

Christ Church Deer Park

September 22, 2024
Welcome Home Month
Holy Eucharist
at 10:30 am



“Come; for everything
is ready now.”



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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September is "Welcome Home Month" at CCDP. So, in an effort to reacquaint ourselves with one another after the summer, and to get to know one another better, we have nametags at both entrances. Please consider wearing one during the service and at coffee hour!

Prelude Voluntary in D, Op. 6, No. 5

J. Stanley

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

Opening Hymn #447

(please stand as you are able)

Lord, We Hear Your Word With Gladness

BLAENWERN

Lord, we hear your Word with gladness:
you have spoken—we rejoice:
words of love and life and freedom—
help us make their truth our choice!
Now in holy celebration
for your Word we worship you;
spoken, written, known in Jesus,
Ours today to prove anew.

May we hear with understanding,
by your Spirit taught and led;
may the springs of all our being
by your Living Word be fed;
may our hearts accept with meekness
all the grace your light makes known;
may obedience mark our footsteps
till we make each word our own!

You have spoken—yours the fulness,
ours the wealth of this your Word:
debtors, then, as living letters
we must make our Gospel heard!
By your Spirit's power transform us;
shed your saving Light abroad
till our lives by love in action
show our world the truth of God!

Text: Margaret Clarkson ©1987 Hope Publishing
Music: William Rowlands

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

Mass of St. Thomas

David Thorne

All

Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the high - est.
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
 Lord, God, Heav'n-ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we
 give you thanks, we_ praise you for your glo - ry. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God,
 Glo-ry to God in the high - est. 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 sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.
 Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the high - est.
 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 Spi-rit in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.

Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the high - est.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

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

All: Our hearts and minds are open.

Listening to God – Lesson Reading

(please be seated)

Reader: A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Isaiah 25:1-9

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

All: Thanks be to God.

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

All:  Musical notation for the refrain: Re-mem-ber me, O Lord, with the fa-vour you have for your peo-ple. The notation is in 4/4 time, G major, and consists of a single line of music with lyrics underneath.

Re - mem-ber me, O Lord, with the fa-vour you have for your peo-ple.

Choir: Hallelujah! Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his mercy endures for ever.
Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord
or show forth all his praise?
Happy are those who act with justice
and always do what is right! *Refrain*

Remember me, O Lord, with the favour you have for your people,
and visit me with your saving help;
That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people,
that I may glory with your inheritance. *Refrain*

We have sinned as our forebears did;
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.
Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb and worshipped a molten image;
And so they exchanged their Glory
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass. *Refrain*

They forgot God their saviour,
who had done great things in Egypt,
Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham,
and fearful things at the Red Sea.
So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach,
to turn away his wrath from consuming them. *Refrain*

Gospel Acclamation #714

(please stand as you are able)

Alleluia

Taizé

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

Refrain:

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Music: Alleluia 7; Jacques Berthier, © 1984, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

Cantor: Watch and be ready,
for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

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 Luke.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, 'Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!' Then Jesus said to him, 'Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, "Come; for everything is ready now." But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, "I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my apologies." Another said, "I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my apologies." Another said, "I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come." So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, "Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame." And the slave said, "Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room." Then the master said to the slave, "Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner."

Luke 14:15-24

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

(please be seated)

Music for Reflection #78 v. 1

Deck Yourself, My Soul, With Gladness

SCHMÜCKE DICH

Cantor: *Deck yourself, my soul, with gladness;
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness.
Come into the daylight's splendour,
there with joy your praises render
to the Lord whose grace unbounded
has this royal banquet founded;
though all other powers excelling,
with my soul he makes his dwelling.*

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.

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
- 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.

Offertory Hymn #533

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH

Jesu, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high:
hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah, leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenceless head
with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want;
more than all in thee I find;
raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name,
I am all unrighteousness;
false and full of sin I am,
thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound,
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art:
freely let me take of thee,
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.

