

# Christ Church Deer Park

June 23, 2024

National Indigenous Day of Prayer  
*with* Blessing of the Pollinator Garden

**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.

### **Staff**

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Drakeford – *Interim Priest-in-Charge* [sdrakeford@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:sdrakeford@christchurchdeerpark.org)

The Rev. Cathy Gibbs – *Adult Education* [cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org)

The Rev. Ali McIntosh – *Associate Priest* [amcintosh@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:amcintosh@christchurchdeerpark.org)

Stefani Bedin – *Director of Music* [sbedin@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:sbedin@christchurchdeerpark.org)

Amanda Jagt – *Director of Parish Operations* [ajagt@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:ajagt@christchurchdeerpark.org)

Elisabeth Lunder – *Bookkeeper* [bookkeeper@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:bookkeeper@christchurchdeerpark.org)

Benita Black – *Rentals Coordinator* [rentals@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:rentals@christchurchdeerpark.org)

Denis Delisle, Rikk Scapillato – *Lead Custodians*  
Carlos Lopez, Roderick Talens – *Custodial Team*

### **Lay Leadership**

*Rector's Warden* – Stephen Clark

*Deputy Warden* – Katherine MacDonald

*Treasurer* – Nick Strube

*Synod Delegates* – William Jackson, Ann Atkins, Melissa Walter, Oscar Varkey

*People's Warden* – Su Laine Varkey

*Deputy Warden* – Paul Kingston

### **Ways to Serve & Get Involved**

*Community Breakfast* – Carl Wehniainen, Lead

*Congregational Care Team* – Ann Atkins, Lead

*Prayer Circle* – Jan D'Angelo, Coordinator

*Small Groups* – The Rev. Cathy Gibbs

*Coffee Hour* – Sandra Geddes, Coordinator

*Chancel Guild* – Elsa Jones, Lead

*Readers & Intercessors* – The Rev. Ali McIntosh

*Welcome Team* – Paul Kingston, Coordinator

*Property Committee* – Andrew Harding, Chair

*Investment Committee* – Michael Butler, Chair

*Climate Action Group* – Phyllis Creighton, Lead

*Christmas Sale* – Jayne Miles Simpson, Lead

[outreach@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:outreach@christchurchdeerpark.org)

[communitycare@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:communitycare@christchurchdeerpark.org)

[prayercircle@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:prayercircle@christchurchdeerpark.org)

*Choir* – Stefani Bedin

*Hospitality* – Jayne Miles Simpson, Lead

*Flower Guild* – Pat Butler, Coordinator

*Children's Ministry* – The Rev. Ali McIntosh

*Refugee Committee* – Julie Scott, Chair

*Stewardship Committee* – Stephen Clark

*Truth and Reconciliation* – Melissa Walter, Lead

*Rummage Re-Imagined* – Jayne Miles Simpson, Lead

*Spiritus* – Emily Chatten, Melissa Walter &

Supipi Weerasooriya, Editorial Team

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

**Land Acknowledgement**

Presider:      Creator, you made all people of every land in your image and entrusted them with the care of the earth. It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect to those who first occupied this land we are upon. We give thanks to first peoples of this land, the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinabek Nations, and the Mississaugas of the Credit. We offer our respect to those ancestors who may be buried in this land. Creator, give us penitent hearts, that we may recall the destructiveness of western settlement on these peoples. Give us attentiveness so that we may hear and give thanks for Indigenous voices in our Anglican Church of Canada. Give us sincere and open hearts so that we may embrace the work of reconciliation to which you call your Church. With thankful and respectful hearts, we pray in Your Name, Your Son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. **Amen.**

**Opening Hymn #407**      *(please stand as you are able)*

Many and Great

LACQUIPARLE

Many and great, O God, are your works, maker of earth and sky.  
Your hands have set the heavens with stars;  
your fingers spread the mountains and plains.  
Lo, at your word the waters were formed; deep seas obey your voice.

Grant unto us communion with you, O star-abiding One.  
Come unto us and dwell with us;  
with you are found the gifts of life.  
Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life in you.

