

# Christ Church Deer Park

September 1, 2024  
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
**Holy Eucharist**  
at 10:30 am



The flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land.



The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom.

*Song of Solomon 2:12-13*



**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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*Flower Guild* – Pat Butler, Coordinator

*Readers & Intercessors* – The Rev. Ali McIntosh

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

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*Climate Action Group* – Brad Lennon, Lead

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

*Christmas Sale* – Jayne Miles Simpson, Lead

*Spiritus* – Emily Chatten, Melissa Walter &

Supipi Weerasooriya, Editorial Team

**Prelude**     A Gaelic Blessing

J. Rutter

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

**Opening Hymn #354**

*(please stand as you are able)*

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

Come, thou fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious measure,  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
O the vast, the boundless treasure  
of my God's unchanging love.

Here I make faith's affirmation:  
thus far by thy help I've come,  
and I hope, by thy compassion,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
take my heart, O take and seal it,  
seal it for thy courts above.

Words: Robert Robinson  
Music: *A Repository of Sacred Music*, Harrisburg 1813

**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  
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.



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

## The Collect of the Day

Presider: Blessed are you, O Lord and Lover, source of beauty and depth of passion. Strengthen and inspire us to do the word we hear and live the faith we confess, through Jesus, our Saviour and Friend.

**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 Song of Solomon.

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away." *Song of Solomon 2:8-13*

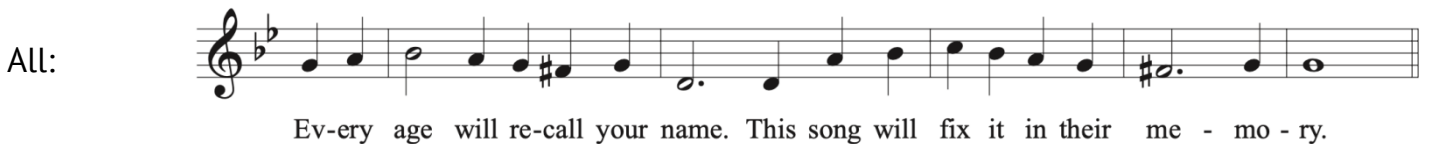
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 45

G. Black

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



Cantor: My heart is stirring with a noble song;  
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king;

my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.  
You are the fairest of all; grace flows from your lips,  
because God has blessed you for ever. *Refrain*

Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever,  
a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of your kingdom;  
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.  
Therefore God, your God has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness above your fellows. *Refrain*

All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia,  
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.  
Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court;  
on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir. *Refrain*

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## **Listening to God – Second Reading**

Reader: A Reading from the Book of James.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act - they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

*James 1:17-27*

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: The Father brought us forth by the word of truth that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

## 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.**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

*Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

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

## Homily

*(please be seated)*

## Affirmation of Faith

*(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. **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)
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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 #401 v. 1, 2, 5

My Life Flows On In Endless Song

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

My life flows on in endless song  
above earth's lamentation:  
I hear the real, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.

*Refrain:*

No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that rock I'm clinging;  
since love is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife  
I hear that music ringing;  
it sounds and echoes in my soul;  
how can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing.  
All things are mine since I am his,  
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

Word and Music: Attributed to Robert Lowry

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Presider: Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day. Give us grace to love one another that your love may be made perfect in us. 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: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

