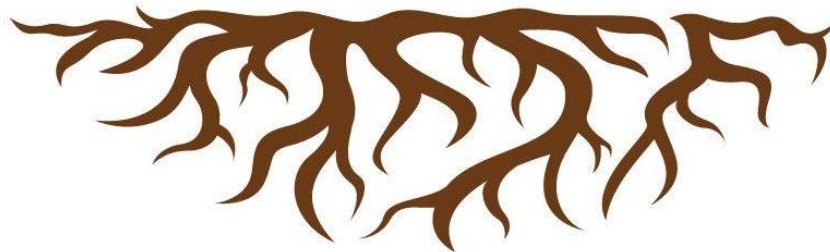


Christ Church Deer Park

August 18, 2024
The Roots of our Faith Series
Holy Eucharist & Holy Baptism
at 10:30 am



BAPTISM



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

Prelude *Prière from Suite Gothique*

L. Boëllmann

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

Opening Hymn #45 *(please stand as you are able)*

Down Galilee's Slow Roadways

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

Down Galilee's slow roadways, a stranger travelled on
from Nazareth to Jordan to be baptized by John.
He went down to the waters, with soldier, scribe, and slave,
but there within the river the sign was birth and grave.

Arising from the river, he saw the heavens torn;
it seemed the sky was open to show the Spirit's form.
The holy dove descended; he heard a glorious voice:
"You are my own beloved- my child, my heart, my choice."

We too have found a roadway; it led us to this place.
We all have had to travel in search of hope and grace.
But now beside this water again a voice is heard:
"You are my own, my chosen, beloved of your Lord."

Text: S. G. Dunstan; Music: J. Steurlein

Gathering *(please remain standing)*

Presider: As we gather today, we tell the story of God and God's people.

All: **We remember God has promised to be with us.**
We remember God calls to people of all places.
We remember God in our hearts and minds,
And in the way we live our lives.

Presider: We are rooted in this ancient faith,
This story calls our name in Creation.
This story claims our lives through the Cross.
This story shapes our future through the Spirit.
We are its telling in this time and this place. Amen.

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: God of our salvation, your bow in the clouds proclaims your covenant with every living creature. Teach us your paths and lead us in your truth, so that by your Holy Spirit, we may remember our baptismal vows and be keepers of your trust with earth and its inhabitants.

All: Amen.

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

All: Our hearts and minds are open.

Listening to God – First Reading

(please be seated)

Reader: A reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.
Ezekiel 36:24-28

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm *Sicut Cervus*

G. P. da Palestrina

Choir: *Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum,
ita desiderat anima mea ad Te, Deus.*

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

Listening to God – Second Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Acts.

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.

Matthew 3:13-16

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

(please be seated)

The Celebration of Baptism

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Priest: The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents

& Sponsors: We present Isabella Katharine Pringle and Santiago McKinnon Pringle to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Priest: Will you be responsible for seeing that these children you present are nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

Parents

& Sponsors: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents

& Sponsors: I will, with God's help.

The priest asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the candidates.

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

Answer: I do.

The priest addresses the congregation.

Priest: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Isabella and Santiago in their lives in Christ?

People: We will.

Prayers for the Candidates

Priest: Let us now pray for Isabella and Santiago who are to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Send them into this world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Priest: We give you thanks, almighty God and Father, for by the gift of water you nourish and sustain all living things.

People: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest: We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea, you led your people out of slavery to freedom in a promised land.

People: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest: We give you thanks for sending your Son Jesus. For us he was baptized by John in the river Jordan. For us he was anointed as Christ by your Holy Spirit. For us he suffered the baptism of his own death and resurrection, setting us free from the bondage of sin and death, and opening to us the joy and freedom of everlasting life.

People: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest: We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with his gifts so that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

People: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest: We give you thanks for you have called Isabella and Santiago to new life through the waters of baptism. Now sanctify this water, that your servants who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin. Anoint them with your Holy Spirit and bring them to new birth in the family of your Church, that they may become inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

We give you praise and honour and worship through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People: Blessed are you, our strength and song, and our salvation.

Priest: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Priest: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: 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.

Priest: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Priest: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the earth?

People: I will, with God's help.

The Baptism

Priest: Isabella Katharine / Santiago McKinnon, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Priest: I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Gracious God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

The Giving of the Light

Priest: Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

People: **Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Priest: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

The Peace

(please remain standing)

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

All: **And also with you.**

The congregation is invited to remain standing for the offertory.

Sharing What We Have

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

Sharing What We Have

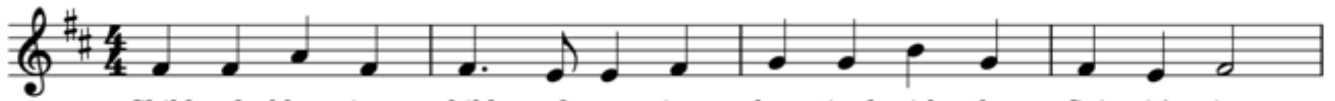
We give as an expression of gratitude for all that God has done for us and because God has designed us to be givers.