Text: Charles Wesley
Music: Joseph Parry

Prayer over the Gifts

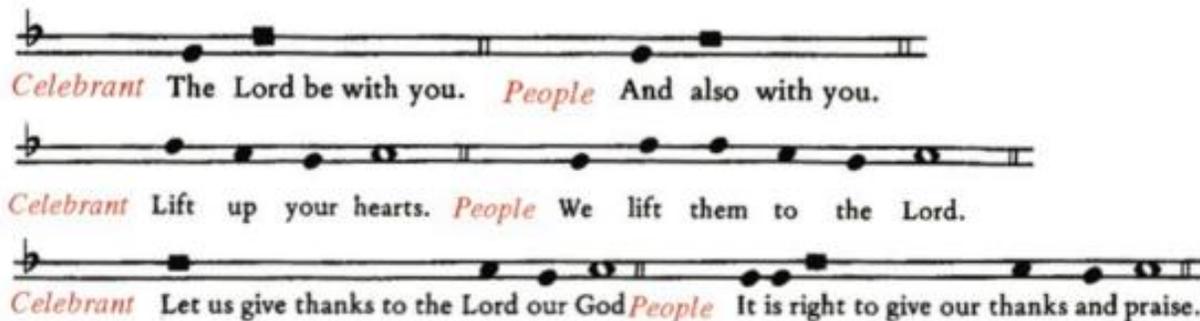
Presider: God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Celebrating the Eucharist

(please remain standing)

The Great Thanksgiving



Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God *People* 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.

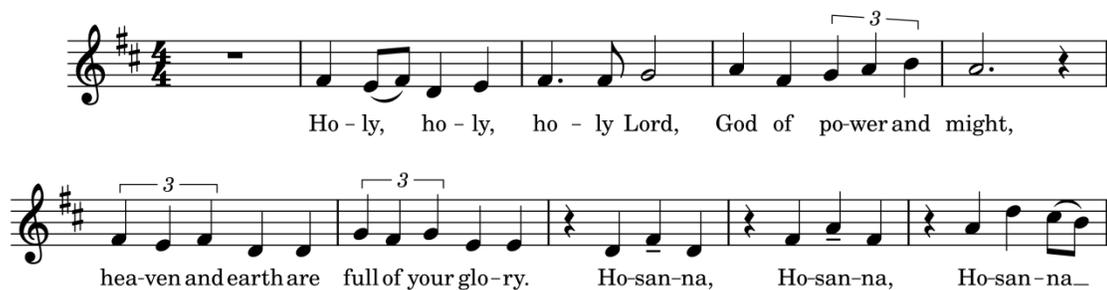
In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

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.

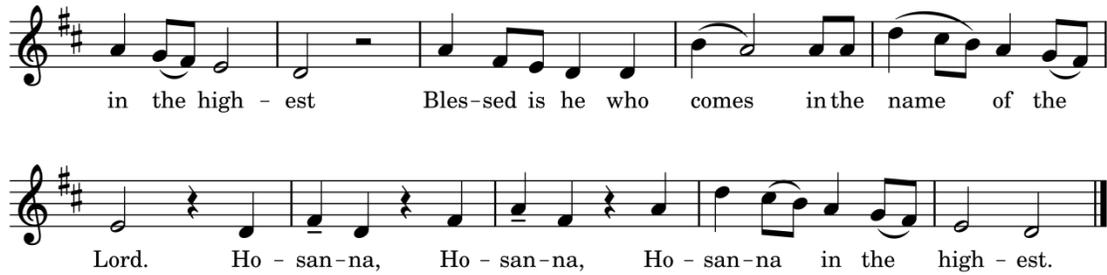
Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus & Benedictus Mass of St. Thomas

David Thorne



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might,
hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na_



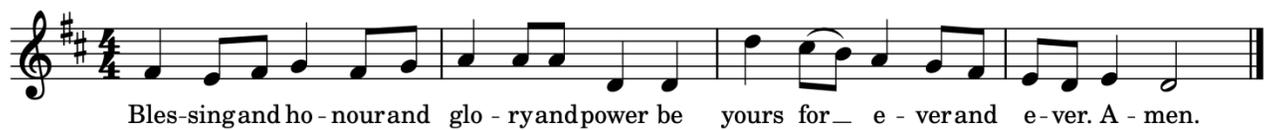
in the high - est Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na in the high - est.

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 Music: © 1995, David Thorne

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: 

Bles-sing and ho - nour and glo - ry and power be yours for e - ver and e - ver. A - men.

The Lord's Prayer from *In Terra Pax* (1944) Frank Martin

In honour of the United Nations' International Day of Peace, observed on September 21, choirs around the world have been invited to sing this setting of the Lord's Prayer this weekend, as a sign of solidarity for peace.

