

# Christ Church Deer Park

July 21, 2024  
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
*Reflections in Light Series*  
**Holy Eucharist**  
**at 10:30 am**



Wherever he went,  
into villages or  
cities or farms, they  
laid the sick in the  
marketplaces, and  
begged him that  
they might touch  
even the fringe of  
his cloak...

*The Miracles  
of Jesus*  
West Nave Wall

... and all who  
touched it were  
healed.

**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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*Coffee Hour* – Sandra Geddes, Coordinator

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**Prelude** Master Tallis's Testament

H. Howells

**Welcome & Gathering**

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

**Opening Hymn #291 v. 1, 2, 3, 5**

*(please stand as you are able)*

O Christ, the Healer

ANGELUS

O Christ, the healer, we have come  
To pray for health, to plead for friends.  
How can we fail to be restored,  
When reached by love that never ends?

From ev'ry ailment flesh endures  
Our bodies clamour to be freed;  
Yet in our hearts we would confess  
That wholeness is our deepest need.

How strong, O Lord, are our desires,  
How weak our knowledge of ourselves!  
Release in us those healing truths  
Unconscious pride resists or shelves.

Grant that we all, made one in faith,  
In your community may find  
The wholeness that, enriching us,  
Shall reach the whole of humankind.

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**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: Holy God of Israel, draw us near to you, so that, in place of hostility, there may be peace; in place of loneliness, compassion; in place of aimlessness, direction; and in place of sickness, healing; through Christ Jesus, in whom you draw near to 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 the Second Book of Samuel.

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you." But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

*2 Samuel 7:1-14a*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

All:

Psalm 89 Marty Haugen

For ev - er I will sing the good - ness of the  
 Lord, the good - ness of the Lord.

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Cantor:

I have found David my servant;  
 with my holy oil have I anointed him.  
 My hand will hold him fast  
 and my arm will make him strong. *Refrain*

My faithfulness and love shall be with him,  
 and he shall be victorious through my name.  
 I shall make his dominion extend  
 from the Great Sea to the River. *Refrain*

He will say to me, 'You are my Father, my God,  
 and the rock of my salvation.'  
 I will make him my firstborn  
 and higher than the kings of the earth. *Refrain*

I will keep my love for him for ever,  
 and my covenant will stand firm for him.  
 I will establish his line for ever  
 and his throne as the days of heaven. *Refrain*

His line shall endure for ever  
 and his throne as the sun before me;  
 It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon,  
 the abiding witness in the sky." *Refrain*

## Listening to God – Second Reading

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

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" - a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands - remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God. *Ephesians 2:11-22*

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:   
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor: My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me.

## 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.**

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

*Mark 6:30-34, 53-56*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Homily** "Window Three – The Miracles of Jesus"

*(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
- Cash or cheque made out to *Christ Church Deer Park*
- Debit/credit via the mobile credit machine: *please see warden on duty*
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We are thankful for all your gifts as they sustain the life and work of this parish.

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## Offertory Hymn #293

Your Hands, O Lord, In Days of Old

ST. MICHAEL'S

Your hands, O Lord, in days of old  
were strong to heal and save;  
they triumphed over pain and death,  
o'er darkness and the grave.  
To you they went, the blind, the mute,  
the palsied and the lame,  
the leper set apart and shunned,  
the sick and those in shame.

And then your touch brought life and health,  
gave speech and strength and sight;  
and youth renewed, with health restored,  
claimed you, the Lord of light.  
And so, O Lord, be near to bless,  
almighty now as then,  
in every street, in every home,  
in every troubled friend.

O be our mighty healer still,  
O Lord of life and death;  
restore and strengthen, soothe and bless

with your almighty breath.  
On hands that work and eyes that see,  
your healing wisdom pour,  
that whole and sick and weak and strong  
may praise you evermore.

Words: E. H. Plumptre; Music: Attrib. F. J. Haydn

### Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: O God, accept our praise and thanksgiving. Help us in all we do to offer ourselves as a true and living sacrifice; through 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.**

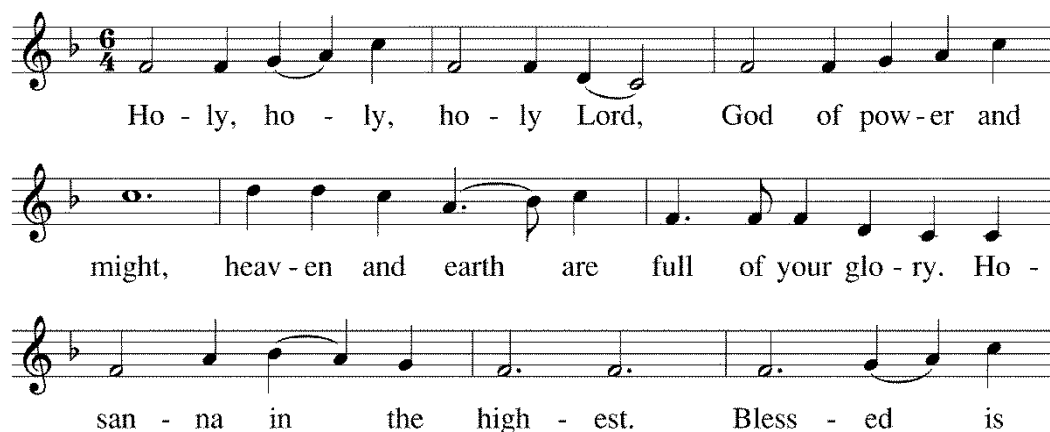
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