Ways to Give Financially

- Through automatic monthly credit card or pre-authorized debit donations
please contact bookkeeper@christchurchdeerpark.org if you are interested in setting up a monthly offering
- Cash or cheque made out to *Christ Church Deer Park*
- Debit/credit via the mobile credit machine: *please see warden on duty*
- E-transfer to donations@christchurchdeerpark.org
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We are thankful for all your gifts as they sustain the life and work of this parish.



Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap-tized with the Spi-rit's sign,
 Child of love, our love's ex-pres-sion, love's cre - a - tion, loved in - deed!
 Child of joy, our dear - est treas-ure, God's you are; from God you came.
 Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose child you are.



with this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
 Fresh from God, re - fresh our spir - its, in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.
 Back to God we hum - bly give you: live as one who bears Christ's name.
 Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

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Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Loving God, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that in this eucharist we may be enriched by the gifts of the Spirit. We ask this 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.

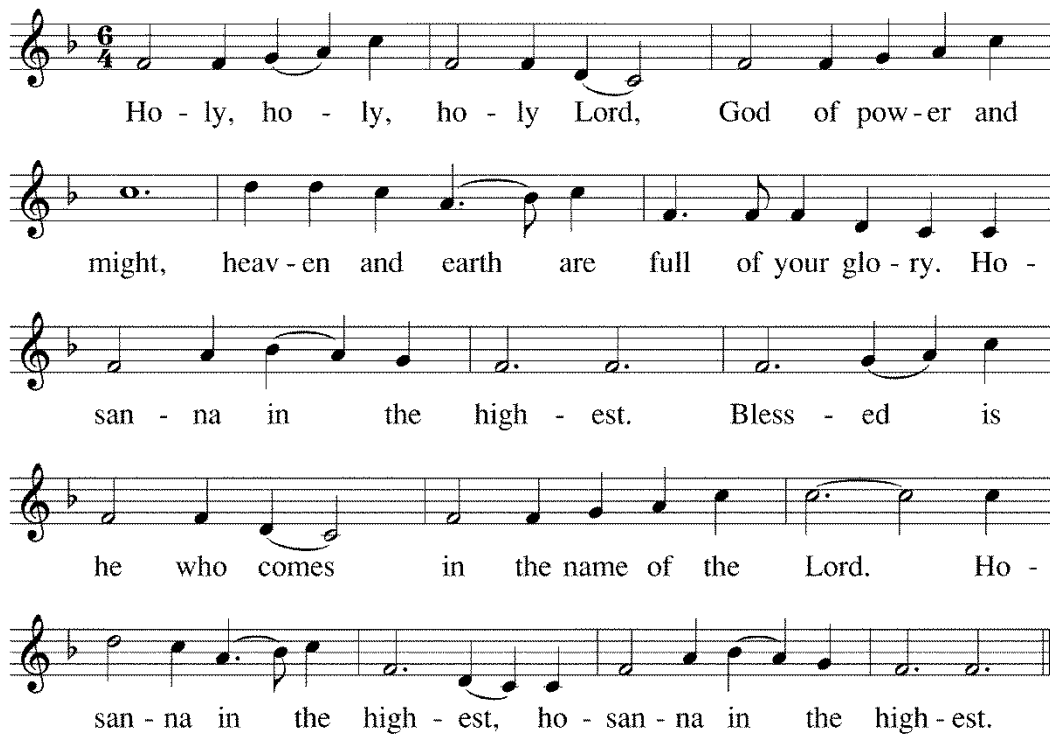
All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

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

Presider: Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and one another to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us. When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness. You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first. Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels, forever praising you and singing:



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: Blessed are you, O Holy One: when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope. When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

All: **Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Presider: At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.

He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore we proclaim our hope.

All: **Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Presider: Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters and brothers. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

All: **Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Presider: Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

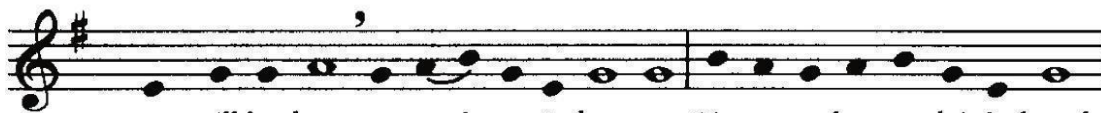
M. Robinson II

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

All:



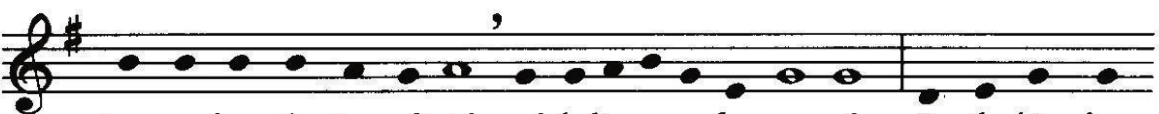
All Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come,



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-gainst us.