Choir: Our father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

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.**

(please be seated)

Agnus Dei Communion Service in E

H. Darke

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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.

Communion Motet

Come, Let's Rejoice

J. Amner

Come let's rejoice unto the Lord: let us make joy to God our Saviour.

Let us approach to his presence in confession: and in psalms let us make joy to him.

Alleluia.

-Psalm 95

Communion Hymn #78 v. 2, 3, 4

Deck Yourself, My Soul, With Gladness

SCHMÜCKE DICH

Lord, I bow before you lowly,
filled with joy most deep and holy,
as with trembling awe and wonder
all your mighty works I ponder—
how, by mystery surrounded,
depth no one has ever sounded,

none may dare to pierce unbidden
secrets that in you are hidden.

Shining Sun, my life you brighten;
Radiance, you my soul enlighten.
Joy, the best of all our knowing,
Fountain, swiftly in me flowing:
at your feet I kneel, my Maker –
let me be a fit partaker
of this sacred food from heaven,
for our good, your glory, given.

Jesus, bread of life, I pray you,
let me gladly here obey you;
never to my hurt invited,
always by your love delighted:
from this banquet let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;
through the gifts your hands have given,
let me be your guest in heaven.

Text: Johann Franck; tr. Catherine Winkworth
Music: Johann Crüger

Panis Angelicus

César Franck

Today is our tenor lead, Tonatiuh Abrego's last Sunday at CCDP. Tonatiuh offers this solo as a farewell gift to the community.

*Panis angelicus
fit panis hominum;
dat panis caelicus
figuris terminum;
O res mirabilis:
manducat Dominum
pauper, servus et humilis.*

-St. Thomas Aquinas

Thus Angels' Bread is made
the Bread of man today:
the Living Bread from heaven
with figures dost away:
O wondrous gift indeed!
the poor and lowly may
upon their Lord and Master feed.

-English translation by John Chambers

Closing Prayer

(please stand as you are able)

Presider: Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Presider: Glory to God,
**All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:
Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for
ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Presider: Eternal God, we rejoice in your greatness and power, your gentleness and love, your mercy and justice. Enable us by your Spirit to honour you in our thoughts, and words and actions, and to serve you in every aspect of our lives; and may God our Creator bless you and keep you all of your days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

Closing Hymn #379

Rejoice, the Lord is King

DARWALL

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing
and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,

and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus, the Judge, shall come
and take his servants up
to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear th'archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

Text: Charles Wesley
Music: John Darwall

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

Ballo del Gran Duca

J.P. Sweelinck

Please join us after the service for coffee hour in Elliott Hall.

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Sandra Geddes

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Su Laine Varkey

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Andrew Harding

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James Finnerty

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Rikk Scapillato

----ANNOUNCEMENTS----

- 1. FUNERAL FOR MARY GOODWIN:** We are sad to share the news that Mary passed away on September 16th. A visitation will be held to honour Mary's life on Tuesday, September 24th from 4-7pm at the Morley Bedford Funeral Home, 159 Eglinton Ave. W. (2 stop lights west of Yonge St.) and the next day a family service will be held at Christ Church Deer Park at 1 p.m.
- 2. THE DAILY OFFICE AND PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH:** On Thursday mornings at 10am in the chapel, we will offer a simple 30-minute service of scripture and prayer focusing on praying for our parish, the selection committee, and parishioners who have requested prayers.
- 3. TRINITY COLLEGE STUDENT:** We welcome Bianca Mathews as our Trinity College Student for the next few months. She is doing her first placement here and we are delighted!
- 4. JAZZ VESPERS** has some exciting news to share: this year we will be going back to having *two* Jazz Vespers per month. Our next service this month is TODAY at 4:30pm. This service includes a reading, prayers, a short reflection, and of course lots of jazz music! All are welcome! For more information about musicians, and for all the dates for the coming year, please see our website.
- 5. CHURCH ON TAP** returns on Friday, September 27th 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.
- 6. 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.
- 7. CARE OF CREATION:** October has been designated as the month we explore our role in caring for God's gift of the Earth to us. As part of this, we are conducting a course based on Katharine Hayhoe's book *Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World*. Dates: October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Time: 7:15-8:30pm Place: on ZOOM (a link will be sent closer to the date). To sign up, email Rev. Cathy at cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org Hope to see you there! **(P.S. If you have purchased one of Katharine Hayhoe's books for the Creation Care course but have not registered with your email address, please email Rev. Cathy so she can send you a link for the course.)**

