

Christ Church Deer Park

May 5, 2024
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist
at 10:30 am



WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH DEER PARK

We are glad to have you worship with us!

We are a growing, diverse, and energetic faith community learning to follow Jesus together.
Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are invited to join us.



Hello! Whether this is your first time through our doors or your one thousandth, we are glad you are here! At our church you are welcome to participate as much or as little as you are comfortable doing.

So, what is our community like? Well, we are a church community from different generations and different walks of life. We are here because we want to follow Jesus and live in community with one another and our neighbours in this little corner of Toronto. We care deeply about feeding the hungry and welcoming refugees; we affirm that all people, including our LGBTQ2SI+ siblings, are made in the image of God and should be included in all the practices of our life of faith; and, no matter where we are on our spiritual journeys, we strive to lament together, rejoice together, and hold each other up on this journey of faith and life.

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Prelude Cantilène from Symphonie No. 10

C.M. Widor

Welcome & Gathering

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

Opening Hymn #224

(please stand as you are able)

Awake, Arise, Lift Up Your Voice

RICHMOND

Awake, arise, lift up your voice,
let Easter music swell;
rejoice in Christ, again rejoice,
and on his praises dwell.

Oh, with what gladness and surprise
the saints their Saviour greet;
nor will they trust their ears and eyes
but by his hands and feet:

those hands of liberal love indeed
in infinite degree,
those feet still free to move and bleed
for millions and for me.

His enemies had sealed the stone
as Pilate gave them leave,
lest dead and friendless and alone
he should their skill deceive.

O Dead arise! O Friendless stand
by seraphim adored!
O Solitude again command
your host from heaven restored!

Text: C. Smart; Music: T. Haweis; adapt. S. Webbe

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: God of abiding love, you dare to call us friends. Take our fragmented hearts,
command them to love, and make whole our joy, which is our life, reborn in Jesus
Christ, who laid down his life for us.

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.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for


baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days. *Acts 10:44-48*

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

G. Johnston

All: 
The Lord has re - vealed to the na - tions — his sav - ing power.

Choir: Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.
With his right hand and his holy arm
has he won for himself the victory. *Refrain*

Choir: The Lord has made known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. *Refrain*

Choir: Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song. *Refrain*

Choir: With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein. *Refrain*

Choir: Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity. *Refrain*

Listening to God – Second Reading

Reader: A reading from First Letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

1 John 5:1-6

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation #709

(please stand as you are able)

Alleluia

based on VICTORY

Cantor: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Cantor: If you love me, you will keep my word,
and my Father will love you, and we will come to you.

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The Holy Gospel

(please remain standing)

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose

you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another." *John 15:9-17*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

(please be seated)

The Apostles' Creed

(please stand as you are able)

Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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

The Peace

(please remain standing)

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

All: And also with you.

The congregation is invited to remain standing for the offertory.

Sharing What We Have

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

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*
- E-transfer to donations@christchurchdeerpark.org
- 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 #237

Now The Green Blade Rises

NOËL NOUVELET

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid Him, love by hatred slain,
Thinking that He would never wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Your touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

Text: J. Crum; Music: French, 15th Century

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name.

All: Amen.

Celebrating the Eucharist

(please remain standing)

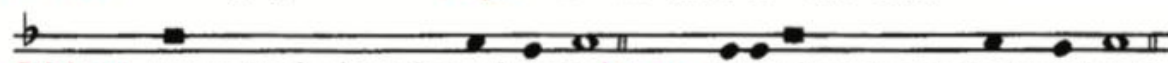
The Great Thanksgiving



Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And also with you.



Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.



Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God *People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus & Benedictus Missa Pacem

L.R. Babin

All

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

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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Presider: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

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

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



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)

Fraction Anthem Christ our Passover

G. R. Near

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is for the 'All' part, with lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -'. The second staff is for the 'Choir' part, with lyrics 'lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is'. The third staff continues the lyrics 'sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.'. The fourth staff is for the 'All' part, with lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'. The score includes various musical notations such as treble clefs, a key signature of one sharp, and various note values and rests.

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Communion Motet

If Ye Love Me

T. Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may 'bide with you forever;
E'en the sp'rit of truth. *John 14:15-17*

Communion Hymn

Christians, Let Us Love One Another

PICARDY



Chris-tians, let us love one an - oth - er, As we share the true liv - ing bread.
We who break this bread are one bod - y, We who share this cup are all one.
Wheat and grape in - car - nate a mys - t'ry: Je - sus is the true liv - ing bread.
Je - sus is the vine, we the branch - es; We are grains of wheat, Christ the bread.



Je - sus is our God and our broth - er; With his flesh and blood we are fed.
Chil - dren of our Fa - ther in heav - en, We are heirs with God's on - ly son.
Let us eat with joy and thanks - giv - ing, Trust - ing in the word he has said.
Those who eat this bread live for - ev - er, one with Christ, our Lord and our Head.



Ev'-ry-one who loves is born of God. Je - sus is our life. God is love.

