# Christ Church Deer Park

April 28, 2024
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist
at 10:00 am



Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

1 John 4:7











Jesus said: "I am the vine, you are the branches.
Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing."

John 15:5



# 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** Variation No. 9 "Nimrod" from the *Enigma Variations*, Op. 136

E. Elgar

Welcome

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

Call to Worship

(please remain seated)

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

B. Doerksen

Come, now is the time to worship; come, now is the time to give your heart; come, just as you are to worship; come, just as you are before your God. Come.

One day every tongue will confess you are God; one day every knee will bow. Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose you now.

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives; willingly our knees will bow. With all our heart, soul, mind and strength, we gladly choose you now.

Come, come just as you are. Come. Come.

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**Prayer** (please stand as you are able)

Leader: Holy God, we come to worship.

All: We come just as we are. Leader: We come to rejoice.

All: We come to say farewell.

Leader: We come to break the bread.

All: We come to drink the wine.

Leader: O come, let us worship.

During Cheryl's time at CCDP, the parish has embraced a wide variety of musical styles in worship. Today's service brings together musicians from the parish's traditional and contemporary ensembles and features music specially selected by Cheryl. The repertoire is united by the themes of celebrating God's presence throughout our lives, committing to serve the Lord, and walking together on the journey of faith, which beautifully reflect Cheryl's ministry.

#### **Processional Hymn**

I Vow to Thee, My Country

**THAXTED** 



Text: C. Spring-Rice; Music: G. Holst

**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.

# The Collect of the Day

Presider: O God, you give us the Son as the vine, apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish

our life in his resurrection, so that we bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you

and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

**Anthem** Zadok the Priest, HWV 258

G.F. Handel

Choir: Zadok, the Priest, and Nathan, the Prophet, anointed Solomon King;

and all the people rejoiced, and said:

God save the King, long live the King, may the King live for ever!

Amen! Alleluia! Text: Based on 1 Kings 1:34-45

#### Listening to God - First Reading

Reader: A reading from Book of Acts.

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, gueen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Acts 8:26-40 Caesarea.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

#### **Anthem**

Great Day arr. M. Hogan

Great day! Great day, the righteous marchin'; Great day! God's gonna build up Zion's wall! Great day! Great day, the righteous marchin'; Great day! God's gonna build up Zion's wall!

Chariot moved on the mountain top, brother (Oo my Lord)
God's gonna build up Zion's wall!
My God spoke and the chariot stopped, sister
God's gonna build up Zion's wall!

This is the year of jubilee, brother, God's gonna build up Zion's wall! My God set His people free, sister, God's gonna build up Zion's wall!

Great Day, that morning! (Come marchin')
Great Day, my brother! (Come marchin')
Great Day, my sister! (Come marchin')
God's a gonna build up, build up, Zion's wall!

African-American Spiritual

## Listening to God - Second Reading

Reader: A reading from First Letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of

judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

1 John 4:7-21

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

All: Thanks be to God.

#### Hymn at the Gospel #455 v. 1, 2

(please stand as you are able)

Dear God, Compassionate and Kind

**REPTON** 

Dear God, compassionate and kind, forgive our foolish ways.
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise, in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea, the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word, rise up and follow thee, rise up and follow thee!

Text: J.G. Whittier; Music: C.H.H. Parry

#### 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.

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit,

because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

John 15:1-8

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## Hymn at the Gospel #455 v. 4, 5

Dear God, Compassionate and Kind

**REPTON** 

Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace, the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm, O still, small voice of calm.

