

# Christ Church Deer Park

November 24, 2024  
The Last Sunday after Pentecost:  
The Reign of Christ  
**Holy Eucharist**  
**at 10:30 am**



**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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*Readers & Intercessors* – The Rev. Ali McIntosh  
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*"Yea, the darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day: the darkness and light to Thee are both alike."  
-Psalm 139, v. 11*

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

**Opening Hymn #381** *(please stand as you are able)*

Praise, my Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing.  
alleluia, alleluia,  
praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour  
to our forebears in distress:  
praise him, still the same forever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless;  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
glorious in his faithfulness.

Fatherlike he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows.  
In his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;  
you behold him face to face.  
sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
praise with us the God of grace.

Text: Psalm 103, para. H. Lyte, alt.  
Music: J. Goss

# 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

D. 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: Holy God, on this day when we celebrate the name of our church, Christ Church Deer Park, we celebrate you who are, who were, and who are to come, and before whose judgement all that is not love fades away: save us from the violence that seeks to claim our hearts, so that we may hear a different voice and belong to you in truth; through Jesus Christ, the wounded king of all.

**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 – The Lesson

*(please be seated)*

Reader: A reading from the Book of Revelation.


Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

*Revelation 1:4b-8*

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: 

Let us go to God's house, let us wor-ship at God's throne.

Cantor: O God, remember David,  
and all the hardships he endured;  
How he swore an oath to you,  
a vow to the mighty One of Jacob;  
"I will not come under the roof of my house,  
nor climb up into my bed;  
I will not allow my eyes to sleep,  
nor let me eyelids slumber;  
Until I find you a resting place,  
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob." *Refrain*

"The ark! We heard is was in Ephratah;  
we found it in the fields of Jearim.  
Let us go to your dwelling place, O God;  
let us fall upon our knees before your footstool."  
Arise, O God, into your resting-place,  
you and the ark of your strength.  
Let your priests be clothed with righteousness;  
let your faithful people sing with joy. *Refrain*

For your servant David's sake,  
do not turn away from the face of your anointed.  
The Most High has sworn an oath to David  
in faithfulness, and will not break it;  
"A son, the fruit of your body  
will I set upon your throne.  
If your children keep my covenant  
and my testimonies that I shall teach them,  
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore. *Refrain*

**Sequence Hymn #378 v. 1, 2**

*(please stand as you are able)*

Crown Him With Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne:  
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,  
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Text: Matthew Bridges and Godfrey Thring  
Music: George Elvey

**The Gospel**

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.' *John 18:33-37*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Sequence Hymn #378 v. 3, 4**

*(please stand as you are able)*

Crown Him With Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a sceptre sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet  
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Text: Matthew Bridges and Godfrey Thring  
Music: George Elvey

## Homily

## Music for Reflection

## The Apostles' Creed

*(please stand as you are able)*

Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

*(please stand, kneel, or sit as you are able)*

Leader: For the Church universal, of which these buildings are a visible symbol,

**All: We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For your presence whenever two or three have gathered in your name,

**All: We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For this place where we may be still and know that you are God,

**All: We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,

**All: We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For our past and a vision of the future that lies ahead,

**All: We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For the gift of the Holy Spirit and new life in baptism,

**All: We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For the pardon of our sins when we have fallen short of your glory,

**All: We thank you, Lord.**



Leader: For the holy eucharist in which we have a foretaste of your eternal kingdom,

**All: We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness,

**All: We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For the faith of those who have gone before us and for our encouragement by their perseverance,

**All: We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For all the benefactors of this place who have died in the peace of Christ and are at rest,

**All: We thank you, Lord. Amen.**

### **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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We are thankful for all your gifts as they sustain the life and work of this parish.