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



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

Breaking of the Bread

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

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

Presider: The gifts of God, for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

All are welcome to receive communion with us

As the sidespeople pass your pew, please line up in the centre aisle.

- **To receive a blessing**, as you reach the priest with the bread, cross your arms over your chest. Return to your seat after receiving the blessing.
- **To receive the bread**, hold your hands in front of you, palms up.
- **To receive the wine from the cup**, take the bottom of the cup and the base and guide it to your mouth.
- **If you prefer to take only the bread**, you may indicate this to the cup bearer by crossing your arms over your chest, or simply walking past them.

(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

Down to the River to Pray

Traditional, arr. L. Nickel

As I went down in the river to pray,
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown,
O Lord, show me the way!

O sisters (*brothers, fathers, mothers, sinners*), let's go down, let's go down, don't you want to go down? O sisters (*brothers, fathers, mothers, sinners*), let's go down, down in the river to pray.

Communion Hymn #360

Bless the Lord, My Soul

BLESS THE LORD

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Words: Ps. 103, 1-2 para.
Music: J. Berthier (Taizé)

Closing Prayer

(please stand as you are able)

Presider: God of grace and glory, you call us with your voice from heaven to be your people, fruitful and courageous. As your beloved Son embraced his mission in the waters of baptism, inspire us with your Spirit to join in his transforming work. We ask this in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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: As you go into the coming week, may your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love. And may you come to know how vast God's love for you really is. And may the blessing of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Announcements

Closing Hymn #362

Tell Out, My Soul

WOODLANDS

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his Word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and forevermore!

Words: *Magnificat*, para. T. Dudley-Smith; Music: W. Greatorex

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 *Minuet Gothique* from *Suite Gothique*

L. Boëllmann

Memorial Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Rev. Stephen's sister, Sarah Crystal Morningstar-Drakeford.

Assisting with the Liturgy

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Preacher:
Ali McIntosh

Director of Music:
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George Lewis

Prayers:
Winnie Tang

Warden on Duty:
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Supipi Weerasooriya

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Liam McIvor

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----ANNOUNCEMENTS----

1. **DO YOU LOVE TO SING? IF SO, CONSIDER JOINING CHRIST CHURCH DEER PARK'S CHOIR!** The volunteer choir meets for weekly rehearsal from September to June on Thursday evenings from 7pm-9pm, and at 9:45am on Sunday mornings in preparation for singing at the 10:30am service and other special events. Our first rehearsal of the season is Thursday, September 5th from 7-9pm in the sanctuary and is a great time to come and see what we do. If you or someone you know is potentially interested in joining the choir, please contact Stefani at sbedin@christchurchdeerpark.org
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 1st. Please stay after the 10:30am service on that day for a coffee hour celebration of Ali's time with us at CCDP! Lastly, if you would like to contribute to Ali's gift, please mark your gift as such before placing it in the offering plate; you may also send an e-transfer to donations@christchurchdeerpark.org; to give by credit card, please contact Elisabeth at bookkeeper@christchurchdeerpark.org or 416-920-5211 ex. 201. *Please note that gifts for Ali are not tax receiptable. (As such, please do not use Canada Helps to make donations towards Ali's gift.)*
3. **SUMMER COFFEE HOUR:** For the remainder of the summer, 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!
4. **STAFF VACATIONS:**
 - a) Clergy: Stephen is on vacation August 14-September 2.
 - b) Staff: Denis is on vacation August 12-30.
5. **WELCOME BACK PARISH BBQ!** Stick around after the 10:30am service on Sunday, September 8th 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!
6. **RUMMAGE ON THE LAWN!** Our Fall Sale will be on Saturday, September 14th from 10am-2pm. We'll have a BBQ, Bake Sale, Music in the Sanctuary, along with lots of things for sale!
 - a) We will be doing intake of gently used items on the Saturdays of August 17, 24, 31 & September 7 from 11am-1pm at the Atrium doors. We are taking household items,