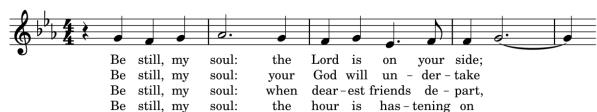
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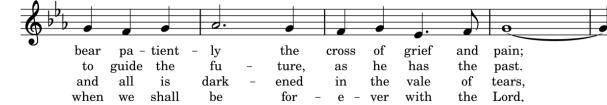
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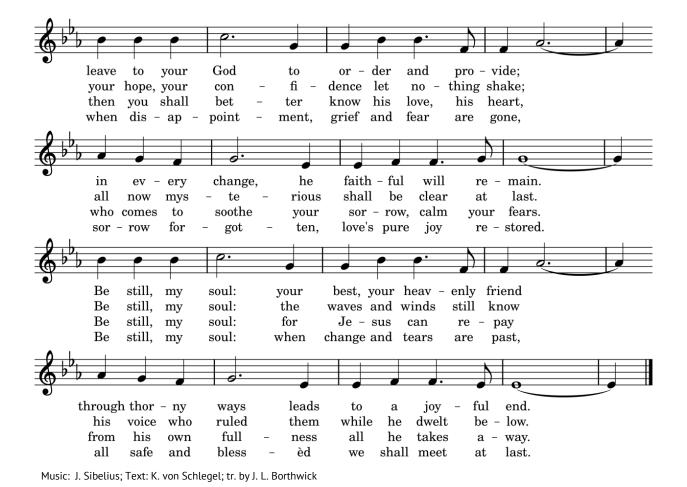
(please stand as you are able)

**FINLANDIA** 

**Hymn** Be Still, My Soul







#### The Apostles' Creed

(please remain standing)

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**

Leader: Let us pray.

In the beginning God spoke and all creation came to be. It came to be through the One who came to set us free: Strong Son of God, Immortal Love,

the Linchpin, the Lamb,

our Body's Head; Creation's firstborn,

Firstborn from the dead.

All: Alleluia!

Leader: Holy One, we gather today

for the simple joy of singing your praise.

All: Alleluia!

Leader: By the breath of your mouth the universe was made;

the waters of the sea you gathered as in a bottle.

All: Alleluia!

Leader: You saw what you had made -

the dust you shaped into limbs and laughs,

the forest's fruitful majesty.

the insects humming on the wind, the birds alighting on the boughs -

and you declared it good.

All: Alleluia!

Leader: And even when it all went wrong –

> we broke your heart, betrayed our vows -

you took us back into the fold,

forgiving and renewing, each and every time.

All: Alleluia!

Leader: And then you came among us, showing us the way,

> upsetting the thrones and powers of the earth, making peace through the blood of your cross, and calling our names beside an empty tomb.

All: Alleluia!

Leader: And so here we are this Eastertide,

looking back and yet ahead.

And we raise our voices to sing the song you gave us, the song we cling to, the song we desire more than gold: for the hope of a new creation, a new city in which to dwell –

All: Alleluia!

Leader: For labour which shall not be in vain -

All: Alleluia!

Leader: For a time when the sounds of weeping and cries of distress

will not be remembered or brought to mind.

All: Alleluia!

Leader: For homes and vineyards, fields and farms

that will not be supplanted by greed or power.

All: Alleluia!

Leader: For the promise of reconciliation and peace between all things.

All: Alleluia!

Leader: For the blessing you promise to our descendants.

All: Alleluia!

Leader: For retirement and new beginnings,

that Cheryl, your servant whom we celebrate today,

may long enjoy the work of her hands which she has done to your glory.

All: Alleluia!

Leader: A new song we raise to you, O God,

with the guitar, the piano, the organ, and loud shouts of joy and thanks.
Thanks for making visible your love

through the Word made flesh

and through the image we bear to one another.

All: Alleluia!

Leader: O Love that fires the sun, keep us burning

this April morning and always into times ahead; keep us watching, waiting, imaging and imagining, for what you are creating, animating, resurrecting, in our world, our city, ourselves. **Alleluia! Amen.** 

#### The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

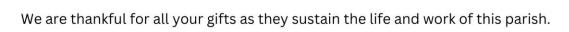
The congregation is invited to remain standing for the offertory.

# **Sharing What We Have**

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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## **Offertory Hymn** #513

Guide My Feet

Choir: Guide my feet while I run this race,

Guide my feet while I run this race, Guide my feet while I run this race,

For I don't want to run this race in vain!