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## Offertory Hymn #383

Jesus Shall Reign

DUKE STREET

Jesus shall reign where e'er the sun  
doth its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song;

and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where e'er he reigns:  
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring  
peculiar honours to our King;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

### Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Eternal God, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms. Receive all we offer you this day, and lead us in those good works for which you have created us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: **Amen.**

### Celebrating the Eucharist

*(please remain standing)*

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: May God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to God.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

All: **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord. You exalted him as Lord of all creation that he might present to you an eternal and universal kingdom: a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace. Therefore at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow as heaven and earth proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus & Benedictus Mass of St. Thomas

David Thorne



heaven and earth are full of your glory. 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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Presider: Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Presider: Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

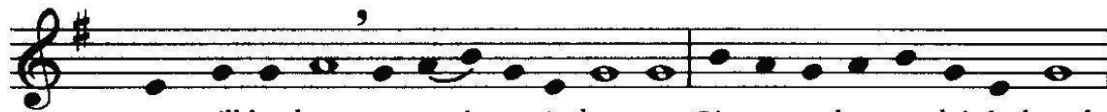
A - men! A - men! A - men!

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

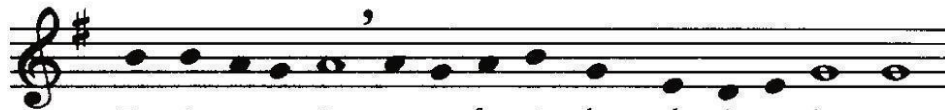
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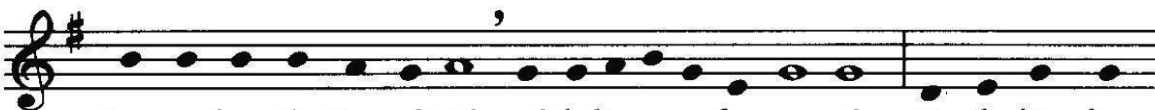
All Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come,



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: "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

All: **Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!**

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*(please be seated)*

**Agnus Dei** The Office of Holy Communion: "Collegium Regale"

Herbert Howells

Choir: 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.

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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. (Please note the dipping of bread into the wine is no longer permitted in the Anglican Diocese of Toronto.)
  - **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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## Communion Motet

O Thou, the Central Orb

Charles Wood

O Thou, the central orb of righteous love,  
Pure beam of the most high,  
Eternal light of this our wintry world,  
Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith,  
Hope soars above, above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,  
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.  
Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,  
As stars about thy throne, set in the height  
of God's ordaining counsel,  
As thy sight gives measured grace to each,  
Thy power to prove.

Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,  
Our nature all shall feel eternal day,  
In fellowship with Thee,  
Transforming day to souls erewhile unclean,  
now pure within, now pure within. Amen.   -text adapt. H.R. Bramley

## Prayer after Communion

*(please stand as you are able)*

Presider: Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Make known his victory through us, we pray, that all the world may see his light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## Closing Prayer & Blessing

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.**

Presider: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge of love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

## Announcements

## Stewardship Testimonial

## Closing Hymn #114

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,  
once for favoured sinners slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train:  
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!  
God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him,  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
all who set at nought and sold him,  
pierced, and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply grieving,  
shall the true Messiah see.

Now redemption, long expected,  
see in solemn pomp appear;  
all his saints, on earth rejected,  
thrill the triumph sound to hear:  
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!  
See the day of God appear!

Yea, amen, let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory;  
claim the kingdom for thine own:  
O come quickly! O come quickly! O come quickly!  
Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come!

Text: John Cennick  
Music: Thomas Olivers

**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**

Postlude on "Helmsley"

James Vivian

*Please join us in Elliott Hall for Coffee Hour.*

***Memorial Flowers***

The flowers in the church this week are given to the glory of God:

by William Jackson and Genevieve Chornenki,  
in loving memory of Joan Carr and Ann Kear;

by Sarah, in loving memory of her parents, Dr. & Mrs. G.G.T.,  
on the 102nd and 95th year anniversaries of their November births;  
and for her brother and his wife, F. & V. T



***Assisting with the Liturgy***

Presider:  
Cathy Gibbs

Preacher:  
Stephen Drakeford

Director of Music:  
Stefani Bedin

Section Leads:  
Sonya Harper Nyby, Julia Barber  
Peter Warren, Lucas Kuipers

Trumpeters:  
Maslin Blundell, Matisse Blundell

Crucifer:  
Bianca Mathews

Reader:  
Elsa Jones

Prayers:  
Ruwani de Fonseka

Warden on Duty:  
Stephen Clark

Sidesperson:  
Brad Lennon

Livestream Technician:  
James Harding MacDonald

Flower Arrangement:  
Nina Overbury

Verger:  
Rikk Scapillato

## -----ANNOUNCEMENTS-----

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANK YOU FROM ELIZABETH JOY:** Christ Church Deer Park – How can I begin to thank you all for your wonderful expression of love and encouragement since my accident. I have been overwhelmed with flowers, cards, notes, and well-wishes from the congregation. And then yesterday [Sunday, Nov. 17] to arrange the lovely coffee hour and beautiful cake and the chance to see the many friends that I have missed. That was very special and most appreciated. Again, thank you! Knowing that your friends are behind you makes such a difference as you face your recovery. May God bless all of you. Sincerely, Elizabeth