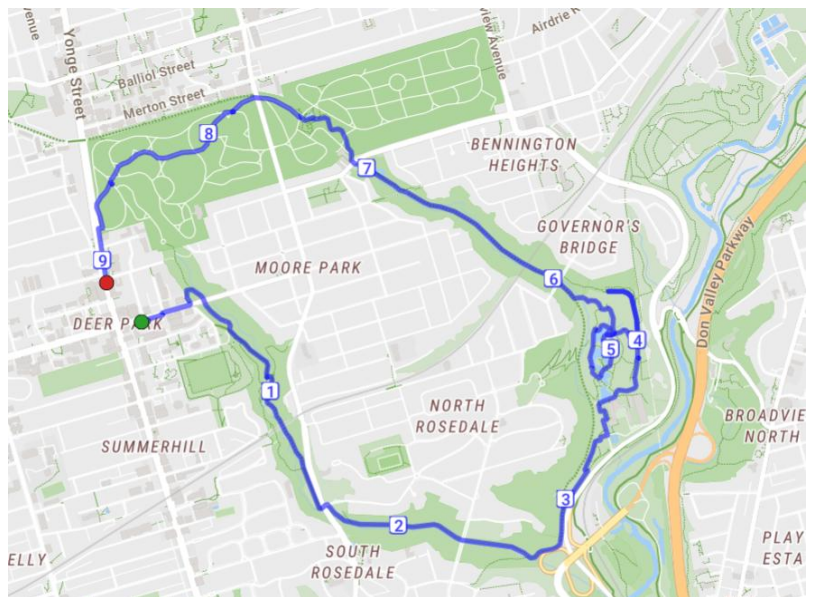
sporting items, coffee table books, silverware, china, mirrors, artwork, CDs, knick-knacks, footwear, accessories, jewellery, linens and clothing.

- b) 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.
- c) Lastly, start stocking your freezer now with baked goods to donate to our Bake Sale!

7. READING THE BIBLE: Rev. Stephen will be offering a short 4-part course on how to read, understand, and interpret the Bible. Starting on Wednesday, September 4th (and continuing on September 11th, 18th & 25th), evening topics will focus on the following four items: Old Testament, New Testament, Psalms, and Gospels. We will meet in the Arthur Smith Room from 7pm-8:30pm. The series will be offered in-person or via livestreaming (details to come). Please RSVP to Amanda at ajagt@christchurchdeerpark.org. Please note we will need a minimum of 12 participants to run the series.

8. A SPIRITUAL PATH; WORSHIP OUT ON TORONTO'S TRAILS WITH THE CCDP WALKING GROUP:

Brad Lennon and Rev. Stephen will be offering an urban hike on Saturday, September 14th at 11 AM. Meet at the church, and we will go from there through David Balfour Park and the Park Drive Reservation to the Brickworks. This is an easy hike with a few gentle hills over a mix of paved and gravel trails through a forest ecosystem and the city's ravines. You'll be alongside Yellow Creek for part of the hike,



surrounded by maple and oak trees. Distance: 4 kilometres (an hour at a leisurely pace) from David Balfour Park to The Evergreen Brickworks. Bring at least 1L water, sunscreen protection, a packed lunch if you wish (although there are food concessions at the Brickworks Farmers Market Food Court) and proper footwear. A free Shuttle Bus runs every 30-45 minutes to Broadview Station. TTC service is also available via the 28 Bayview South bus to Davisville subway station. In the afternoon you can extend your hike on the Evergreen Brickworks trail system. You can also opt to join Brad Lennon for a longer hike to complete the loop back to the church via Moore Park Ravine and Mount Pleasant Cemetery. To register for this hike or to ask questions, contact Brad at blennon@sympatico.ca. He's also available at the Sunday 10:30 AM worship service to answer questions.

- 9. WELCOME HOME WORKSHOP:** September is “Welcome Home” month as we return from vacation and start our fall activities. So, it is a perfect time to reflect on what *welcome* really means! Rev. Cathy will be leading welcome home workshops on Sunday, September 15th, one after each of the three services (the workshops are identical). So please join her in the Arthur Smith Room after whichever service you attend, where you will get to know your fellow parishioners—both new and old—and reflect on *welcome* both in practice and in prayer.
- 10. SEASON OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL – DIOCESAN WORKSHOPS:** From September to December, the Diocese is offering many online workshops on a variety of topics – how to support the Church’s ministry through Scripture, how to make parishes more welcoming to those with disabilities, practical tools for prayer, small group ministry tips, how to equip parents as spiritual nurturers, among others! Times vary, and registration opens August 27. <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/season-of-spiritual-renewal/season-of-spiritual-renewal-workshops/>
- 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.
- 12. TRUTH & RECONCILIATION WORKING 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.’
- 13. CLIMATE ACTION GROUP:** The entire material universe speaks of God’s love, God’s boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God. The history of our friendship with God is always linked to particular places which take on an intensely personal meaning; we all remember places, and revisiting those memories does us much good. Anyone who has grown up in the hills or used to sit by the spring to drink, or played outdoors in the neighborhood square; going back to these places is a chance to recover something of their true selves, (Laudato Si’, 84).
- 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 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, August 21

11:00am Holy Eucharist
In person

Saturday, August 24

8-9am Community Breakfast

Sunday, August 25

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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