All: Hold my hand while I run this race,

Hold my hand while I run this race, Hold my hand while I run this race,

For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Stand by me while I run this race, Stand by me while I run this race,

Stand by me while I run this race,

For I don't want to run this race in vain!



I'm your child while I run this race, I'm your child while I run this race, I'm your child while I run this race, For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Search my heart while I run this race, Search my heart while I run this race, Search my heart while I run this race, For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Guide my feet while I run this race, Guide my feet while I run this race, Guide my feet while I run this race, For I don't want to run this race in vain!

African-American Spiritual

#### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Presider: Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we

do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus

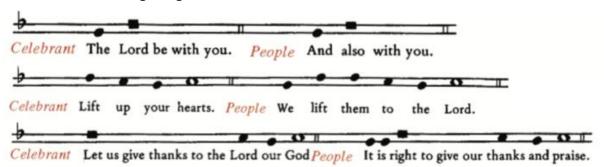
Christ the risen Lord.

All: Amen.

## Celebrating the Eucharist

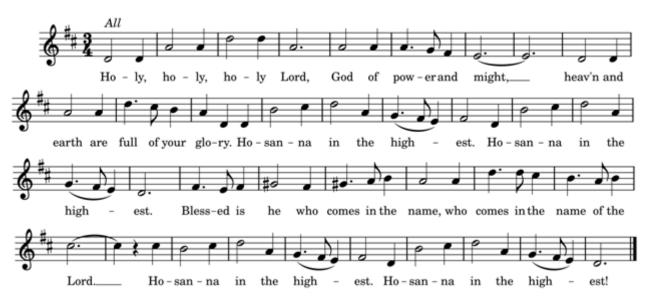
(please remain standing)

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.



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Presider:

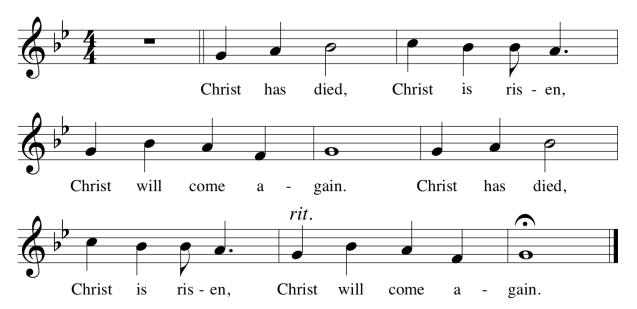
We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

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:



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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

Presider: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### 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)

Agnus Dei Missa brevis in Bb-flat major "Little Organ Mass" (Sancti Joannis de Deo) Hob. XXII:7 F. J. Haydn

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

# All are welcome to receive communion with us

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

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

#### **Communion Hymn**

In Christ Alone

S. Townend & K. Getty

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from his hand:
Till he returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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#### **Communion Motet**

Be Thou My Vision

B. Chilcott

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; be all else but naught to me, save that thou art; be thou my best thought in the day and the night, both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word; be thou ever with me and I with thee, Lord; be thou my great father, and I thy true son, be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou and thou only the first in my heart; O sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art; Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be thou my vision, Be thou my vision, ruler of all.

Text: Irish traditional; tr. M. Byrne; vers. E. Hull

## **Communion Hymn #60**

I Come with Joy LAND OF REST

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

The spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known, alive among us here.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one.

Text. B. Wren; © 1971, 1995, Hope Publishing Co.; Music: American traditional

# **Prayer after Communion**

(please stand as you are able)

Presider:

God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.** 

#### **Prayer of Leave-Taking**

Leader: Let us pray for Cheryl, who is now leaving Christ Church Deer Park.

Leader: For your many gifts and the ways you helped CCDP to grow and evolve,

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: For friendships made, celebrations enjoyed, and for moments of nurture,

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: For your insight, your guidance, your companionship, your integrity,

and for all the sacrifices you made.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: For wounds healed, expectations met, gifts given, promises kept,

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: As you go now to establish a home in another place

with other members of the family of Christ,

All: Go in peace.

Leader: As you continue the journey with new friends and new adventures,

new gifts to give and receive,

All: Go in peace.

