

Christ Church Deer Park

May 12, 2024
Ascension Sunday
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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Prelude *Heut triumphieret Gottes Sohn, BWV 630 & Erstanden ist der heilige Christ, BWV 628 J.S. Bach*

Welcome & Gathering *(please note all hymn numbers are from Common Praise, the blue hymnal)*

Opening Hymn #247 *(please stand as you are able)*

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

ASCENSION

Hail the day that sees him rise, alleluia!
To his throne above the skies; alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, alleluia!
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits; alleluia!
lift your heads, eternal gates; alleluia!
he hath conquered death and sin; alleluia!
take the King of Glory in. Alleluia!

Highest heaven its Lord receives, alleluia!
yet he loves the earth he leaves; alleluia!
though returning to his throne, alleluia!
still he calls the world his own. Alleluia!

See! He lifts his hands above, alleluia!
See! He shows the prints of love; alleluia!
Hark! His gracious lips bestow, alleluia!
blessings on his church below. Alleluia!

Still for us he intercedes; alleluia!
his prevailing death he pleads, alleluia!
near himself prepares our place, alleluia!
he the first-fruits of our race. Alleluia!

Lord, though parted from our sight, alleluia!
far above the starry height, alleluia!
grant our hearts may thither rise, alleluia!
seeking thee above the skies. Alleluia!

Text: C. Wesley; Music: W. H. Monk

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: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of his peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, 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.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' *Acts 1:1-11*

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 47

All: 
God has gone up with a shout; the Lord with the sound of the trum-pet.

Cantor: Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a cry of joy.
For the Lord Most High is to be feared;
he is the great king over all the earth. *Refrain*

Cantor: He subdues the peoples under us,
and the nations under our feet.
He chooses our inheritance for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves. *Refrain*

Cantor: God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.
Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our king, sing praises. *Refrain*

Cantor: For God is king of all the earth;
sing praises with all your skill.
God reigns over the nations;
God sits upon his holy throne. *Refrain*

Cantor: The nobles of the peoples have gathered together
with the people of the God of Abraham.
The rulers of the earth belong to God,
and he is highly exalted. *Refrain*

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Listening to God – Second Reading

Reader: A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. *Ephesians 1:15-23*

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Gospel Acclamation #709

(please stand as you are able)

Alleluia

based on VICTORY

Cantor: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Cantor: Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord;
I am with you always, to the close of the age.

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.

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. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.' Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God. *Luke 24:44-53*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily "God's Absence"

(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

Priest: Friends, we give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us. In the upside down world of the gospel, we measure our wealth not by what we have, but by what we can give away. Let us give away generously, in this offering, to bless God's church, God's people, and God's creation. Amen.

Sharing What We Have

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

Ways to Give Financially

- Through automatic monthly credit card or pre-authorized debit donations
please contact bookkeeper@christchurchdeerpark.org if you are interested in setting up a monthly offering
- Cash or cheque made out to *Christ Church Deer Park*
- Debit/credit via the mobile credit machine: *please see warden on duty*
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- Online via Canada Helps (scan the QR code to the right to be brought to the website)



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

Offertory Hymn #321 v. 1, 2, 5, 6

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all;
bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, the heir of David's line,
whom David Lord did call,
the God incarnate, life divine,
and crown him Lord of all;
the God incarnate, life divine,
and crown him Lord of all.

Let every tongue and every tribe,
delivered from the fall,
to Christ all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all;
to Christ all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.

O that, with heaven's sacred throng,
we at his feet may fall,
lift high the universal song,
and crown him Lord of all;
lift high the universal song,
and crown him Lord of all.

Text: E. Perronet; Music: O. Holden

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew us in his transfigured life; for the sake of Jesus Christ our 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.

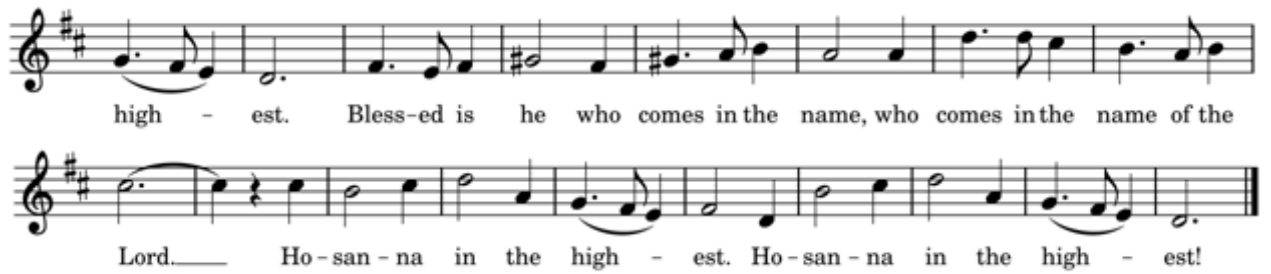
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his glorious resurrection appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. Therefore we praise you with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn 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



