

Christ Church Deer Park

May 19, 2024
The Day of Pentecost
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 *Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott, BuxWV199*

D. Buxtehude

Welcome & Gathering

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

Opening Hymn #645

(please stand as you are able)

Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit finds a dwelling.

Text: Bianco da Siena; tr. R. Littledale; Music: R. Vaughan Williams

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 Office of Holy Communion in C

J. Ireland

Choir: Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards all.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: Creator Spirit, make the dry bones of our lives live and breathe and grow again.
Pour out your Spirit upon the whole creation. Come in rushing wind and flashing
fire to turn the sin and sorrow within us into faith, power and delight.

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 Genesis.

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated
from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And
they said to one another, 'Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.' And

they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, 'Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.' The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the LORD said, 'Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech.' So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth. *Genesis 11:1-9*

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104

G. Johnston

All: 
Lord, send out your Spir-it, and re - new the face of the earth.

Cantor: O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number,
creatures both small and great. *Refrain*

Cantor: There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan,
which you have made for the sport of it.
All of them look to you to give them their food in due season. *Refrain*

Cantor: You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
You hide your face, and they are terrified;
you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust. *Refrain*

Cantor: You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.
May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in all his works. *Refrain*

Cantor: He looks at the earth and it trembles;
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being. *Refrain*

Cantor: May these words of mine please him;
I will rejoice in the Lord.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Hallelujah! *Refrain*

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The Holy Gospel

(please stand as you are able)

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 to the disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn #637

Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire

VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire
and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
with the abundance of thy grace;
keep far our foes, give peace at home;
where thou art guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and thee, of both, to be but one;
that through the ages all along
this may be our endless song:
Praise to thine eternal merit,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Text: Latin, 9th c.; tr. J. Cosin; Music: Plainsong, Mode VIII

Listening to God – Second Reading

(please be seated)

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia,

Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

Acts 2:1-21

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Homily "Bookends"

(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)

Confession and Absolution

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

Presider: Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept

Presider: Most merciful God,
**All: we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Presider: Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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

Offertory Hymn #254

O God, the Holy Ghost

LITTLE MARLBOROUGH

O God, the Holy Ghost,
in this accepted hour,
as on the day of Pentecost,
descend with all thy power.

We meet with one accord
in our appointed place,
and wait the promise of our Lord,
the spirit of all grace.

Like mighty rushing wind
upon the waves beneath,

move with one impulse every mind,
one soul, one feeling breathe:

The young, the old, inspire
with wisdom from above;
and give us hearts and tongues of fire,
to pray, and praise, and love.

Spirit of light, explore,
and chase our gloom away,
with lustre shining more and more
unto the perfect day.

Spirit of truth, be thou
in life and death our guide;
O spirit of adoption, now
may we be sanctified.

Text: J. Montgomery, alt.; Music: Anonymous, from *The Good Old Songs Collection*

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day. Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church continue to work in the world through the hearts of all who believe. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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. In fulfillment of your promise you pour forth your Spirit upon us, filling us with gifts and leading us into all truth. You give us power to proclaim your gospel to all nations and to serve you as a royal priesthood. Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels, and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells, 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, Father, according to his command,

All:

All we re-mem-ber his death, we pro-claim his re-sur-rec-tion, we a-wait his com-ing in glo - ry;

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-owed 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.

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.

Agnus Dei Office of Holy Communion in C

(please be seated)

J. Ireland

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us thy peace.

Communion Motet

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

Holy Spirit, Truth divine,
dawn upon this soul of mine.

Word of God, and inward Light,
wake my spirit, clear my sight.

Holy Spirit, Love divine,
glow within this heart of mine.
Kindle every high desire,
Perish self in thy pure fire.

Holy Spirit, Pow'r divine,
fill and nerve this will of mine.
By thee may I strongly live,
bravely bear and nobly strive.

Holy Spirit, Truth divine,
dawn upon this soul of mine.

Text: S. Longfellow; Music: G.F. Handel adapted by A. Whitehead

Communion Hymn

Veni Sancte Spiritus

J. Berthier (Taizé)

Ostinato Refrain

The musical score is for an Ostinato Refrain in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of three staves: a vocal melody line, a piano harmony line, and a bass line. The melody line is labeled 'Melody:' and the piano part is labeled 'Harmony:'. The lyrics 'Ve - ni San - cte Spí - ri - tus.' are written below the notes. The melody line features a series of eighth notes in the first measure, followed by a half note in the second measure, and a dotted half note in the third measure. The piano part consists of chords, and the bass line provides a steady accompaniment.