Text: Dakota hymn, Text by J. R. Renville, para. P. Frazier; Music: Dakota melody, adapt. J.R. Renville

*Joseph Renville (1779-1846), born of Dakota and French-Canadian parents, was an interpreter, guide and fur trader who founded a mission at Lac Qui Parle, MN. He was active in helping translate the Bible and other Christian texts into the Dakota language; this is one of his most famous hymns.*

**Gathering**      *(please remain standing)*

Presider:      The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

**All:      And also with you.**

# Gloria

## A Community Mass

R. Proulx

Glo - ry to God in the

high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly

King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther, We wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord, God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have

mer - cy on us; You are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our pray'r, re -

ceive, re - ceive our pray'r.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ with the Ho - ly

Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

A - men. A - men.

## The Collect of the Day

Presider: Let us pray.  
Creator God, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life.

**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 the Book of Micah.  
‘With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?’  
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God? *Micah 6:6-8*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

All: 

You have made us in your im-age, You fill us with your Love.

Cantor: O Love, my Beloved,  
How powerful is your Name in all the earth!  
You, whose glory is sung in heaven by the angels and saints,  
Who with the innocence and spontaneity of a child,  
Confound those who are mighty and proud,  
You comfort the unloving and fearful. *Refrain*

Cantor: When I look up at the heavens, at the work of Love's creation,  
At the infinite variety of your Plan;  
What is woman that you rejoice in her,  
And man that you do delight in him?  
You have made us in your image,  
You fill us with your Love. *Refrain*

Cantor: You have made us co-creators of the earth!  
Guardians of the planet!  
To care for all your creatures,  
To tend the land, the sea, and the air we breathe;  
All that you have made,  
You have placed in our hands. *Refrain*

Cantor: O Love, my Beloved,  
How powerful is your Name in all the earth! *Refrain*

Music: G. Johnston; Text from *Psalms for Praying* by N. Merrill ©2007

## Listening to God – Second Reading

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of John.

My much-loved friends, love each other, for love comes from the Great Spirit. All who love have been born of him and know him. Those who do not love do not know him, for the Great Spirit is love. Creator showed his love for us by sending the only Son who fully represents him into this world, so that we could live through him. This is love, not that we loved Creator, but that he loved us and proved his love by sending his Son to take on himself the burden of our broken ways. My much-loved friends, if Creator loved us like that, then we should also love each other. No one

has ever seen the Great Spirit, but as long as we love each other, he remains in us, and his love is made complete in us. We know that we live in him and he lives in us because Creator has shared his Spirit with us. We have seen and now tell you the truth about what our Father the Great Spirit has done. He sent his Son to be the Sacred Deliverer of the world. Those who tell others that Creator Sets Free (Jesus) is the Son of the Great Spirit are the ones Creator lives in, and they live in him. We have come to know and trust the love Creator has for us. The Great Spirit is love. He remains in those who love and keep on loving, and they remain in him. Love is made complete in us so that we will stand without fear on the day Creator decides who has done right or wrong. For in this world, when we love as he loves, we are just like him. Where love is there can be no fear, for mature love drives all fear away. Fear comes from the thought of punishment. So love has not yet matured in those who continue to be afraid. We love because he first loved us. If we say that we love the Great Spirit but hate others, then we are speaking with a forked tongue. If we do not love someone we can see, then how can we love a Creator we cannot see? And from him we have been given this instruction: the persons who love the Great Spirit must also love the members of his family.

*1 John 4:7-21 (First Nations Translation)*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

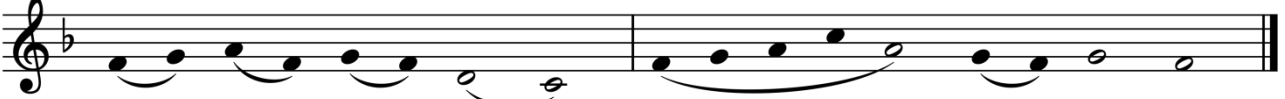
### Gospel Acclamation

*(please stand as you are able)*

Alleluia

*Adapted from Missa de Angelis*

*The refrain is first sung by the cantor, then by all.*

Refrain: 

