

# Christ Church Deer Park

July 28, 2024  
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
*Reflections in Light Series*  
**Holy Eucharist**  
at 10:30 am



Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb....

*Transfiguration,  
Resurrection,  
Ascension,  
and Glorification*  
Windows  
East & South Nave

....and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.

## 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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*Community Breakfast* – Carl Wehniainen, Lead

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*Coffee Hour* – Sandra Geddes, Coordinator

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Supipi Weerasooriya, Editorial Team

*If you are here a few minutes early, please join us for refreshments.*

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**Prelude** An Wasserflüssen Babylon, BWV 653

J.S. Bach

**Welcome & Gathering**

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

**Opening Hymn #349**

*(please stand as you are able)*

All People that on Earth Do Dwell

OLD 100TH

All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;  
come ye before him, and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
without our aid he did us make;  
we are his folk, he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.

For why, the Lord our God is good;  
his mercy is forever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.

Words: Psalm 100, para. attrib. W. Kethe; Music: Geneva, 1551

**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: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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.

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant." So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. In the morning David wrote a letter to

Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."  
*2 Samuel 11:1-15*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 14

G. Black

All:



Cantor: Fools have said in their hearts, "There is no God."

All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;  
there is none who does any good.

God looks down from heaven upon us all,  
to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God. *Refrain*

Cantor: Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad;

there is none who does good; no, not one.

Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers  
who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon God? *Refrain*

Cantor: See how they tremble with fear,

because God is in the company of the righteous.

Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted,  
but God is their refuge.

Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion!

when God restores the fortunes of the people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

*Refrain*

## Listening to God – Second Reading

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

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love

of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:14-21*

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: Jesus Christ is the first-born of the dead;  
to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.

### 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.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. *John 20:1-10*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Homily**      “The Transfiguration, Resurrection, Ascension, and Glorification Windows”      *(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*
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- 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.

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## Offertory Hymn

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

DUKE STREET

I know that my Redeemer lives;  
what joy this blest assurance gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my everliving head.

He lives triumphant from the grave,  
He lives eternally to save,  
He lives exalted, throned above,  
He lives to rule his church in love.

He lives to bless me with his love,  
He lives to plead for me above,  
He lives my hungry soul to feed,  
He lives to help in time of need.

He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend,  
He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Saviour, still the same.  
what joy this blest assurance gives:  
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

Text: S. Medley, alt.; Music: J. Hatton

## Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: God of grace, accept all we offer you this day, as we look toward the glory you have promised. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our 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.**

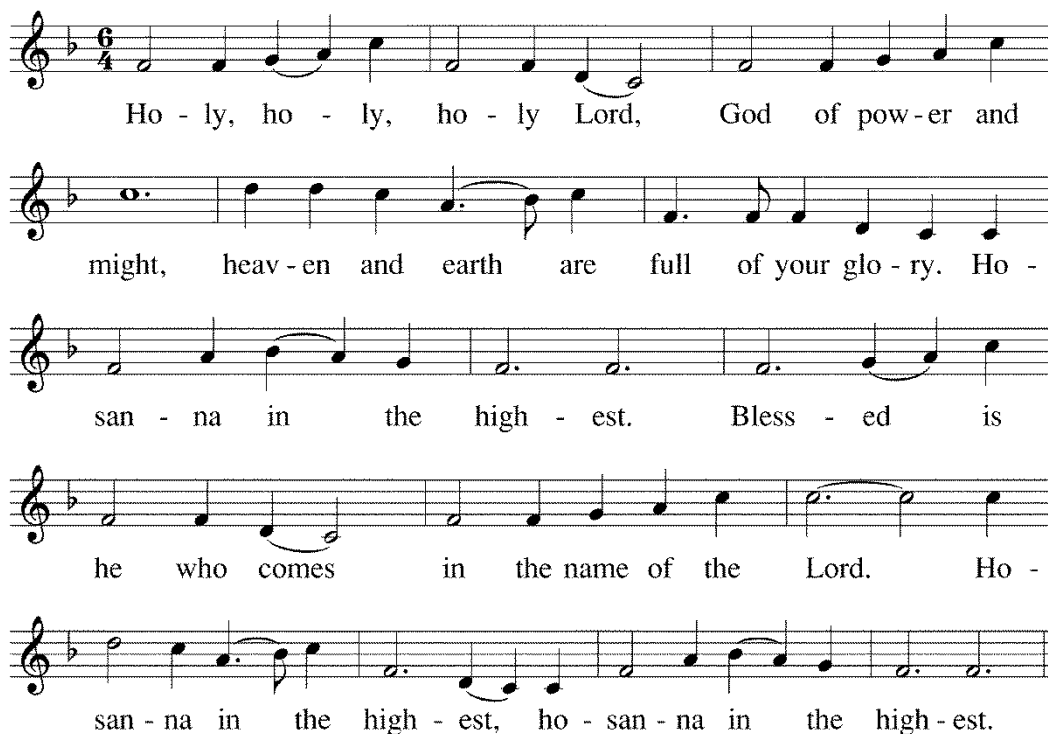
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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  
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