**POSTAL STRIKE:** The postal strike came just as we were preparing to mail our stewardship letters! So, for the time being, please pick up your envelope from the baskets which will be in Elliott Hall each Sunday morning.

### WORSHIP

**ADVENT BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY!** Join us on December 1<sup>st</sup> as we enter the holy season of Advent, preparing our hearts and minds for the arrival of Christ.

**THE FINAL TWO JAZZ VESPERS OF THIS YEAR** are November 24<sup>th</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm. The service on November 24<sup>th</sup> will feature the music from *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, and the service on December 15<sup>th</sup> will feature the Brian Barlow Big Band playing Duke Ellington's *Nutcracker*. For more details, please visit our website.

**CHURCH ON TAP + DINNER** this month is Friday, November 29 at 6:30pm! It's also the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Church on Tap, so join us for a celebration! We'll have a worship service followed by dinner (a pizza party!) followed by karaoke!

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES:** Mark your calendars now!

Church on Tap: The Coldest Night of the Year (Dec 20 @ 6:30pm)

Christmas Eve Services: 4pm (Family Service); 7pm (Jazzy Christmas); 9pm (Traditional), *with 8:30pm Carol Sing with choir & Organ preludes*

Christmas Day Service: 10am (BCP Holy Eucharist)

### PASTORAL

**OFFICE HOURS:** Rev. Stephen's office hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10am-2pm. Please feel free to stop by or make an appointment with him.

**COFFEE HOUR CONVERSATION WITH THE CLERGY:** One of the things that has come to the attention of the clergy on Sunday mornings is the tight turnaround between services leaving little time for us to mingle over coffee and speak with each other. We have decided to do this: at any given coffee hour one of the clergy will remain to meet and greet while the other begins the next service. The cleric who has remained at coffee hour will join the next service when they have finished their coffee conversation (they're not late! Just doing pastoral work.)

**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).

**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)

**MEMORIAL FLOWER COMMITTEE NOTICE:** After decades of creating fresh flower arrangements for our Memorial Flower requests we are putting this project on hold until such time that we have sufficient volunteers to continue this service that beautifies the chancel and honours loved ones at the same time. Until recently our Committee has been operating with a tiny number of dedicated members, but like life, it's aging. However, we will continue through to the New Year. Pat Butler will be the contact for any interested volunteers in the future and I will be retiring from my post.

Nina Overbury, Chair

Pat Butler, Coordinator

Monica Peel

Mary van Straubenzee, our longest serving member

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**SILENCE IS GOD'S FIRST LANGUAGE (JOHN OF THE CROSS):** Advent is a time gifted to us when we can connect with God as we anticipate the birth of his son, Jesus. It is sometimes considered a period of darkness or silence before the light. However, there is light in the darkness. We are going to explore the hope we experience in the darkness using Barbara Brown Taylor's book *Learning to Walk in the Dark*. You can purchase your book now from Reverend Cathy for \$20 (only 20 copies available).

Dates: Tuesdays of November 26, December 3, 10 & 17

Time: 7:15pm-8:30pm

Place: Zoom

To Register: please send an email to [cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org)

**ADVENT POETRY READING:** Advent and Christmas come around each year, so the question often is: how do we engage in a new way with a two-thousand-year-old story that is so well-known? How do we imagine the Incarnation in the twenty-first century? Well, W.H. Auden pondered these questions in his long poem *For the Time Being*, an attempt to see Christmas as both a moment in the history of the Roman Empire and Judaism and as an ever-new and always contemporary event for those of faith. Join us as we read together this poem over four evenings in Advent. You can purchase the book from Rev. Stephen for \$25 (only 20 copies available).