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

Cantor: The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

### The Holy Gospel

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.**

Long ago, in the time before all days, before the creation of all things, the one who is known as the Word was there face to face with the Great Spirit. This Word fully represents Creator and shows us who he is and what he is like. He has always been there from the beginning, for the Word and Creator are one and the same. Through the Word all things came into being, and not one thing exists that he did not create. Creator's life shined out from the Word, giving light to all human beings. This is the true Light that comes to all the peoples of the world and shines on everyone. The Light shines into the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it or put it out. Into the wilderness of the Land of Promise (Judea) came a man named Gift of Goodwill (John). He was sent by the Great Spirit to tell what he knew about the Light so everyone could believe. He was not the Light but came to speak the truth about the Light. The true Light that shines on all people was coming into the darkness of the world. He came down into this world, and even though he made all things, the world did not recognize him. Even his own tribe did not welcome or honour him. But all who welcome and trust him receive their birthright as children of the Great Spirit. They are born in a new way, not from a human father's plans or desires, but born from above – by the Great Spirit. Creator's Word became a flesh-and-blood human being and pitched his sacred tent among us, living as one of us. We looked upon his great beauty and saw how honourable he was, the kind of honour held only by this one Son who fully represents his Father – full of his great kindness and truth. Gift of Goodwill (John) told what he knew about him and cried out with a loud voice, "The one I have told you about is here! He comes after me, but is much greater – my elder! He has more honour, for even though he is thought to be younger, he existed before I was born." From the fullness of his being we have all had many gifts of kindness poured out on us. Drawn from the Water (Moses) gave us our tribal laws, but the gift of great kindness and truth came from Creator Sets Free (Jesus), the Chosen One. No one has ever seen the Great Spirit, but the one Son, who is himself the Great Spirit and closest to the Father's heart, has shown us what he is like.

*John 1:1-18 (First Nations Translation)*

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)*

Leader: O God, we come together as a human family, blessed to be alive, blessed to be on this land, blessed to have neighbours as diverse as your creation. You surround us with air we breathe, water we drink, all manner of living plants and animals that delight us and sustain us. Thank you, Creator, for all you provide...Hear us as we give thanks saying,

Lord in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: O God, today we give thanks for Indigenous leaders, neighbours and friends in our community. We lament apathy in the face of the need for change, change that recognizes the sovereignty of the First Peoples and recognizes at long last, in ways that make a difference, the sacredness of the land and the need for all of us to walk humbly upon it.

Lord in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Hear us now as we pray for those hurting and in pain in all our communities: For anyone worn down by systemic racism, including by government and by the church, that settler Canadians and those with power will change their thinking and how they live so justice will finally come.

Lord in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For survivors of residential schools, and their families that continue to live with that legacy, that justice will finally come.

Lord in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For those Indigenous women and girls who are among the thousands of murdered and missing, for them and their families, we are grieved by what has happened and we pledge to advocate for their safety, that justice will finally come.

Lord in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the air, that all might breathe it clean and free, that justice might finally come. For the waters—marshlands, lakes, rivers, streams. For the great seas and oceans. That they might be protected for the benefit of seven generations hence, that justice will finally come.

Lord in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the lands, forests, grass, and farmlands. For the prairies, foothills, and mountains. For their beauty, for the life that teems within, upon, and over them, for the reprioritization of the health of ecosystems over profit, so justice will finally come.

Lord in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the animals, birds, fish, and life of all kinds whose viability is being threatened by unsustainable human activity, that their lives will begin to count so that justice will finally come.

Lord in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: All this, as well as the prayers of our hearts, O God, we lift up to you. Hear our celebrations as we claim anew our kinship with you and with all our relations. Hear our laments, and grow our hearts full of compassion for self and other as we leave this place to be a better friend and neighbour to all. We pray in the name of Creator, who is Mother and Father of us all. We pray as well in the Spirit of Christ, whose words continue to guide our lives today. **Amen.**

## 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](mailto:bookkeeper@christchurchdeerpark.org) if you are interested in setting up a monthly offering
- Cash or cheque made out to *Christ Church Deer Park*
- Debit/credit via the mobile credit machine: *please see warden on duty*
- E-transfer to [donations@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto: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

This Path We Walk

O WALY, WALY

This path we walk, through joy and tears,  
a living Way of faith and fears,  
through each step's risk, each sorrow's pain,  
when walked in love, we'll rise again.

When life is shared, together, free  
we'll grow to be all we can be:  
a circle wide will call us home,  
when wrapped in love, we're not alone.

These gifts we bring, this light we hold,  
our songs of grace, our stories told,  
remain un-done, told just in part,  
till shared in love, and known by heart.

When life is shared, together bound,  
God's richest gifts, together found;  
together walk the Spirit's Way  
when love's the guide, we shall not stray.