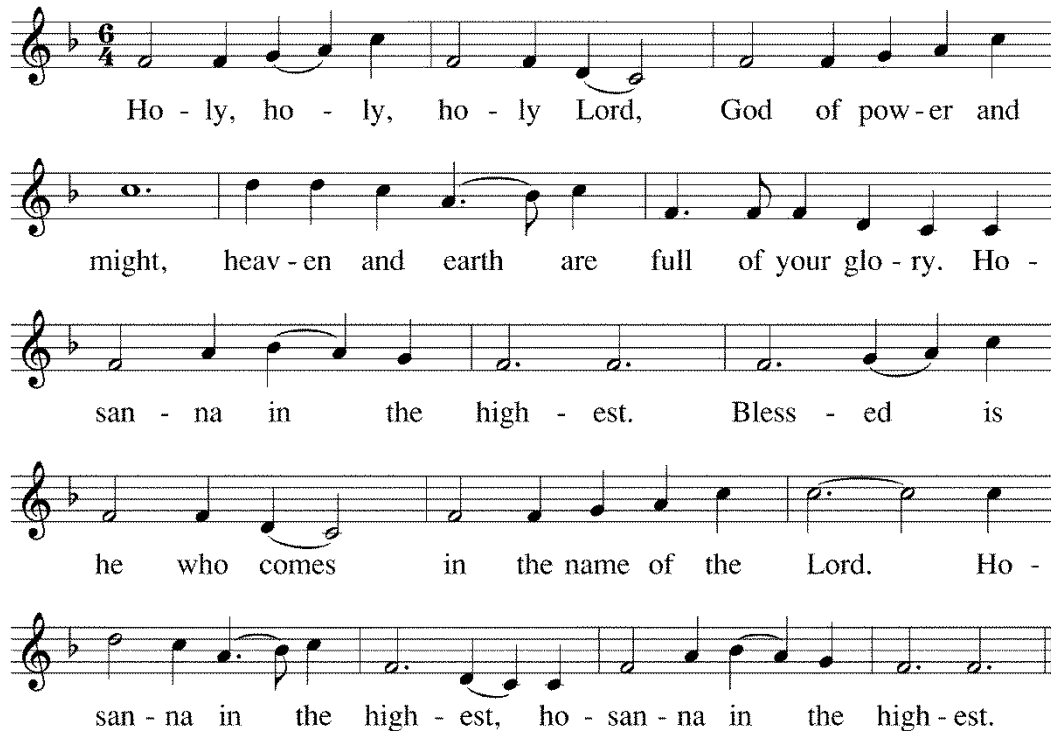
In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise 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: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

**All:** Amen.

### The Lord's Prayer

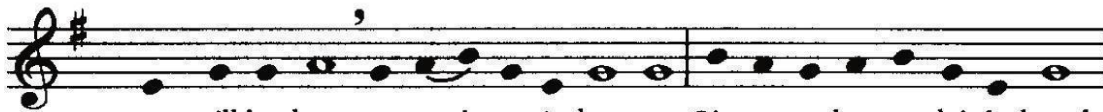
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Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

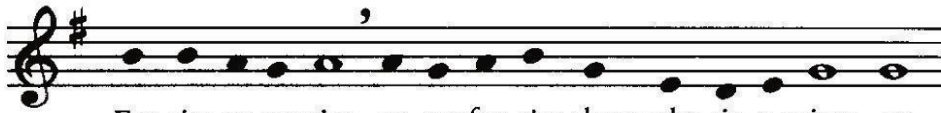
**All:**



*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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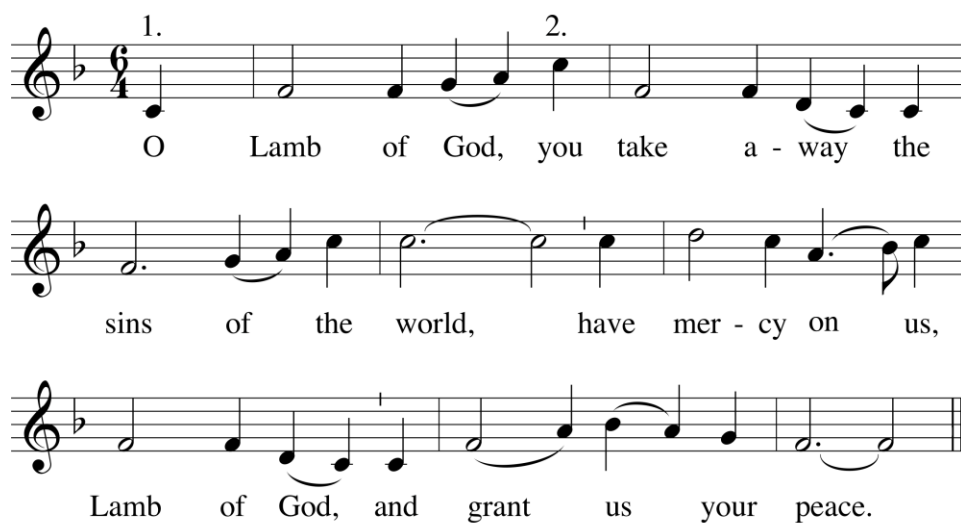
# All are welcome to receive communion with us

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



1. 2.  
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.

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## Communion Motet

Arise My Love

J. Martinson

Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.  
for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.  
Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm;  
for love is strong as death, jealousy is cruel as the grave.  
Many waters cannot quench love.  
Neither can floods drown it.  
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

- Song of Songs

## Communion Hymn #578

O Healing River

HEALING RIVER

O healing river, send down your waters,  
send down your waters upon this land.

O healing river, send down your waters,  
and wash the blood from off the sand.

This land is parching, this land is burning,  
no seed is growing in the barren ground.

O healing river, send down your waters,  
O healing river, send your waters down.