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Prayer after Communion

(please stand as you are able)

Presider: Eternal God, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

Presider: When it takes hold, resurrection does not let go,
it shakes the dead awake,
it shakes the darkness from the light,
and it wrestles death from all that is dying.
Let us go out into the world
and in the upheaval of resurrection
seek out this new life.

And may the blessing of God
be upon you, body, mind and spirit,
as you leave this place and go into the world
filled with this Easter promise.
Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn #485

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

LOVE DIVINE

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,

changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Text: C. Wesley; Music: J. Stainer

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: Duo

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 Felicia van Nostrand
by her sister Elizabeth Ireton.

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

Presider & Preacher:

The Reverend Dr. Stephen Drakeford

Warden on Duty:

Paul Kingston

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The Reverend Cathy Gibbs

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Supipi Weerasooriya

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Sandra Geddes

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Rikk Scapillato

Prayers:

George Lewis

A Note from Cheryl:

To the Congregation, Wardens and Staff of Christ Church Deer Park: THANK YOU!



What a fabulous weekend! I am overjoyed and humbled by your generosity and love. Thank you for Saturday night with its array of performers, funny songs, serious songs, awesome musicians, and the huge group of people who arranged and provided that evening of fun, fun, fun!

And Sunday... What can be said about Sunday... My heart is full. The liturgy was beyond what I asked for or imagined. Stefani and the choir tackled my numerous wishes with musical gusto... and offered superb singing for our worshipping pleasure and to the glory of God. Indeed, those who sing, pray twice!

And so many of you attended the service on Sunday. Our church had nearly 300 people and several times my eyes welled up with joy and gratitude. Thank you does not seem adequate for all I received from you... which brings me to your generous gift. Because of you I will be heading off to Spain for five weeks to walk 500kms of the Camino to Santiago de Compostela. Your gift will fund that pilgrimage and thus you will be there with me, every step of the way. Thank you and may God continue to bless this kind, gracious and spirit-filled community.

God of our beginnings and endings, we celebrate all we have shared together and ask your blessing on us as we journey our separate ways. May the love that is in our hearts be a bond that unites us forever, wherever we may be. And may the power of your presence bless us and continue to give us joy and satisfaction in all that we do in your name and to your glory; this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.



----ANNOUNCEMENTS----

1. **WELCOME THE REV. DR. STEPHEN DRAKEFORD AS INTERIM PRIEST:**

I am Stephen Drakeford (he/him) and I am pleased to be appointed your Interim-Priest-in-Charge. My appointment is until February 2025 or until a new incumbent is found!

As your Interim my goal is threefold: to give thanks but let go of Canon Palmer's wonderful ministry, live joyfully in this 'in-between time,' and prepare you for a successful next incumbency. Are you up for the challenge?!



I was ordained in this diocese in 1990 and have served St. George's Oshawa, the Parish of Georgina, Trinity, Streetsville, St. Matthew's, Islington, and I retired from The Church of the Epiphany and St. Mark in 2019.

Beyond parish ministry I was part of the team that developed and administered the Diocese's first misconduct policy, particularly I led the congregational care team for a decade. I chaired the Creation Matters team also for a decade. I was a founding member of the Fresh Expressions Working Group (which initially funded CCDP's Church on Tap). I have served on numerous Diocesan committees. I completed my Doctorate of Ministry in 2012 in creation care. This will be my third Interim position.

I have a great personal life too! I've been partnered with James Hart for 22 years, have 2 sons in their 30's, Scott and Keith (married to the wonderful Alice) and a Boston Terrier named Lola. In retirement, I was appointed Honourary Assistant at St. Anne's, Gladstone, I have sat on the board of AURA (Anglican, United Refugee Alliance) and just finished a two-year term of co-chairing. I love to travel, bicycle, walk, practice yoga, birdwatch, read novels, listen to jazz, cook and bake!

Enough about me! I look forward to getting to know you. Let's grow in faith and have some fun together!

2. **FOCUS GROUPS AFTER TODAY'S SERVICE:** The Parish Selection Committee is planning to hold some focus groups this morning, 5 May, after the 10.30 service. If you would like to participate in this, please meet with members of the Selection Committee in Elliott Hall and the Arthur Smith room. You will receive a summary of the Parish Profile in its current form, and we are hoping that you will contribute ideas that can be reflected in the Profile. Please plan to spend some time with Selection Committee members after the service this morning.

3. **MARATHON:** On Sunday, May 12th, the Sporting Life 10K will happen; this will affect roads around the city, including Yonge Street. More information can be found at www.sportinglife10k.ca
4. **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 25th 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!
5. **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!).
6. **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.
7. **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!
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:** 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.

10. CLIMATE ACTION GROUP: Earth's thermostat is broken, and scientists don't know why. Ocean temperatures from Mexico to Australia are at a level that was not expected for another 20 years; the Atlantic currents, which play a large role in regulating our climate, are disordered, and this is causing harm and species extinction. On land, millions of people are affected by worsening floods and wildfires. The crisis of our climate is one that will affect everyone on Earth for the rest of our lives – and into the lives and futures of our children and grandchildren. [Source: Avaaz appeal email, May 2, 2024]

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 8

11:00am Holy Eucharist

In person

Sunday, May 12

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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