This life we share, a blessing deep;  
a promised gift, now ours to keep.  
God grant our words were spoken true,  
now clothed in life, each day anew.

Text: S. Curtis-Tufts, Alberta, Canada © 2016. Used with permission of the hymn's author. Tune: English traditional

*This hymn text was written by Rev. S. Curtis Tufts, a United Church Minister in Spruce Grove, AB, for the 30th anniversary of the United Church General Council's 1986 apology to indigenous peoples.*

### Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Eternal God, you have made our Saviour Jesus Christ the head of all creation.  
Receive all we offer you this day and renew us in his risen life, 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.

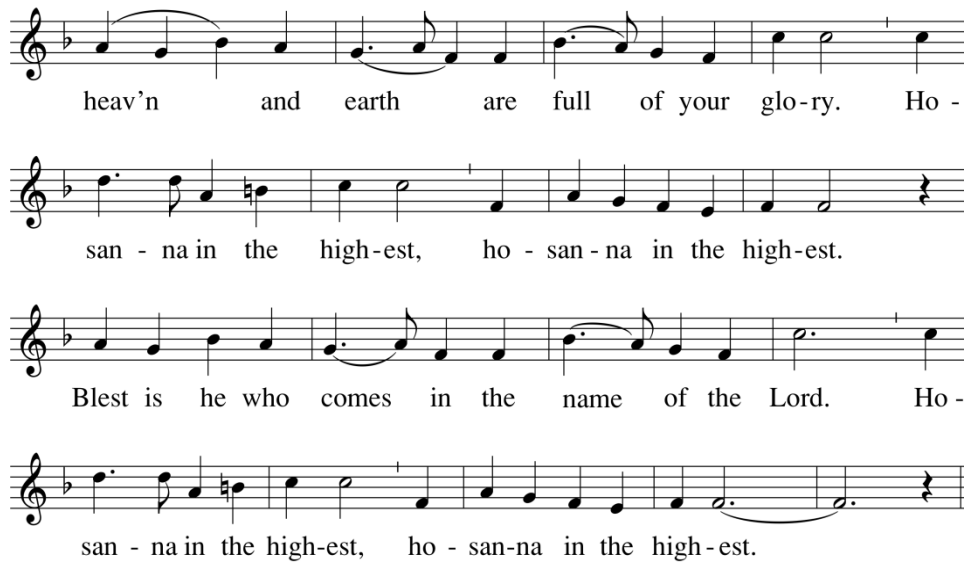
**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; you are the source of  
light and life for all your creation; you made us in your own image, and call us to  
new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices to  
proclaim the glory of your name.

### Sanctus & Benedictus #732

R. Proulx





Music: *A Community Mass*, Richard Proulx, © 1971, 1977, GIA Publications, Inc.

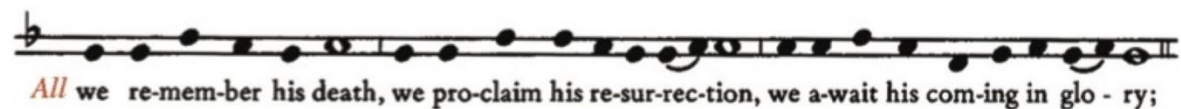
**Presider:** We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

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:**



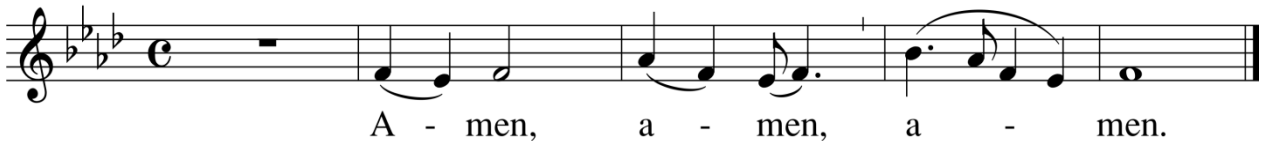
**Presider:** and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

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.