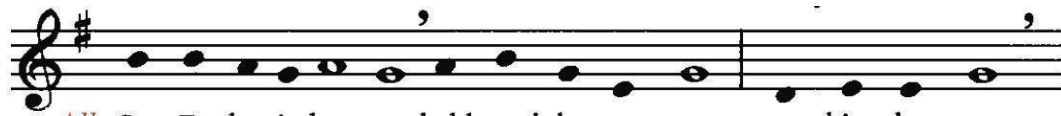
**All: Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

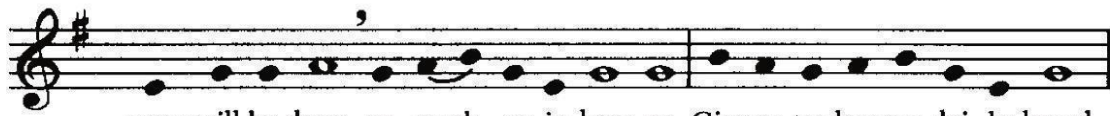
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Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

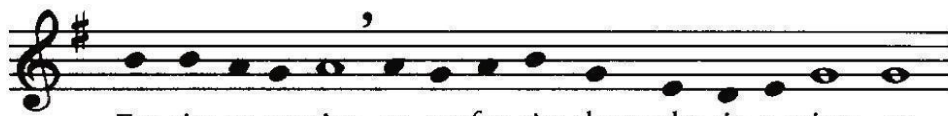
**All:**



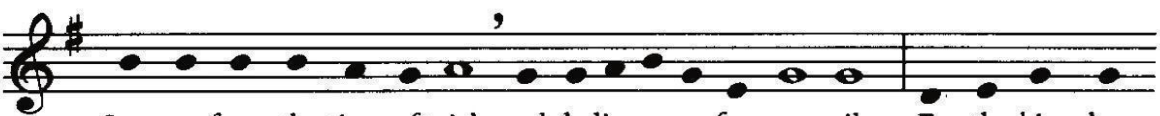
All Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come,



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

Musical notation for the Agnus Dei hymn. It consists of three staves of music in a treble clef, with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The first staff is marked with a '1.' and the second with a '2.'. The lyrics are: "O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace." The music is simple and melodic, with a final cadence at the end of the third staff.

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## Communion Motet

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

K. Bissell

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ the true, the only light,  
Sun of righteousness, arise,  
Triumph over the shades of night.  
Dayspring from on high be near;  
Daystar in my heart appear.

-C. Wesley

## Communion Hymn #74

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

OMNI DIE DIC MARIA

For the bread which you have broken,  
for the wine which you have poured,  
for the words which you have spoken,  
now we give you thanks, O Lord.

By these pledges that you love us,  
by your gift of peace restored,  
by your call to realms above us,  
consecrate our lives, O Lord:

in your service, Lord, defend us;  
help us to obey your word;  
in the world to which you send us,  
let your kingdom come, O Lord!

Words: L. Benson, alt.; Music: *Nürnberg Gesangbuch*

## Prayer after Communion

*(please stand as you are able)*

Presider: God of grace, we have received the memorial of the death and resurrection of your Son. May your love, poured into us, bring us to your promises. We ask this in the name of our Redeemer Jesus Christ **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 #371

To God be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory; who great things has done!  
God so loved the world, freely sending the Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Refrain:*

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear God's voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give God the glory: who great things has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to every believer the promise of God:  
that when the offender, repenting, believes  
through Jesus' atonement, God's pardon receives. *Refrain:*

Great things God has taught us; great things God has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our gladness, when Jesus we see. *Refrain:*

Words: F. Crosby; Music: W. H. Doane

## 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** Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott BWV 651

J.S. Bach

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

Presider & Preacher:  
Stephen Drakeford

Guest Organist:  
Dermot Muir

Vocal Quartet:  
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Tonatiuh Abrego, Peter Warren

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Ruwani De Fonseka

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Bianca Mathews

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## ----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:** 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)
6. **AUGUST SERMON SERIES:** In town for August? Well, we have some great news! Ali and Cathy will lead a sermon series on the Roots of our Faith: Bible, Baptism, Prayer, and Eucharist. Please join us!
7. **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 13-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.)
8. **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!
9. **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 17, 24, 31 & September 7 from 11am-2pm 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!
10. **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).

- 11. 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.
  
- 12. CLIMATE ACTION GROUP:** "Recent studies have found that the Great Plains of the U.S. and Canada have lost a greater proportion of intact grassland than the Brazilian Amazon has lost rainforest. [It is] the world's most endangered ecosystem." Nature Conservancy Blog, October 24, 2016 by Dan Kraus
  
- 13. 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 31**

11:00am Holy Eucharist  
*In person*

**Saturday, August 3**

8-9am Community Breakfast

**Sunday, August 4**

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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