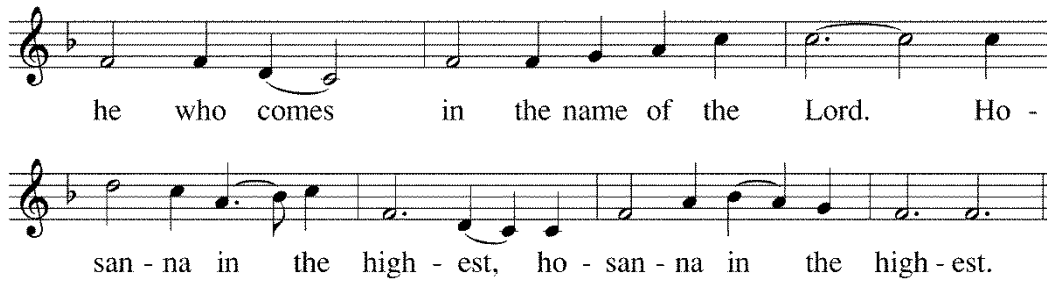
Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; you are the source of light and life for all your creation; you made us in your own image, and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

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.

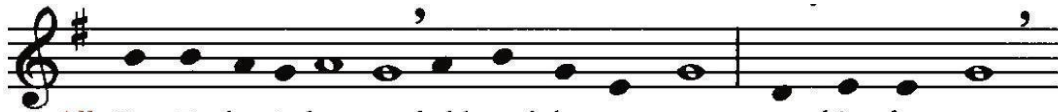
**All:** Amen.

### The Lord's Prayer

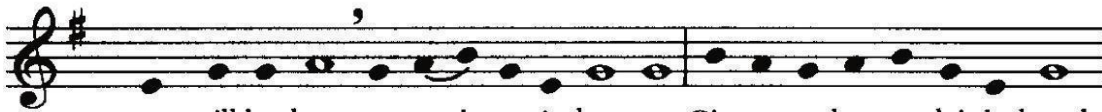
M. Robinson II

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

**All:**



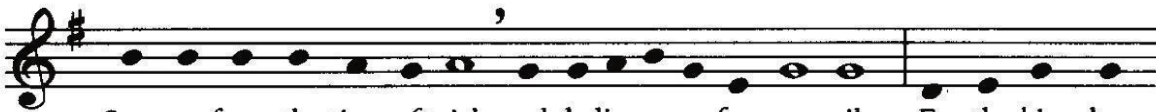
All Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come,



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

Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee

E. Bairstow

Jesu, the very thought of thee  
With sweetness fills my breast;  
But sweeter far thy face to see,  
And in thy presence rest.

- attributed to St. Bernard of Clairvaux; adapt. E. Caswall

## Communion Hymn #65

Here, Lord, We Take the Broken Bread

ST. COLUMBA

Here, Lord, we take the broken bread and drink the wine, believing  
that by thy life our souls are fed, thy parting gifts receiving.

As thou hast given, so we would give ourselves for others' healing;  
as thou hast lived, so we would live, the Father's love revealing.

Words: C. V. Pilcher; Music: Irish trad.; adapt. C.V. Stanford

## Prayer after Communion

*(please stand as you are able)*

Presider: O God, as we are strengthened in these holy mysteries, may our lives be a continual offering, holy and acceptable in your sight; 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

### Closing Hymn #306

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

RICHMOND

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my dear redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears  
that bids our sorrows cease;

'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life, and health, and peace.

He speaks, and, listening to his voice,  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf, ye voiceless ones,  
your loosened tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Saviour come,  
and leap, ye lame, for joy!

My gracious master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honours of thy name.

Words: C. Wesley; Music: T. Haweis; adapt. S. Webbe

**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** Paeon

H. Howells



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

Presider & Preacher:  
Stephen Drakeford

Guest Organist:  
Dermot Muir

Vocal Quartet:  
Sonya Harper Nyby, Julia Barber  
Tonatiuh Abrego, Peter Warren

Reader:  
Liz Quinlan

Prayers:  
Elsa Jones

Warden on Duty:  
Su Laine Varkey

Sidesperson:  
Melissa Walter

Livestream Technician:  
Liam Mclvor

Vergers:  
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 slowly 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. **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. **WELCOME BACK PARISH BBQ!** Stick around after the 10:30am service on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> for our Welcome Back Parish BBQ – we'll have burgers, hot dogs, salads, and beverages. It's a perfect time to catch up after the summer!
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:** 2024 marks thirty years since a group of Indigenous Anglicans first developed a Covenant committing to create a self-determining Indigenous community within the Anglican Church of Canada. This Covenant followed from Primate Michael Peers' 1993 apology offered on behalf of the Anglican Church for its role in residential schools, in which he committed the national church to walk with and support Indigenous people in their healing journey. In 1997 the Covenant was ratified by a larger group of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Anglicans at the third Sacred Circle, a special meeting of Indigenous Anglicans where prayer, worship, discernment, and decision-making take place.
  
- 13. CLIMATE ACTION GROUP:** Eco-grief is our pain for the loss of our shared home stemming from a place of connectedness and love. It refers to sensations of fear, anxiety, anger, and sorrow linked to our intertwined ecological and social crises, emotions related to climate chaos and its devastating impacts on people and places and all living beings, on our planet as home. Anti-nuclear activist Joanna Macy writes, 'Pain is the price of consciousness in a threatened and suffering world. It is not only natural; it is an absolutely necessary component of our collective healing.'
  
- 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 24**

11:00am Holy Eucharist  
*In person*

**Saturday, July 27**

8-9am Community Breakfast

**Sunday, July 28**

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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