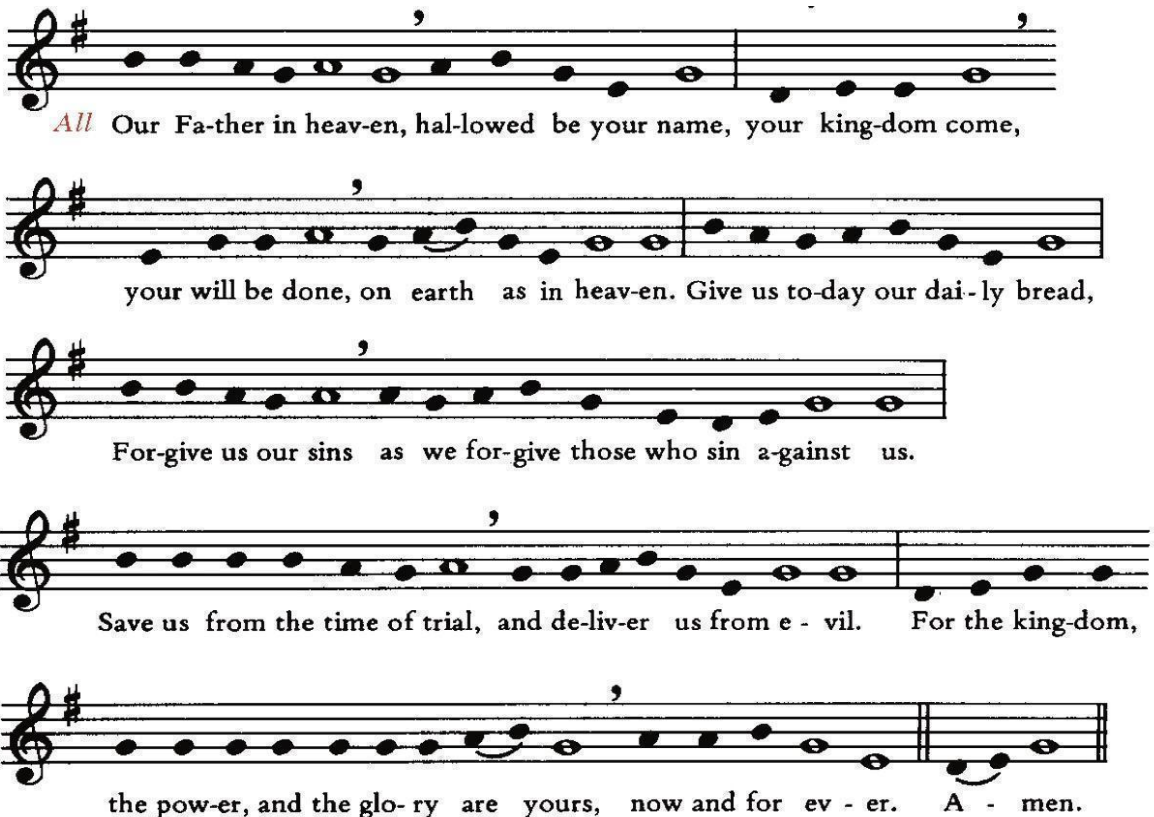
Music: *A Community Mass*, Richard Proulx, © 1971, 1977, GIA Publications, Inc.

## 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-gainst 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.

© 1984, Church Publishing, Inc.

## Breaking of the Bread

Presider: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

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** *Missa de Angelis*

*(please be seated)*

Mode VI

*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.