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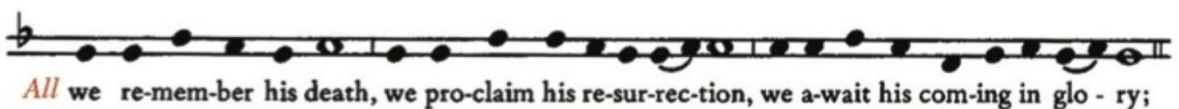
Presider: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All:



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 children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;



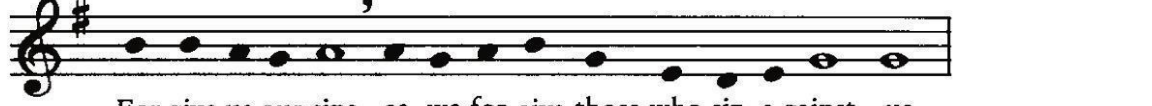
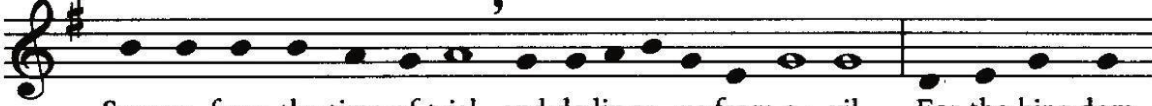

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: 
A - men, a - men, A - men. A - men, a - men, a - men.

The Lord's Prayer

M. Robinson II

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

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

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

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

Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from e - vil. For the king-dom,

the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

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Breaking of the Bread

Presider: 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.**

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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(please be seated)
G. R. Near

Fraction Anthem Christ our Passover

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'All' and contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -'. The second staff is labeled 'Choir' and contains the lyrics 'lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is'. The third staff contains the lyrics 'sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.'. The fourth staff is labeled 'All' and contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'.

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Communion Motet

Above all Praise and all Majesty, Op. 79, No. 3

F. Mendelssohn

Above all praise, and all majesty, and above all majesty,
Lord thou reignest evermore,
Lord thou reignest for evermore, Hallelujah!

Communion Hymn #84 v. 1, 2, 4, 5

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour

ST. OSMUND

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia, Jesus, true and living bread!

Here our humblest homage pay we,
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluia, thou art here, we ask not how.

Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall forevermore remain,
alleluia, cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
stricken Rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died,
alleluia, risen, ascended, glorified!

Text: G. H. Bourne; Music: H. Willan

Prayer after Communion

(please stand as you are able)

Presider: Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Presider: Glory to God,
All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Presider: Ascended God, we rejoice in your greatness and power, your gentleness and love, your mercy and justice. Enable us by your Spirit to honour you in our thoughts, and words and actions, and to serve you in every aspect of our lives; and may God our Creator bless you and keep you all of your days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

Closing Hymn #374 V. 1-4

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYFRYDOL

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia! he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of Heaven,
thou on earth our food, our stay:
alleluia! here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own:
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.
Thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest:
thou on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.

Text: W. C. Dix; Music: R. H. Prichard

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 Veni Creator: Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux

N. De Grigny

Please join us after the service for refreshments!

Memorial Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Peter Worthington,
by his wife Yvonne Worthington.

Prayer of the Christ Church Deer Park Parish Selection Committee

Lord God, a great task lies before us, and great trust has been placed in us. We ask that we all may be attuned to the voice of hope as we search out the next person of faith, love, wisdom, imagination, devotion and compassion to lead Christ Church Deer Park into the challenging and exciting times ahead.

This prayer is said at the beginning of every meeting.
We invite you to join us in it whenever you remember the ongoing search.

Assisting with the Liturgy

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The Reverend Ali McIntosh

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Bianca Mathews

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Livestream Technician:
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Reader:
Andrew Harding

