

# Christ Church Deer Park

July 14, 2024  
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
*Reflections in Light Series*  
**Holy Eucharist**  
**at 10:30 am**



'With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ....

*Jesus Baptized  
by John the  
Baptist*  
Belltower  
Entrance

....as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.'

## 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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*Christmas Sale* – Jayne Miles Simpson, Lead

*Spiritus* – Emily Chatten, Melissa Walter &

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**Prelude** Melodia, Op. 59 No. 11

M. Reger

**Welcome & Gathering**

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

**Opening Hymn #384 v. 1, 2, 3, 6**

*(please stand as you are able)*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
All ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near,  
praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:  
hast thou not seen how thy entreaties have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:  
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen sound from his people again:  
gladly for aye we adore him.

Words: J. Neander; Music: Stralsund Gesangbuch

**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: Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. May we find peace in your service, and in the world to come, see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

Presider: Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

**All: Our hearts and minds are open.**

## Listening to God – First Reading

*(please be seated)*


Reader: A reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty-thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obededom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart. They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

*2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

All: 

You gates, o - pen wide and high. Let the glo - rious sov - ereign en - ter.

Cantor: The earth is our God's and all that is in it,  
the world and all who dwell therein.  
For God has founded it upon the seas  
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep. *Refrain*

Cantor: "Who can ascend the hill of the Holy One?  
and who can stand in the holy place?"  
"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,  
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud."  
*Refrain*

Cantor: They shall receive a blessing from the Holy One,  
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."  
Such is the generation of those who seek you,  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. *Refrain*

Cantor: Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors;  
and the One who reigns in glory shall come in.  
"Who is this, who reigns in glory?"  
"Our God, strong and mighty, Our God, mighty in battle." *Refrain*

Cantor: Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors;  
and the One who reigns in glory shall come in.  
"Who is this, who reigns in glory"  
"The God of hosts it is who reigns in glory." *Refrain*

### Listening to God – Second Reading

Reader: A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all

wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

*Ephesians 1:3-14*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation #708**

*(please stand as you are able)*

Alleluia

Alleluia, Mode VI

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

Refrain:



Cantor: The word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

**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 Mark.

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a

righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

*Mark 6:14-29*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily** "Window Two – Jesus Baptized by John the Baptist"

*(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.

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

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## Offertory Hymn #587

Once to All, To Every Nation

EBENEZER

Once to all, to every nation  
Comes the moment to decide,  
In the strife of truth with falsehood,  
For the good or evil side;  
Some great cause, God's new Messiah,  
Offering each the bloom or blight,  
And the choice goes by forever  
Twixt that darkness and that light.

By the light of burning martyrs,  
Christ, Thy bleeding feet we track,  
Toiling up new Calvaries ever  
With the cross that turns not back;  
New occasions teach new duties,  
Time makes ancient good uncouth;  
They must upward still and onward,  
Who would keep abreast of truth.

Though the cause of evil prosper,  
Yet 'tis truth alone is strong;  
Though her portion be the scaffold,

And upon the throne be wrong:  
Yet that scaffold sways the future,  
And, behind the dim unknown,  
Standeth God within the shadow  
Keeping watch above His own.

Words: J. R. Lowell; Music: T. J. Williams

### Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Eternal God, your word creates in us a yearning for your kingdom. Receive all we offer you this day, and keep us in your peace; for the sake 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.