Let the seed of freedom awake and flourish.  
Let the deep roots nourish, let the tall stalks rise.

O healing river, send down your waters,  
O healing river from out of the skies.

Text and Music: Fred Hellerman and Fran Minkoff

## Closing Prayer

*(please stand as you are able)*

Presider: Almighty God, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May your holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of 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.**

## Prayer of Leave-Taking

Leader: Let us pray for Ali, who is now leaving Christ Church Deer Park.

Leader: For your many gifts and the ways you helped CCDP to grow and evolve,

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: For friendships made, celebrations enjoyed, and for moments of nurture,

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: For your insight, your guidance, your companionship, your integrity,  
and for all the sacrifices you made.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: For wounds healed, expectations met, gifts given, promises kept,

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: As you go now to establish a home in another place  
with other members of the family of Christ,

**All: Go in peace.**

Leader: As you continue the journey with new friends and new adventures,  
new gifts to give and receive,

**All: Go in peace.**

Leader: As you offer wisdom and experience, competence and compassion,  
in the vocation to which you are called,

**All: Go in peace.**

Leader: May your life be a full of goodwill, love, service, and joy.

With our faith in you, our hope for you, and our love of you,

**All: Go in peace.**

Leader: May God bless the path you take. May God bless your future labours with success.  
May God bless your body with health and your soul with joy. May God watch over  
you and shield you from harm. May all your prayers be answered.

**All: Amen.**

### **Sung Blessing**

J. Rutter

Choir: The Lord bless you and keep you:

The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

-Numbers 6:24-26

### **Announcements**

## Closing Hymn

### O God, Beyond All Praising

THAXTED



1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day  
2. The flow'r of earth - ly splen-dor in time must sure - ly die,  
3. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



And sing the love a - maz-ing that songs can - not re - pay;  
Its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high;  
That we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



For we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,  
But hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown,  
And wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



At bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end.  
Though small in mor - tal stat - ure to heav - en's gar - den grown.  
We'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still,



We lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word;  
For Christ, the man from heav - en, from death has set us free,  
To mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



We hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.  
And we through him are giv - en the fin - al vic - to - ry!  
And make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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Tune: THAXTED, 13 13 13 13 13 13; Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

## Dismissal

*(please stand as you are able)*

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude Toccata in Seven

J. Rutter



*Please join us upstairs in Elliott Hall for a reception  
and presentation of a gift to Ali.*

***Flowers***

The flowers in the church today are given to the glory of God and in celebration and thanksgiving for Rev. Ali McIntosh's ministry at CCDP.

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

Presider:  
Cathy Gibbs

Preacher:  
Ali McIntosh

Music Director & Organist:  
Stefani Bedin

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Tonatiuh Abrego, Peter Warren

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Hunter Simpson

Prayers:  
Paul Kingston

Warden on Duty:  
Paul Kingston

Sidesperson:  
Angelito Pena

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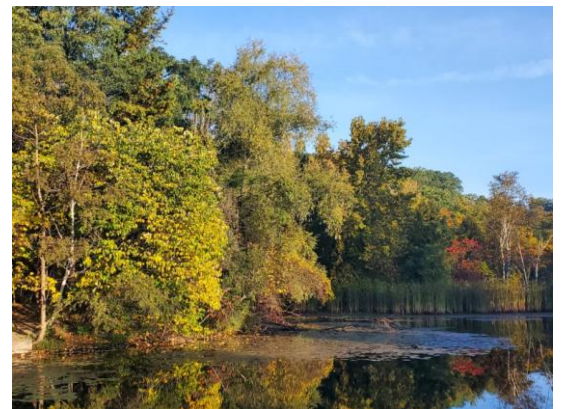
Flower Arrangement:  
Mary van Straubenzee

Verger:  
Rikk Scapillato

## ----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](mailto: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, with her first Sunday at St. George being September 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 is today, September 1<sup>st</sup>. Please stay after the 10:30am service 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](mailto:donations@christchurchdeerpark.org); to give by credit card, please contact Elisabeth at [bookkeeper@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto: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. **UPDATED FROM THE PARISH SELECTION COMMITTEE:** Christ Church's Parish Selection Committee is pleased to bring you the following updates. Since the beginning of August, there have been notices on the Christ Church Deer Park website and on the Toronto Diocesan "Clergy in Motion" site advertising our need for a new incumbent, with links to our Parish Profile, "Dear Future Rector". Thanks to the work of committee member Jan D'Angelo over the summer, we are casting a fairly wide net: there is an advertisement in the *Episcopal News Service* (US) which has been live for a couple of weeks. In addition, advertisements will be posted in the US and UK at the beginning of September in the *Living Church* and *Church Times* magazines. Applications are received by Bishop Andrew. In the meantime, we wait and pray!
4. **STAFF VACATIONS:**
  - a) Clergy: Stephen is on vacation August 14-September 2.
5. **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! Note: Jayne, who is the organizer, is looking for people to bring SALADS, and also to help before the 10:30 service (so, at 9:45am) and afterwards.