Leader: As you offer wisdom and experience, competence and compassion,

in the vocation to which you are called,

All: Go in peace.

Leader: With whatever fears, whatever sadness, whatever excitement, whatever dreams may

be yours, may you find rest and challenge, quiet and adventure. May you be sustained by the achievements of your work life and inspired by the possibilities of what lies ahead. May you allow yourself to experience silence and rest, and may

you open yourself to the new music that may emerge from that silence.

All: Go in peace.

Leader: May your life be a legacy of goodwill, love, service, and joy.

With our faith in you, our hope for you, and our love of you.

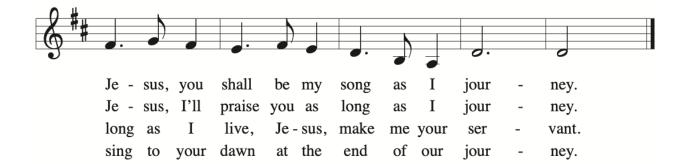
All: Go in peace.

#### Leader:

May God bless the path you take. May God bless your future labours with success. May your newly found freedom bring you great pleasure and deep satisfaction. May God bless your body with health and your soul with joy. May God watch over you and shield you from harm. May all your prayers be answered.

#### All: Amen.





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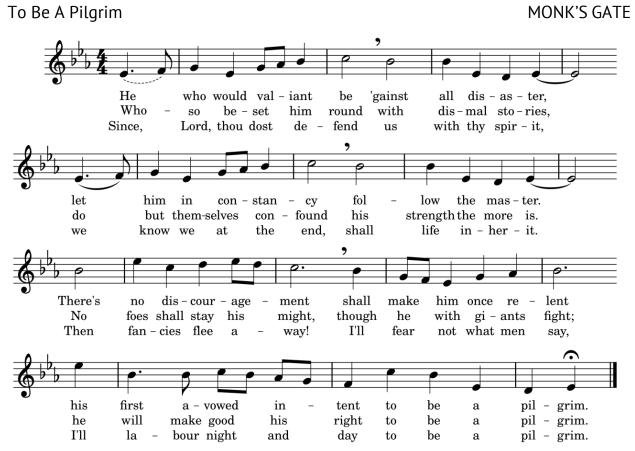
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#### **Blessing**

Presider:

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

#### **Closing Hymn**



Text: J. Bunyan; Music: English traditional, adapt. R. Vaughan Williams

**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!

Please join us upstairs in Elliott Hall for a reception and presentation of a gift to Cheryl.

**Postlude** Toccata from Symphony No. 5 C-M. Widor

## **Memorial Flowers**

The flowers in the church are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents Dr. & Mrs. G.G.T., her brother and his wife F. & V.T.,

Anne H.B. Larkin, and Anne Moore by Sarah.

# Assisting with the Liturgy

Parish Clergy:

The Venerable Cheryl Palmer Presider & Preacher

The Reverend Ali McIntosh Gospeller

The Reverend Cathy Gibbs Prayers of Leave-Taking

> Director of Music: Stefani Bedin

Section Leads: Sonya Harper Nyby, Julia Barber Tonatiuh Abrego, Peter Warren Kelsey Taylor, Martin Gomes

Contemporary Music Ensemble: Nick Gan, Liz Gan, Sasha Koukarina

Trumpets:
Matisse Blundell, Maslin Blundell

Readers: Michael Overbury Supipi Weerasooriya

Prayers:
Paul Kingston
Katherine MacDonald
Tony van Straubenzee
Amanda Jagt

Chalice Bearers:
Danylo Dzwonyk
The Reverend Brad Lennon
The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Server: Elsa Jones