Text: *Come Holy Spirit*; Verses drawn from the Pentecost Sequence; Taizé Community, 1978
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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Choir: Come, Holy Spirit, from heaven shine forth with your glorious light. (*Veni Sancte Spiritus*)
Come, Father of the poor, come, generous Spirit, come,
light of our hearts. (*Veni Sancte Spiritus*)
Come from the four winds, O Spirit, come breath of God; disperse the shadows over
us, renew and strengthen your people. (*Veni Sancte Spiritus*)

Prayer after Communion

(please stand as you are able)

Presider: Father, may we who have received this eucharist live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth his gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of 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: Eternal 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 #658

Filled with the Spirit's Power

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord
the infant church confessed its risen Lord.
O Holy Spirit, in the church today
no less your power of fellowship display.

Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,
that unity may be our great desire.
Give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call,
and readiness in each to work for all.

Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace
in your strong care people of every race.
Like wind and fire with life among us move,
till we are known as Christ's, and Christians prove.

Dismissal

(please stand as you are able)

Priest

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spi-rit,

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

People

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

Postlude Final from Choral varié sur le *Veni Creator*, Op.4

M. Duruflé

Please join us after the service for refreshments!

Memorial Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents,
Mary Alice and Sandy Stuart, and Harry and Joan Scott,
by Clayton and Ian Scott.

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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Melissa Walter

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Rikk Scapillato

----ANNOUNCEMENTS----

- 1. A MESSAGE FROM STEPHEN DRAKEFORD, OUR INTERIM PRIEST-IN-CHARGE:** So, this is a funny thing. I am away for the next three Sundays! (I know! What is going on?!) When we negotiated my contract I pointed out that I would be in England from May 22nd-June 9th. But when all was said and done the Bishop was keen to appoint me for May 1st for a seamless follow-through after Cheryl's retirement. And of course, you have your very capable priests, Ali and Cathy. You'll be fine. In the meantime, after just 3 weeks here, I love this place and I think the people of CCDP are great. I think we're a great match. I'm looking forward to my 10-day walk through the Cotswolds and visiting my family in the UK. And, I know now I will be glad to come home to you. Every blessing, Stephen D+

2. **JAZZ VESPERS:** 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. **THE PARISH SELECTION COMMITTEE REQUESTS YOUR CONTRIBUTION:** The members of the PSC held very successful focus groups on May 5 after each of the morning services. Over 60 people attended and gave generously of their time and ideas. If you were unable to attend one of these groups but would like to contribute your ideas to the Parish Profile, we are setting up two options. One is to send your ideas to paulineann1941@gmail.com; these will be held in confidence (no names appear in the Profile). The other option is for you to write up your comments and slip them anonymously into the box which has been placed in the Bell-Tower entrance. Most of the Profile describes CCDP as it now is, so that a future rector can know what to expect; a small part focuses on our understanding of our challenges and our dreams for the future. To that end, we suggest that you think about the following questions: 1. What do you love about CCDP? 2. What are its opportunities and challenges? 3. What is its urgent mission? And, of course, if you want to add something that falls outside those three areas, please feel free to do so. We would much appreciate hearing from you on or before 26 May, the last Sunday in May.

4. **POTLUCK – SAVE THE DATE:** 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. **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

6. **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



- 7. HOUSING FOR A REFUGEE FAMILY:** A refugee family (mother, young son and toddler daughter) are looking for housing, starting July 1st (though June 1st or August 1st would also work). Maximum \$1,800/month; 1-bedroom. CCDP has been providing administrative assistance to the private group who sponsored the family since their arrival in Canada in December 2023. If you have any leads on an apartment or yourself are looking for a renter for a property, please reach out to Linda Hall at lindahall.toronto@gmail.com.
- 8. RUMMAGE ON THE LAWN!** Our Fall Sale will be on Saturday, September 14th from 10am-2pm. We'll have a BBQ, Bake Sale, Music in the Sanctuary, along with Records, Books, and Household items for sale. We will be doing intake of gently used items on the Saturdays of August 10, 17, 24, 31 & September 7 from 11am-1pm at the Atrium doors. And, as always, we are looking for people to help put this sale on! Speak to Jayne if you're interested in helping with intake, organizing, pricing, working the sale, or helping with the BBQ. Also, start stocking your freezer now with baked goods to donate to our Bake Sale!
- 9. 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.
- 10. 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.
- 11. CLIMATE ACTION GROUP:** Revive your hope with prayer or small actions. Yes, this is a long battle but some battles have been won before: asbestos, tobacco, and the overfishing of cod are not as normal as they used to be; people have changed their jobs; and, Governor George Wallace, who for a long time fought against the desegregation of schools, had a change of heart and began fighting for civil rights. Let the positive changes of the past give us hope for future change, both within ourselves and our world.


12. 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.

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Happening this week at Christ Church Deer Park

Wednesday, May 22

11:00am Holy Eucharist

In person

Saturday, May 25

8-9am Community Breakfast

Sunday, May 26

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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