## Communion Motet

The Gift

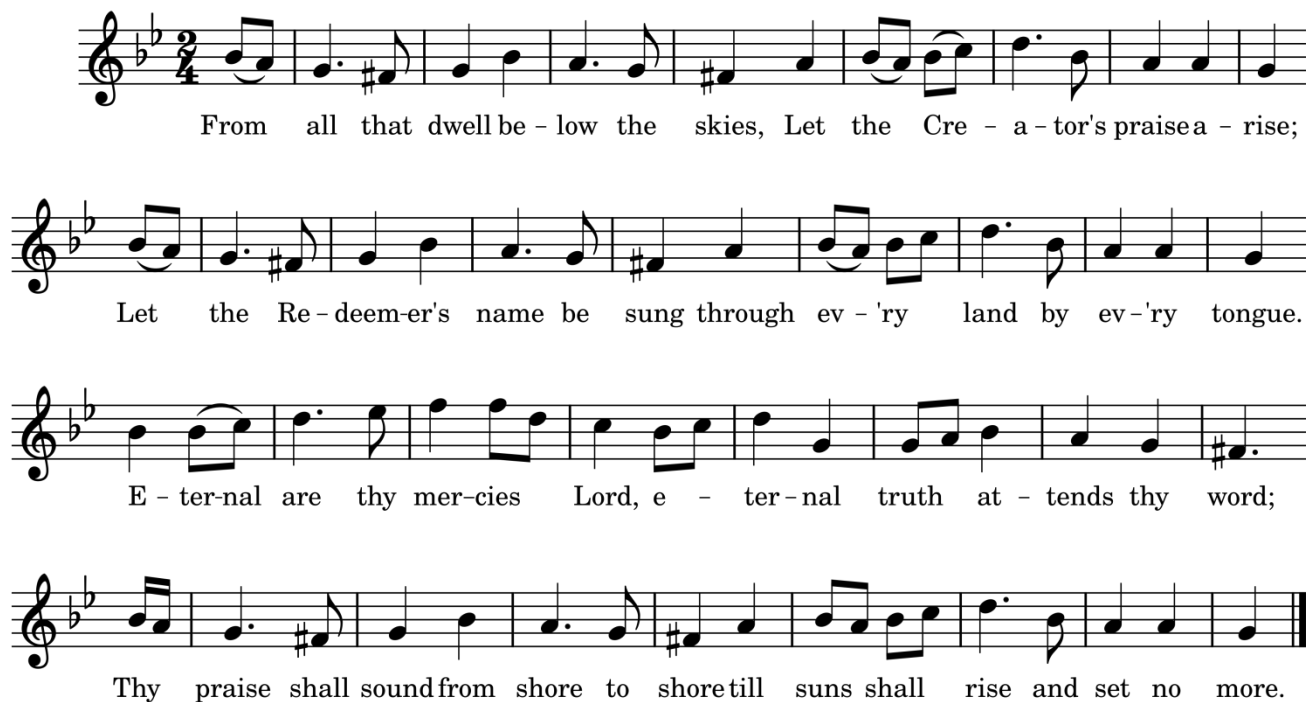
R. Wallace

*Composer's note: "This song is about a community coming together to prepare a feast – to celebrate 'the gift' of traditions and the transmission of knowledge. A traditional song will have a certain name or title but it is the context in which it is sung that denotes the true meaning. The lyrics in this song are not words in any language, but they are based on Aboriginal vocables from the western part of North America." The composer, Russell Wallace, is a member of the Lil'wat Nation and has performed and composed many songs based on this genre.*

## Communion Hymn

From All That Dwell Below The Skies

WABASH



From all that dwell be - low the skies, Let the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise;

Let the Re - deem-er's name be sung through ev - 'ry land by ev - 'ry tongue.

E - ter-nal are thy mer-cies Lord, e - ter-nal truth at - tends thy word;

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.

Text: Isaac Watts; Tune: Thomas Commuck

*Thomas Commuck's (1804-1855) hymnal, "Indian Melodies", published in 1845, is regarded to be one of the first notated and published musical works by a Native American composer. Commuck was of Narragansett heritage, but spent much of his life amongst the Brothertown peoples (an indigenous tribe now based in Wisconsin). Commuck set many English hymn texts (including this famous text by Isaac Watts) to new tunes, which he named for significant Indigenous peoples and places.*

## Prayer after Communion

(please stand as you are able)

Presider: Almighty God, guide and protect your people who share in this sacred mystery, and keep us always in your love; 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: 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**

*During the closing hymn you are invited to follow the procession outside  
for the blessing of the pollinator garden.  
Please use the bell tower exit.*

### **Closing Hymn #416**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

*Refrain:*

All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.

Each radiant flower that opens,  
each vibrant bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colours,  
God made their lively wings. *Refrain*

The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruit in the garden,  
God made them every one. *Refrain*

The rocky mountain splendour,  
the loon's wild, haunting call,  
the great lakes and the prairies,  
the forest in the fall. *Refrain*

God gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is the Creator,  
who has made all things well. *Refrain*

Text: C.F. Alexander; Music: English traditional; arr. M. Shaw

## **Prayers of Blessing for Christ Church Deer Park's Pollinator Garden**

### **Welcome**

*We welcome Elin Goulden, Social Justice and Advocacy Consultant for the Diocese of Toronto and Donna Lang, Toronto Animator and Fundraising Director for Faith and the Common Good.*