6. **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 lots of things for sale!
- a) The LAST intake day is September 7<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2pm 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. Also, save your newspapers and drop them at the church office – we'll use them to wrap dishware and glass at the sale.
  - b) Our Youth Bake Sale will be very grateful for baked goods delivered to the church between Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Please package/wrap all backed goods for the sale (cookies in portions of 6 or 1 dozen; brownies, Nanaimo bars, coconut bars, etc., will be sold as multiples, so please don't wrap individually; rice krispie squares are a big seller!) IF you have nuts in your baking, please label them "CONTAINS NUTS".
  - c) We are looking for volunteers for each Wednesday from 11am-2pm, as well as each Saturday from 11am-2pm leading up to September 14<sup>th</sup>. No need to let us know, just pop on over to the church – enter through the Atrium and ask where the team is (we're in the Rummage Room downstairs).
7. **JAZZ VESPERS** has some exciting news to share: this year we will be going back to having *two* Jazz Vespers per month. This month the dates are Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. This service includes a reading, prayers, a short reflection, and of course lots of jazz music! It starts at 4:30pm and runs for about 1.5 hours. All are welcome! For more information about musicians, and for all the dates for the coming year, please see our website.
8. **READING THE BIBLE:** As we have not had enough registrations, this series will be postponed until further notice.
9. **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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:blennon@sympatico.ca). He's also available at the Sunday 10:30 AM worship service to answer questions.

- 10. 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.
- 11. 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/>
- 12. CHURCH ON TAP** returns on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. This inclusive, creative Eucharist service has been a part of our community for 10 years! Please join us for worship and stick around after for fellowship and beer.
- 13. CONGREGATIONAL CARE DRIVERS NEEDED:** We are very much in need of more drivers we can add to our list, who upon occasion, can assist with providing a ride to church for fellow parishioners. This does not have to be an every week commitment; any commitment would be very helpful! Please contact Ann Atkins at [communitycare@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:communitycare@christchurchdeerpark.org)
- 14. THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE:** Jesus said, ‘I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat.’ (Matt. 25:35) Taking this to heart, CCDP has for years supported and sponsored the Churches-on-the-Hill FoodBank. This year is no different! We are collecting food items for our neighbours who are facing food insecurity. Please place your donations in the shopping cart at the back of the sanctuary – donations will be accepted through Thanksgiving Sunday (Oct. 13). Items most needed are peanut butter, pasta, canned fruit, canned soup, rice, oatmeal, canned stews/chilis, beans, pasta sauce, canned fish, 100% fruit juices, canned vegetables, baby food, and baby formula.

- 15. 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).
- 16. TRUTH & RECONCILIATION WORKING GROUP:** On July 25th, the Senate released a report called Missing Records, Missing Children. This report follows an investigation into the difficulties with accessing residential school records. These records are held in many different places (including federal and provincial government agencies and church organizations) and can often be missing, incomplete, difficult to access, and disorganized or poorly indexed. The report made 11 recommendations, including that the Government of Canada provide further funding to organizations like the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR) so they can improve access and quality of the records; that the Government work to remove legal barriers to Indigenous access to the records; and that the Government compel Catholic entities to release their residential school records to the NCTR. The report can be read at the Senate website: <https://sencanada.ca/en/info-page/parl-44-1/appa-access-residential-school-records>
- 17. CLIMATE ACTION GROUP:** What Is Climate Justice? Floods, droughts and the spread of diseases will impact the Global South predominantly. However, the emissions that cause climate chaos come mostly from high-income countries. The disparity between the rich who generated the emissions and the poor who bear the impact is unjust. Climate justice is when the emitters reduce their emissions and support others to adequately deal with the impacts. (Proposal on Divestment to the UCC Pension Board from Trinity-St. Paul's Church.)
- 18. 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, September 4**

11:00am Holy Eucharist

*In person*

**Saturday, September 7**

8-9am Community Breakfast

11am-2pm Rummage Intake

*Atrium Entrance*

**Sunday, September 8**

8:00am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

*In person*

9:15am Contemporary Worship

*In person*

10:30am Holy Eucharist (BAS)

*In person & Livestreamed*

*Followed by the Parish BBQ!*



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