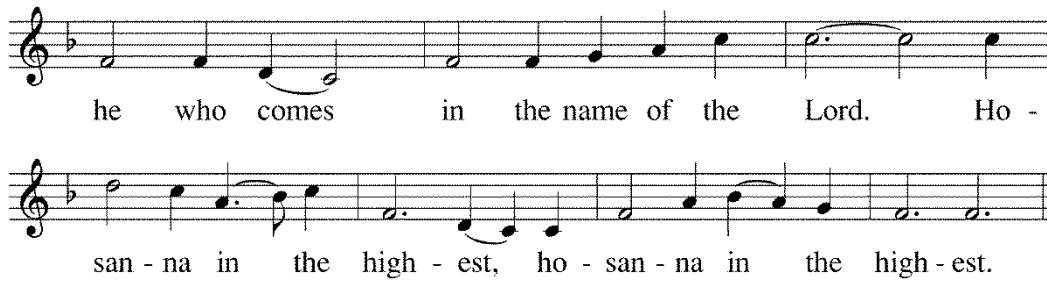
**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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 *Land of Rest*

adapt. M. Pruner

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is



Music: *Land of Rest*, adapt. by Marcia Pruner, © 1980, Church Pension Fund; acc. by Richard Proulx

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: we remember his death,  
 we proclaim his resurrection,  
 we await his coming in glory.**

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.

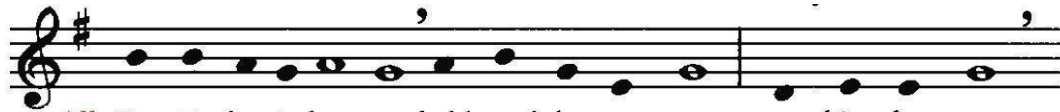
**All:** Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

M. Robinson II

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

**All:**



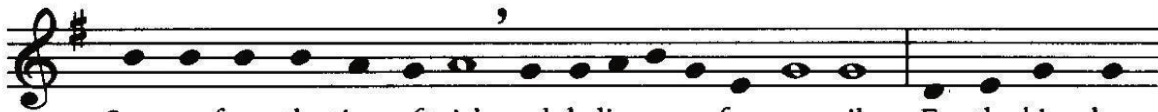
All Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come,



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



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



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



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

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Breaking of the Bread

Presider: 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.

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# 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)

## Agnus Dei

1. O Lamb of God, you take a - way the

2. sins of the world, have mer - cy on us,

Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

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## Communion Motet

O Lord, Increase Our Faith

H. Loosemore

O Lord, increase our faith,  
strengthen us and confirm us in thy true faith;  
endue us with wisdom, charity, chastity and patience,  
in all our adversity. Sweet Jesu, say Amen.

## Communion Hymn #49 v. 1, 2, 5, 6, 7

Draw Near and Take

SONG 46

Draw near and take the body of your Lord,  
and drink with faith the blood for you outpoured.

Saved by his body, hallowed by his blood,  
with souls refreshed, we give our thanks to God.

The Lord in this world rules his saints, and shields;  
to all believers life eternal yields;

with heavenly bread makes those who hunger whole;  
gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Before your presence, Lord, all people bow.  
In this your feast of love be with us now.

Words: Latin 7th century; tr. J. M. Neale; Music: O. Gibbons

### Prayer after Communion

*(please stand as you are able)*

Presider: Living God, in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom. May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in faith, hope, and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 #425

Joyful, Joyful

HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain  
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father and our Mother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

Words: H. van Dyke; Music: L. van Beethoven

### Dismissal

*(please stand as you are able)*

Presider: Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world God loves!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude** Toccata, Op. 59, No. 5

M. Reger

*Please join us after the service for refreshments!*



## ***Assisting with the Liturgy***

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Dermot Muir

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Tonatiuh Abrego, Peter Warren

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Roderick Talens

## ----ANNOUNCEMENTS----

### 1. **CCDP STEWARDSHIP – A NOTE FROM THE WARDENS ON DECLINING CONGREGATIONAL GIVINGS:**

As we settle into our summer routines and breaks, the wardens wanted to send a quick note to you all about the state of our CCDP finances, and especially a worrying trend of declining congregational givings.

This is a community that gives much in terms of its 'talents and time' and we are very grateful for the many contributions that you all make to the life of CCDP. We have a vibrant community here, and one that is also slowing beginning to grow again.

But, the one worrying trend amidst all this is the slow but steady decline in congregational givings, a decline that is contributing to a slow but growing church deficit, despite increases this year in revenue from such things as facilities rental.