### **The CCDP Pollinator Garden**

Brad Lennon

### **Prayer**

Presider: Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

### **A Reading from the Book of Job**

Reader: But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.  
*Job 12:7-10*

### **Reflection**

Elin Goulden

### **Planting of a New England Aster**

Donna Lang

### **Prayers**

Leader: Creating God, you have given seed for the sower and plants for the planter. Nourish, protect, and bless these plants which are planted in hope. May they bring forth nurture for pollinators and beauty for the earth. **Amen.**

Giver of life, thank you for soil in which nature awakens new life. Thank you for the smell of freshly tilled earth, the beauty of a cleanly cut furrow, and a well-ploughed field. Help us to be good stewards of the land. **Amen.**

Sustaining God, thank you for water. Thank you for the way it cools the earth, and hydrates the land. Thank you for the smell of the earth after the rain has fallen. We ask that the rain come as often as it is needed, so that crops and gardens may flourish. **Amen.**

Bless the bees and all pollinators. Bless them with abundant healthy food and nesting sites. Bless them with strong, healthy offspring. Bless future generations of all pollinators, and may their populations be expanded and protected. Thank you for bees, butterflies, hoverflies, birds and all pollinators, and may they forever be blessed. **Amen.**

Creator of all things and giver of all life, let your blessings fall upon your seeds and plants, our hands and tools, your soil, our gardens, and your creation. Bless our labour with rain and sunshine, that new life might spring up, that we might be truly at one with the integrity of all creation. Convict us as stewards of your magnificent garden to cry out as it is being misused, and to stand firm in our conviction to be your appointed custodians. This we pray as your humble servants and stewards of this amazing planet, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

## **The Blessing of the Pollinator Garden**

Stephen Drakeford

*The congregation and garden will be sprinkled with holy water.*

## **Dismissal**

Presider: Go in peace to tend God's creation.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please help yourself to refreshments!*

*After today, the volunteer choir will be taking a well-deserved break until September. Let us take this opportunity to thank all choir members for generously sharing their time and talents for the glory of God and in service of the community's prayer.*

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:  
Stephen Drakeford

Reader:  
Pauline Thompson

Preachers:  
Ali McIntosh  
Cathy Gibbs

Prayers:  
Katherine MacDonald

Director of Music:  
Stefani Bedin

Warden on Duty:  
Su Laine Varkey

Section Leads:  
Sonya Harper Nyby, Julia Barber  
Tonatiuh Abrego, Peter Warren

Sidesperson:  
Andrew Harding

Livestream Technician:  
Liam McIvor

Verger:  
Rikk Scapillato

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

### 1. A NEW OUTDOOR DIGITAL SIGN FOR CCDP! CALLS FOR MATCHING CONGREGATIONAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN:

Dear Parishioners of CCDP,

We are writing as your church wardens with some exciting news - we have decided to install a new digital sign near our Yonge Street entrance to replace our old and outdated one. This is long overdue and will allow us to promote in a more accurate and timely manner the numerous activities of our vibrant worship community. See below for a comparison of what we have and what we will install.



We are very grateful to the Cowan-Johnston family for their generous donation of \$7,500 that has allowed us to launch this initiative. This donation, however, requires that our congregation 'match' this \$7,500 pledge - with the combined total of the two allowing us to fully finance this new and vital initiative. In short, we need your generous support in order to raise the needed \$15,000.

So, please do step forward with a donation - large or small - to help make this initiative a reality. To do so, please use this link:

<https://christchurchdeerpark.org/give/>

This will bring you to the GIVE page on our website, which outlines all the different ways you can give to the church. When you do donate, please also include the words "Church Sign" when submitting your donation so that the church office can keep track of the matching

campaign amounts. We want to get started with the installation this summer, so please think of contributing before the end of June.

Thanks so much in advance for your generosity!

The Wardens

2. **THE DOOR IS OPEN!** Greetings people of Christ Church Deer Park. I am glad to be back as your Interim-Priest-in-Charge after a three week walking tour of the Cotswolds in England. As I have been saying I have thoroughly enjoyed my vacation. But, I also had something to look forward to when I got back- coming back to CCDP. I'm keen! I want to let you all know that it is my intention to keep office hours Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, generally between 10 am and 2 pm. Of course things always come up, and I may have to step away but if my door is open feel free to drop in. You may want to just say hello, or have a concern, whatever, I'll be glad to chat with you.

