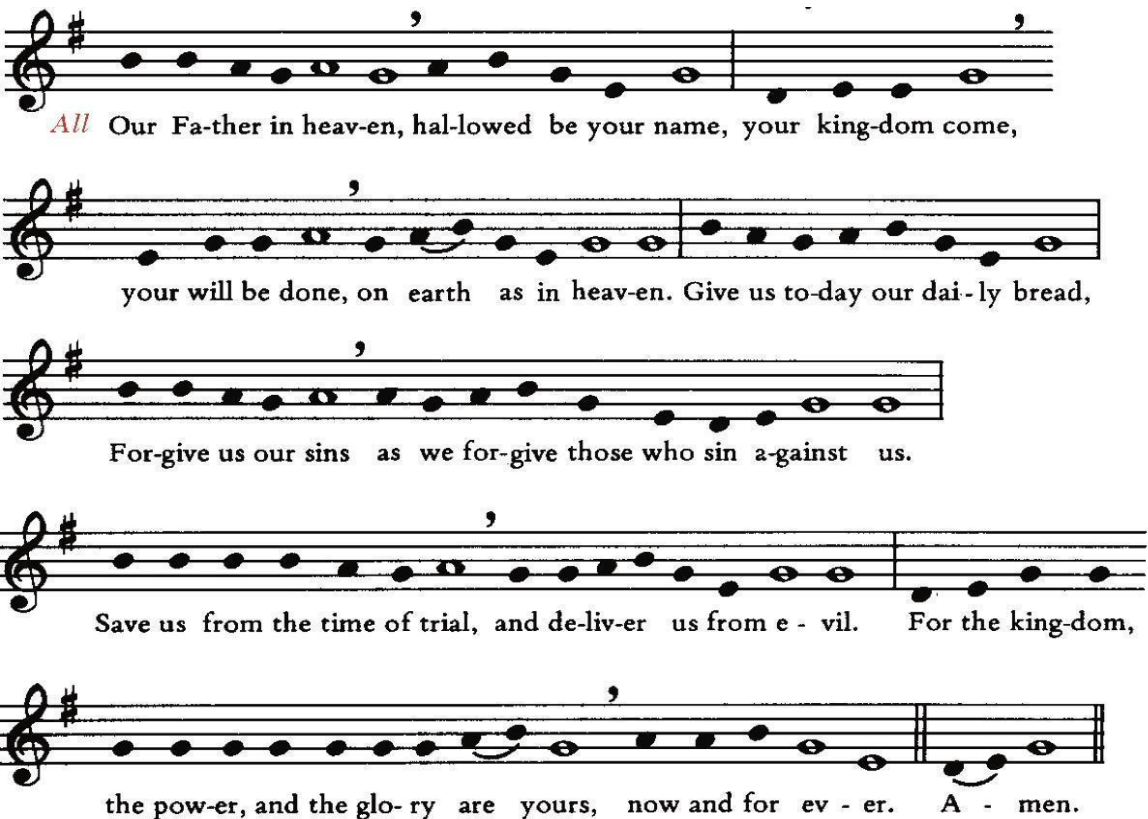
by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: 

### The Lord's Prayer

M. Robinson II

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

All: 

## 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)*

## Fraction Anthem Christ our Passover

D. Hurd



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;



there - fore let us keep the feast.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

Music: D. Hurd; *New Plainsong Mass*; © 1981, GIA Publications, Inc.

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# All are welcome to receive communion with us

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

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

This Joyful Eastertide

This joyful Eastertide,  
Away with sin and sorrow!  
My Love, the Crucified,  
Hath sprung to life this morrow.

Had Christ, that once was slain,  
Ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain:  
But now hath Christ arisen,  
arisen, arisen, arisen.

My flesh in hope shall rest,  
And for a season slumber:  
Till trump from east to west  
Shall wake the dead in number.

Death's flood hath lost his chill,  
Since Jesus cross'd the river  
Lover of souls, from ill  
My passing soul deliver.

Text: G.R. Woodward; Anonymous tune, arr. C. Wood

**Communion Hymn #228 v. 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9**

Alleluia! O Sons and Daughters

O FILII ET FILIAE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sons and daughters, let us sing!  
The King of heaven, the glorious King,  
o'er death today rose triumphing.  
Alleluia!

That night the apostles met in fear;  
amidst them came their Lord most dear,  
and said, "My peace be on all here."  
Alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard,  
how they had seen the risen Lord,  
he doubted the disciples' word.  
Alleluia!

My piercèd side, O Thomas, see;  
behold my hands, my feet," said he;  
"not faithless, but believing be."  
Alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied;  
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried.  
Alleluia!

How blest are they who have not seen,  
and yet whose faith has constant been,  
for they eternal life shall win.  
Alleluia!

On this most holy day of days,  
to God your hearts and voices raise  
in laud and jubilee and praise.  
Alleluia!

Text: attr. to J. Tisserand; tr. J.M. Neale; Music: French, 15th c.

## 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 #210

Thine Be the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son

MACCABAEUS

Thine be the glory,  
risen, conquering Son:  
endless is the victory  
over death you won.  
Angels robed in splendour  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes  
where the body lay.

*Refrain:*

Thine be the glory,  
risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory  
over death you won.

See! Jesus meets us,  
risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us,  
scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord is living;  
death has lost its sting! *Refrain*

No more we doubt you,  
glorious Prince of life;  
what is life without you?  
Aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors  
through your deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan  
to your home above. *Refrain*

Text: E.L. Budry; tr. R.B. Hoyle; Music: G.F. Handel

**Dismissal**

*(please stand as you are able)*

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

Cantor



Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

People



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Postlude** Paraphrase sur un chœur de Handel, Op. 90

A. Guilmant

*Please join us after the service for refreshments!*



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## ***Memorial Flowers***

The flowers in the church are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Marjorie and Richard Overbury.

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## ***Assisting with the Liturgy***

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Flower Arrangement:  
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James Harding MacDonald

## **----ANNOUNCEMENTS----**

- 1. HYDRANGEAS:** After today's service, please feel free to take home one of the Easter hydrangeas for your garden or balcony.
- 2. 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](mailto:rentals@christchurchdeerpark.org) by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 if interested.

**3. LUNCH ON APRIL 14:** 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, 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.

#### **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 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 Sunday, April 14.

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 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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. **WOMEN'S POTLUCK:** The next women's potluck will be Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm in Elliott Hall. All women from the parish are welcome!
7. **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 20<sup>th</sup> for that work party, so please let him know if you can help with that work. He can be reached at [blennon@sympatico.ca](mailto:blennon@sympatico.ca) if you would like to volunteer or if you have questions.
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](mailto: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:** "We are living in a climate emergency. Time is precious, and too many governments are wasting it with nuclear energy fairy tales. What we demand is a just transition towards a safe, renewable and affordable energy system that secures jobs and protects life on our planet." [source: statement by more than 600 civil society member working on climate change-- 130 from Canada in Brussels at the pro-nuclear summit, 21 March email from Robin Collins]

**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](mailto:pat.butler@bell.net) or 416-573-1415. You will receive a tax receipt and a photo of the arrangement. Also, to anyone who may wish to join the Flower Guild, please contact Nina Overbury.







## 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 10**

11:00am Holy Eucharist

*In person*

**Saturday, April 13**

No Community Breakfast

**Sunday, April 14**

8:00am Holy Eucharist

*In person*

9:15am Contemporary Worship

*In person*

10:30am Holy Eucharist

*In person & Livestreamed*



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