To address this worrying trend, the warden team will be formulating and launching a stewardship campaign this fall.

But, these needs are also immediate. Hence, in the meantime time, we would ask you all to consider increasing your weekly/monthly givings to CCDP, knowing that, cumulatively, even small increases in givings from the many can have a transformative, positive impact on the whole.

To put it another way, please consider giving an increased share of your 'treasure' to CCDP, in addition to the already considerable contributions you are all making with respect to 'your talents and your time'.

Thanks and have a great summer! - The Wardens

### 2. **REV. ALI MCINTOSH APPOINTED AS NEW PRIEST-IN-CHARGE AT ST. GEORGE-ON-YONGE:** It is with sadness and joy we announce that Rev. Ali, who finished her curacy in April and has been our associate priest these last few months, has been appointed the new priest-in-charge at St. George-on-Yonge. Ali has been a blessing to our church, and we know she will be a blessing to this new congregation. Her last Sunday at Christ Church will be Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>.

### 3. **THE DOOR IS OPEN!** A reminder to everyone who is in town this month: 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+

4. **SUMMER COFFEE HOUR:** *Update:* No coffee hour on July 21<sup>st</sup>. From July 28<sup>th</sup> onward, refreshments will be served between the 9:15am and 10:30am services. (I.e. We will not have refreshments after the 10:30am service.) So if you normally attend the 10:30am service, please feel free to come early for a cold beverage and fellowship!
5. **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.
6. **A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** Community Breakfast is looking for some volunteers to assist our group in setting up, support, and serving for our Breakfast Program. We serve a hot breakfast to approximately 50 guests every Saturday (with the exception of the second Saturday of each month). We begin at 7 AM and we are finished by 10 AM. Should you be interested in helping or learning more about this program, please contact Carl Wehniainen at 647-808-5631 or [cwehn@yahoo.com](mailto:cwehn@yahoo.com) or [outreach@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:outreach@christchurchdeerpark.org)
7. **JULY & AUGUST SERMON SERIES:** In town for July and August? Well, we have some great news! In July, Stephen Drakeford is leading 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!
8. **STAFF VACATIONS:**
  - a) Clergy: Ali is on vacation from July 1-31. Cathy is on vacation from July 1-31 and August 5-10. Stephen is on vacation August 14-September 2.
  - b) Staff: Rikk is on vacation July 2-23. Stefani is on vacation July 8-August 11. Amanda is on vacation July 20-August 11. Denis is on vacation August 12-30. (Please note that the church office will be closed July 20 through August 11.)
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:** Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver, and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Kamloops signed a Sacred Covenant on Easter Sunday describing how they will work together towards reconciliation. The discovery of 215 possible unmarked graves on the grounds of the Kamloops Indian Residential School (which was run by Catholic organizations) made news around the world in 2021; in the Covenant, the two Catholic dioceses commit to providing expertise and resources to support ongoing investigation of these possible graves, as well as counselling for those who lost loved ones at the school. In addition to other commitments, the Covenant also acknowledges that the residential school system did 'great harm' to Indigenous communities and that the separation of children from their families violated Catholic teachings.
  
- 13. CLIMATE ACTION GROUP:** The burning of fossil fuels is responsible for 7,100 early deaths each year in Canada. By reducing our use of fossil fuels such as coal, oil, gasoline, diesel and natural gas, we can save lives, reduce chronic diseases, and cut healthcare costs, while fighting climate change. Chronic diseases cost about \$200 billion per year in treatment and lost-time in Canada. By investing in public transit, cycling and walking, which increase physical activity, we can save lives, reduce chronic diseases and healthcare costs, while fighting climate change. Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (<https://cape.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/2019-Call-to-Action-Feb-5-2019-FINAL.pdf>)
  
- 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, July 17**

11:00am Holy Eucharist  
*In person*

**Saturday, July 20**

8-9am Community Breakfast

**Sunday, July 21**

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

9:15am Contemporary Worship  
*In person*

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



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