Acolytes: Elsa Scurfield Sabine Scurfield

> Crucifer: Oscar Varkey

Gift Bearers: Su Laine Varkey Owen Varkey

Wardens on Duty: Katherine MacDonald Paul Kingston

> Sidespeople: Ted White John Goodwin Anne Welch Annie Lawton

Livestream Technicians: James Finnerty, Liam McIvor

Flower Arrangement:
Pat Butler

Verger: Rikk Scapillato

#### ----ANNOUNCEMENTS----

- 1. 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 <a href="mailto:rentals@christchurchdeerpark.org">rentals@christchurchdeerpark.org</a> by May 1st, 2024 if interested.
- **2. FOCUS GROUPS NEXT SUNDAY:** The Parish Selection Committee is planning to hold focus groups on Sunday, May 5, after each service.
  - 1. Those attending the 8.00 a.m. service that day will be meeting with Jan D'Angelo in the Arthur Smith Room after the service.
  - 2. Those attending the 9.15 service that day will be meeting with Jan D'Angelo in the Arthur Smith Room after the service.
  - 3. Those attending the 10.30 service that day will be meeting with members of the Parish Selection Committee in the Arthur Smith Room and Elliott Hall after the service.

We are hoping to have the focus groups contribute ideas on what Christ Church means to you in a variety of areas, so that your ideas can be reflected in our Parish Profile. Please plan to spend some time after the services next week exchanging ideas with each other and with your Parish Selection Committee members.

3. COMMUNITY CARE & COMMUNITY BREAKFAST LEADS: As was announced last Sunday, with gratitude and excitement we share the news that Carl Wehniainen has taken up the role of Community Breakfast Coordinator, and Ann Atkins will serve as the new lead for the Community Care Team. Both these ministries of our church are important to our life and witness as a Christian community, and we are grateful they will continue under Carl and Ann. If you are curious about these ministries or would like to get involved, please reach out to <a href="mailto:outreach@christchurchdeerpark.org">outreach@christchurchdeerpark.org</a> (questions about Community Breakfast) or to <a href="mailto:communitycare@christchurchdeerpark.org">communitycare@christchurchdeerpark.org</a> (questions about Community Care).

#### 4. POTLUCK - SAVE THE DATES:

**1.** Our next Ladies Pot Luck will be held on <u>Thursday May 16th</u>. 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.
- 5. 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!
- **6. 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 <a href="mailto:communitycare@christchurchdeerpark.org">communitycare@christchurchdeerpark.org</a>.
- **7. JAZZ VESPERS:** Save the dates! In May we will have *two* Jazz Vespers. The first will be a regular one (May 12 at 4:30pm), but the second (May 26 at 4:30pm) will be a celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jazz Vespers at CCDP! Rev. Tim Elliott and jazz vocalist Heather Bambrick will join the Brian Barlow Big Band for a festive afternoon! All are welcome!
- 8. TRUTH & RECONCILIATION WORKING GROUP: May 5th is Red Dress Day, also known as the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit People. The goal of the day is to honour and bring awareness to the thousands of Indigenous women, girls, and Two-Spirit people who have gone missing or who have been murdered in Canada. Indigenous women and girls are disproportionately exposed to gender-based violence; according to Statistics Canada data from 2022, almost 3 out of 5 (56%) Indigenous women have experienced physical assault while almost half (46%) of Indigenous women have experienced sexual assault. In comparison, about a third of non-Indigenous women have experienced physical assault or sexual assault.
- **9. CLIMATE ACTION GROUP:** Merritt, BC's Mayor, Michael Goetz, said he's anxious about the months ahead, knowing the snowpack is the lowest ever recorded at this time of year. According to <u>Agriculture Canada</u>, the Merritt area, about 200 kilometres northeast of Vancouver, is facing a severe drought. The agency describes river levels as "significantly low." [Source: "Taps will be turned off if water rules are defied: Merritt mayor"; "Merritt imposes strict water limitations months early amid extreme drought" CBC News · Posted: Apr 24, 2024 7:00 AM EDT | Last Updated: April 24]
- **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 <a href="mailto:pat.butler@bell.net">pat.butler@bell.net</a> 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.

# UVISITOR 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, May 1 11:00am Holy Eucharist In person

**Saturday, May 4** 8-9am Community Breakfast

Sunday, May 5 8:00am Holy Eucharist (BCP) In person

9:15am Contemporary Worship In person

> 10:30am Holy Eucharist In person & Livestreamed

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