Dates: Wednesdays of November 27, December 4, 11 & 18

Time: 7:00-8:30pm

Place: In person in the sanctuary

To RSVP: please email Rev. Stephen as [sdrakeford@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:sdrakeford@christchurchdeerpark.org)

All welcome!

## **COMMUNITY BUILDING**

**9:15AM POTLUCK & ADVENT WREATHS:** Join us after the 9:15am service on December 1<sup>st</sup> for a brunch potluck. Please bring a salad or sweet, if you are able. We will also be making Advent Wreaths following brunch. Please let Debbie W. know if you would like to order a wreath kit (approximate cost \$15-\$20).

**RETREATS: 10:30am Service:** Deferred until January!

### **CCDP WALKING GROUP – CELEBRATING CHRIST’S REIGN ON A SPIRITUAL WALK:**

Stephen Drakeford and Brad Lennon will lead an 8 km urban hike on the day just before Advent begins, Saturday, November 30. Beginning from the church office doors at 10 a.m., our group will travel by streetcar to the St. Clair West subway station. Walking from there through the Cedarvale Ravine, we will (at 2.5 km) pass by the Eglinton West station, a drop-out point for those who might wish to return earlier than the rest of the walkers. We shall walk north from Eglinton to follow the Kay Gardner Beltline Trail. There will be another drop-out point 2.5 km later as we again cross Eglinton to head east back to Yonge Street, then South through Mount Pleasant Cemetery to the church. We can lunch together at one of the restaurants in the Yonge/St. Clair neighbourhood, but bring along on the walk something to drink. In keeping with our liturgical season, we will walk at a leisurely pace to observe Christ’s Reign surrounding us. We will be journeying on mostly flat, well-maintained trails with hard-packed surfaces.



**BRIDGE GROUP:** Tuesdays from 1-3pm in the Arthur Smith Room. All are welcome to join us for a game of bridge!

**VOCA CHORUS CONCERT:** One of our own parishioners, Ruwani, sings with VOCA Chorus, and as such we are all cordially invited to their December concert, which will feature selections by Joni Mitchell, Sarah Quartel, Ola Gjeilo, and many others. Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at Eastminster United Church. General admission is \$30 (students are \$15). For full details and tickets, please visit [www.vocachorus.ca](http://www.vocachorus.ca)

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**CLIMATE ACTION GROUP:** Canada experienced by far its worst wildfire season on record in 2023. Climate change more than doubled the likelihood of the extreme "fire weather" conditions in eastern Canada in May and June 2023, which helped fires to spread. (World Weather Attribution) Rising temperatures may also increase the likelihood of lightning in the world's northernmost forests, triggering fires. The combined effects of shifting land use and climate change mean extreme wildfires are projected to become more frequent and intense in future globally, according to the UN Environment Programme (UNEP). The number of the most extreme fires may rise by up to 50% by 2100.

**TRUTH & RECONCILIATION WORKING GROUP:** We are looking for new participants for this group. Please email Cathy if you are interested, have suggestions, or have questions: [cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org)

## **FUNDRAISING**

**CHRISTMAS FAIR:** Thank you to all our steadfast volunteers for putting on a wonderful Christmas Fair yesterday! If you weren't able to come by, never fear: we still have some items and goodies available for sale in Elliott Hall after today's services.

**MONEY MATTERS:** There is always concern that we would make our operating budget, or do even better as Vestry approved a deficit budget for 2024. But let's see if we can do a little better. For several weeks we will be speaking of our experience of God and remembering with gratitude all that God has done for us through CCDP. In response to remembering with gratitude we will be invited to increase the level of our donations as we are able, in thanksgiving. Importantly, we will be listening to people's stories of how God has blessed them and how they came to be a member of this great community.





## 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

**Tuesday, November 26**

7:15-8:30pm Adult Education  
Advent Series  
*On Zoom*

**Wednesday, November 27**

11:00am Holy Eucharist  
  
7-8:30pm Advent Poetry Series

**Thursday, November 28**

10:00am Daily Office

**Friday, November 29**

6:30pm Dinner Church on Tap

**Saturday, November 30**

8-9:30am Community Breakfast

10am CCDP Walking Group

**Sunday, December 1**

8:00am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9:15am Contemporary Worship

*Followed by Potluck & Advent Wreath Making*

10:30am Holy Eucharist (BAS)

*In person & Livestreamed*

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