- 8. BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS:** It's that time of year to celebrate and give thanks for all creatures great and small. Please join us on the west lawn on Saturday, October 5 at 5pm for a joyful service in which we will bless our animal companions. Dogs, cats, chickens, rabbits, lizards ... all are welcome! (Please ensure your pets are either in a carrier or on a lead; and, if your pet doesn't travel well, you are welcome to bring a picture of them to be blessed.) Invite your friends and neighbours!
- 9. GUEST PREACHER – DR. BRIAN WALSH:** On Sunday, October 6th we will start the Season of Creation by welcoming Dr. Brian Walsh as our guest preacher at all three morning services. Brian is an author, theologian, activist and farmer. He served for almost 25 years as a Christian Reformed campus minister to the University of Toronto, where he founded the Wine Before Breakfast community. He is also co-curator of the website Empire Remixed. Brian has written and co-written numerous books, including *Romans Disarmed: Resisting Empire, Demanding Justice*; *Beyond Homelessness: Christian Faith in a Culture of Displacement*; and, *Truth is Stranger Than It Used To Be: Biblical Faith in a Postmodern Age*.
- 10. 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
- 11. AUDIO VISUAL ASSISTANTS:** We are looking for people with some technical ability to help us on Sunday mornings at the 10:30 service with the microphones and livestreaming. This could be an excellent opportunity for high school students looking to complete their community service hours. Please email Amanda at ajagt@christchurchdeerpark.org with your interest.
- 12. NOTE ABOUT SPAM EMAILS:** Some of you may have received emails from the clergy or staff at CCDP that felt a little fishy. Spam emails are something we all deal with in this digital age, so please be sure to check that the sender's email address is indeed correct, to help verify if the email is real or is spam. The official email addresses for staff are listed on the inside cover of this bulletin or can be found on our website.
- 13. CHURCH SIGN:** Thank you to everyone who so generously donated towards our new church sign! As you may have seen, it is newly installed! We are still working on getting training on the software side of things so the images and text can be easily changed and updated, but that will happen soon. It is wonderful to have one dynamic way of communicating with our neighbours about all the wonderful things happening at CCDP, so thank you again for your donations!

- 14. SHARE WARMTH THIS FALL:** Our Community Breakfast program doesn't just feed people: we pass out seasonal essentials such as clothing and boots. This fall, we are in need of the following: new winter socks; gently used men's and women's sweaters, hoodies, winter coats, shoes, boots, slippers, gloves, hats, and scarves. Please bring your donations on a Sunday or throughout the week and drop them off in the bin in the Atrium. Our guests are very appreciative - thank you!
- 15. URBAN HIKE – SAVE THE DATE:** Saturday, October 19th at 10am (meeting at the church). Led by Rev. Stephen and Brad Lennon. More details to come!
- 16. 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.
- 17. TRUTH & RECONCILIATION WORKING GROUP:** September 30 marks the 4th official National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a day to acknowledge the lasting harms of the residential school system and of Canada's treatment of Indigenous people more broadly. Many schools, universities, and public organizations will be marking the day with special commemorative events or activities. What are your workplace, family, friend group, or other communities doing to observe the day? Some options include reading or watching Indigenous content about residential schools (try the NFB's [list of films](#) on residential schools, or the [book list](#) compiled by David A. Robertson), attending a public event, buying and wearing an orange shirt made by an Indigenous artist/company, or donating to organizations such as the [Indian Residential School Survivors Society](#) or the [Anglican Healing Fund](#).
- 18. CLIMATE ACTION GROUP:** Almost 34 million people in 65 major US cities, or 15% of the country's population, are experiencing temperatures that are 8F higher than their surrounding areas, according to a new analysis from Climate Central, a non-profit research group. That is largely due to built environments like parking lots and asphalt sidewalks, and a lack of trees, that contribute to what's known as the urban heat island effect.
- 19. 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, September 25

11:00am Holy Eucharist

In person

Thursday, September 26

10:00am Daily Office

In person

Saturday, September 28

8-9am Community Breakfast

Sunday, September 29

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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