Verger:
Rikk Scapillato

----ANNOUNCEMENTS----

1. **WEAR RED NEXT SUNDAY!** Next Sunday (May 19) we celebrate the Day of Pentecost, so please wear something red to church!
2. **JAZZ VESPERS:** Join us TODAY for Jazz Vespers at 4:30pm! The Jake Koffman Quartet will play some great music in between prayers, readings, and a reflection. And, mark your calendars for May 26 at 4:30pm when we will have a special Jazz Vespers to celebrate 25th years of this service at CCDP, with The Rev. Tim Elliott and jazz vocalist Heather Bambrick joining the Brian Barlow Big Band for a festive afternoon!
3. **CHURCH ON TAP:** Our next Church on Tap will be Friday, May 17 at 7pm. Please join us as we worship and have a time of fellowship (with beer!).
4. **THE PARISH SELECTION COMMITTEE** wishes to say a most sincere thank-you to all those who participated in last Sunday's Focus Groups. Your input was invaluable! For those of you who couldn't make it to church on the 5th, there will be other opportunities to have your say later in the month. Stay tuned!
5. **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.
6. **SUMMER REFRESHMENTS – SIGN UP TO HELP!** Summer is coming (but no promises on exactly when), so Cold-Drinks-on-the-Lawn after the 10:30 service is as well, starting June 30. I will be away that weekend and all the following weekends well into August, so if you'd like refreshments after church this summer, please sign up now – you can always switch with someone later if something comes up. I'll email you the schedule if you leave your contact info. And speaking of signing up, there are still plenty of Sundays not yet spoken for in May and June. Sign-up sheets are with the tea and coffee in Elliott Hall. ~Sandra

★ 7. **THE PARTY IS OVER!! BACK TO WORK!! “RETURN TO THE ESSENTIALS”:** Using Archbishop Rowan Williams’s book, *Being Christian*, we will explore different ways of looking at baptism, the Bible, the Eucharist, prayer, and how these things influence our daily lives. Bring your lunch. ★

Dates: May 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23

Time: 11:45am-1:00pm

Place: CCDP in the Arthur Smith Room

Registration: email to cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org

Books: First 15 available from Cathy for \$15/each

★ 8. **PASTORAL CALLS:** An integral part of Christian community is to support one another through times of joy and celebration and also times of grief and confusion. If you or someone you know may benefit from a call or visit from one of our clergy, please reach out to our congregational care team by email at communitycare@christchurchdeerpark.org.

★ 9. **TRUTH & RECONCILIATION WORKING GROUP:** On April 14th, the BC government and the Council of the Haida Nation signed an agreement officially recognizing Haida Gwaii’s Aboriginal title. Haida Gwaii, previously known as the Queen Charlotte Islands, is an archipelago of more than 150 islands about 90 kilometres off BC’s North Coast and is the traditional territory of the Haida Nation. The Haida people had never signed a treaty covering their lands, and had begun legal action to obtain recognition of their Aboriginal title decades earlier. After signing the agreement, the BC government introduced a bill to enshrine this agreement into law, the first such piece of legislation to recognize Aboriginal title in Canadian history.

★ 10. **CLIMATE ACTION GROUP:** The City continues to clean up a chemical spill in Etobicoke Creek near Marie Curtis Park, which may have been the result of illegal dumping last month. The chemical has been described as a mystery sludge with an oily shine. This spill comes on the heels of cleanup for hundreds of illegally dumped tires on public land near Mimico Creek, and also not even a year after a fire at Brenntag Chemical, a chemical distribution company in Etobicoke, released hazardous petroleum material into Mimico Creek. The latter incident required two months of cleanup and negatively impacted local wildlife and residents. [Sources: CityNews, April 10, 2024; CBC, April 13, 2024 & August 21, 2023]

★ 11. **MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** To beautify our church’s services, we invite donations of flowers to honour loved ones. There is a committee standing by to purchase and arrange the flowers on the date of your choice. Please contact Pat Butler, Memorial Flowers Coordinator, to select the date and name the person(s) you are remembering. Reach Pat at pat.butler@bell.net or 416-573-1415. You will receive a tax receipt and a photo of the arrangement. Also, to anyone who may wish to join the Flower Guild, please contact Nina Overbury.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that the land on which we worship is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee (*ho-den-oh-show-nee*), and Anishinabek (*ah-nish-nah-bek*) Nations, and most recently, the territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit. This territory is part of the *Dish with One Spoon Treaty*, an agreement between the Anishinabek, Haudenosaunee, and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes.

Today, Toronto is still home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island (*North America*) and we seek to live in respect, peace, and right relations with them as we meet and worship on this territory. We are grateful for the resources we are using, and honour all the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people who have been living on this land since time immemorial.

! VISITOR INFORMATION



Hearing Assistance Devices are located on the table beside the bell-tower entrance.

Large Print Orders of Service are available.

Happening this week at Christ Church Deer Park

Wednesday, May 15

11:00am Holy Eucharist
In person

Friday, May 17

7:00pm Church on Tap
In person

Saturday, May 18

8-9am Community Breakfast

Sunday, May 19

8:00am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
In person

9:15am Contemporary Worship
In person

10:30am Holy Eucharist (BAS)
In person & Livestreamed

4:30pm Jazz Vespers
In person



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