Blessings,  
Stephen+

3. **SPIRITUS CONTRIBUTIONS!** If you would like to contribute to the next issue, please submit your articles to Emily at [elwchatt@gmail.com](mailto:elwchatt@gmail.com) by July 15. Submissions should be 250-500 words, in Word format, and all submissions will be subject to edit.
4. **DRIVERS FOR THE 10:30AM SERVICE:** Do you have a car? Would you like to help some of our senior parishioners get to church? We are looking for a few more drivers to help bring our older members to church for the 10:30am service. Please email Ann Atkins at [communitycare@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:communitycare@christchurchdeerpark.org)
5. **POLLINATOR GARDEN:**
1. **BLESSING & CELEBRATION:** Please join us TODAY after the 10:30am service for a blessing and celebration of our newly-planted pollinator garden!
6. **JULY & AUGUST SERMON SERIES:** In town for July and August? Well, we have some great news! In July, Stephen Drakeford will lead a Sunday sermon series entitled Reflections of Light: What the Windows of the Church Teach Us. And, in August, Ali and Cathy will lead a sermon series on the Roots of our Faith: Bible, Baptism, Prayer, and Eucharist. Please join us!
7. **THE PARISH SELECTION COMMITTEE UPDATE:** The Parish Selection Committee wishes to thank those of you who recently contributed to the Focus Group materials by email. The Committee is now finalizing the Profile. We will keep you posted when the next stage is completed.

- 8. JAZZ VESPERS:** As always, Jazz Vespers takes a break for the summer – but not before going out with a bang! Join us this afternoon at 4:30pm to hear The Brian Barlow Big Band play excellent jazz music, interspersed with prayers, scripture readings, and a short reflection.
- 9. 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.
- 10. RUMMAGE ON THE LAWN!** Our Fall Sale will be on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 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!
- 11. PASTORAL CALLS:** An integral part of Christian community is to support one another through times of joy and celebration and also times of grief and confusion. If you or someone you know may benefit from a call or visit from one of our clergy, please reach out to our congregational care team by email at [communitycare@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:communitycare@christchurchdeerpark.org).
- 12. TRUTH & RECONCILIATION WORKING GROUP:** June 21st is National Indigenous Peoples Day, a day to celebrate and learn about First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples. Events in the city include the annual powwow and arts market at Garrison Common on June 15-16, and a series of talks and performances at the Harbourfront Centre on the 21st. There are many smaller events held throughout the city – why not check out something going on in your neighbourhood?
- 13. CLIMATE ACTION GROUP:** We all know that bees and butterflies play a crucial role in pollination. But did you know that moths are also key pollinators? Citizen science moth studies in High Park have counted over 800 unique species of moths! Flowers that tend to be visited by moths include those with clusters (to provide landing platforms), are white or dull in colour, open in the late afternoon or at night, and produce ample nectar.
- 14. MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** To beautify our church's services, we invite donations of flowers to honour loved ones. There is a committee standing by to purchase and arrange the flowers on



the date of your choice. Please contact Pat Butler, Memorial Flowers Coordinator, to select the date and name the person(s) you are remembering. Reach Pat at [pat.butler@bell.net](mailto:pat.butler@bell.net) or 416-573-1415. You will receive a tax receipt and a photo of the arrangement. Also, to anyone who may wish to join the Flower Guild, please contact Nina Overbury.





## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

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

## ! VISITOR INFORMATION



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

**Large Print Orders of Service** are available.

## Happening this week at Christ Church Deer Park

**Wednesday, June 26**

11:00am Holy Eucharist  
*In person*

**Saturday, June 29**

8-9am Community Breakfast

**Sunday, June 30**

8:00am Holy Eucharist (BCP)  
*In person*

9:15am Contemporary Worship  
*In person*

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



1570 Yonge Street at Heath St.  
Toronto, ON M4T 1Z8  
Phone: 416-920-5211  
[www.christchurchdeerpark.org](http://www.christchurchdeerpark.org)

Music reprinted & streamed with permission under One License #A-724916 and reprinted with permission under CCLI Inc. #11419375. All rights reserved.

**Official tax receipts** are issued on an annual basis to those who give \$20 or more. If you wish to receive a receipt, please enclose your gift in an envelope with your name and address or donate