

Christ Church Deer Park

February 2, 2025
The Presentation of our
Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple
Black History Month
Holy Eucharist
at 10:30 am

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one
body, so it is with Christ.



For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one
body ... and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

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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Note: During the month of February, CCDP will be celebrating Black History Month through special prayers and testimonies, and also by highlighting music of Black composers.

Prelude Adoration

Florence Price

Florence Price (1887-1953) was a prolific composer, pianist, organist and teacher. She was the first African-American woman to have had her music performed by a major symphony orchestra. *Adoration* is one of her most popular works and was composed in 1951.

Welcome & Gathering

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

Processional Hymn #5

(please stand as you are able)

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night:
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

Text: Charles Wesley

Music: *Geystliche Gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524, adapt. William H. Havergal

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 the Quiet Hour*

George Oldroyd

Choir: Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards all.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: Holy God, in whose image all of us are made—may we walk with integrity, putting our trust in you, and remembering that even the sparrows and swallows are provided for by your love and grace. Embolden us to live each day with a true desire to dwell with you, and a true strength to trust in your promise for us. Through Jesus Christ, our sun and our shield.

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 Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. *Malachi 3:1-4*

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84 v. 1, 3, 5

George Black

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

Refrain: 
Hap - py are the peo - ple whose strength is in you!

Cantor: How dear to me is your dwelling, O God of hosts!
My soul has a desire and longing for your courts;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in you, O living God. *Refrain*

Happy are they who dwell in your house!
they will always be praising you.
Happy are the people whose strength is in you!
whose hearts are set on the pilgrim's way. *Refrain*

You, God, are both sun and shield,
you will give grace and glory.
No good thing will you withhold
from those who walk with integrity.
O God of hosts,
happy are they who put their trust in you! *Refrain*

Sequence Hymn v. 1, 2

(please stand as you are able)

Arise, Your Light Has Come

FESTAL SONG

1. A - rise, your light has come! The
2. A - rise, your light has come! Fling

Spir - it's call o - bey; Show forth the glo - ry
wide the pris - on door; Pro - claim the cap - tive's

of your God Which shines on you to - day.
lib - er - ty, Good tid - ings to the poor.

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Tune: FESTAL SONG, SM; William H. Walter, 1825-1893

The 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.**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so

that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Luke 2:22-40

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sequence Hymn v. 3, 4

Arise, Your Light Has Come

FESTAL SONG



3. A - rise, your light has come! All
4. A - rise, your light has come! The

you in sor - row born, Bind up the bro - ken -
moun - tains burst in song! Rise up like ea - gles

heart - ed ones And com - fort those who mourn.
on the wing; God's pow'r will make us strong.

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Homily

Notes

- Keep learning to know Jesus anew.
- Remain open to God's presence.
- Let go of preconceived notions and fixed views
- Look for God in creation, in fellow believers and in strangers
- Listen to whatever clues you might be given
- Allow yourself to live with gaps and questions.
- Say yes to whatever path God shows you.

Music for Reflection

The Apostle's 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: In peace we pray to you, O God, saying "Holy God," and answering with "hear our prayer."

For all people in their daily life and work. For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.

Holy God,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: For this community of Christ Church Deer Park, that you would direct us, bless us, and embolden us to proclaim your good news.

Holy God,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: For our country, in all its divisions and harmonies.

Holy God,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: For our world, a place of such strife but also such beauty.

Holy God,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: For all who have been oppressed for the colour of their skin or their country of origin, that they would know freedom from discrimination.

Holy God,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: For all who have oppressed others for the colour of their skin or their country of origin—may you open their eyes to know the unity you call us to in Jesus Christ.

Holy God,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: For the creativity and joyfulness you showed in creating us, all different but all one through you.

Holy God,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: For your creation, that we may use it properly and justly, as you intended.

Holy God,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble. For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, or the destitute.

Holy God,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: For our own needs and those of others.

Holy God,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: We thank you, loving God, for all the blessings of this life. We thank you for the richness that the heritage of our Black brothers and sisters brings to our world.

Holy God,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: We thank you for your promise to never leave us. We thank you for knowing each of our names, and for bringing us together in Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

Holy God,

All: hear our prayer. 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

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

The hymn "Siyahamba" is thought to be based on a traditional Zulu chorus. Although its exact origins are unknown, it was likely passed down orally, before it was written down sometime in the 1950s. It gained fame in the 1980s, became associated with the anti-apartheid movement, and is now a symbol of efforts to end racial discrimination internationally.

We Are Marching in the Light of God

SIYAHAMBA

Soloist: We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.

All: We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching,
Oo we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching,
Oo we are marching in the light of God.

2. We are singing in the light of God...

3. We are praying in the light of God...

Text: Zulu traditional, tr. Anders Nyberg; Music: South African traditional

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Almighty God, accept the joyful offering of your Church, and grant that your Son may shine in us as the light that lightens every nation. We ask this in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Celebrating the Eucharist

(please remain standing)

The Great Thanksgiving



The musical notation consists of three staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, with 'Celebrant' and 'People' parts in red text. The first staff has a double bar line in the middle. The second and third staves also have double bar lines in the middle.

Celebrant The Lord be with you *People* And al - so with you.

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

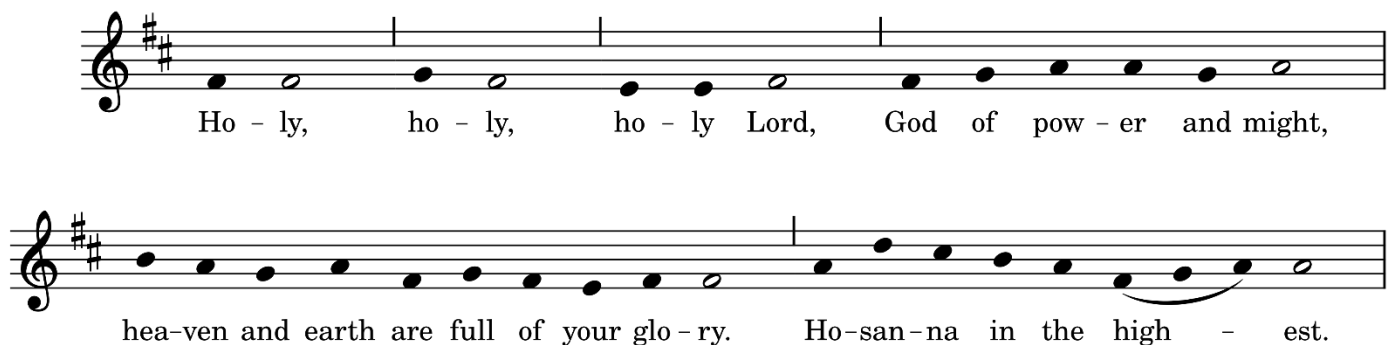
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world, that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus & Benedictus *New Plainsong*

David Hurd

Throughout Epiphanytide we are singing selections from the *New Plainsong Mass*, which is by Dr. David Hurd (b. 1950), a noted professor of sacred music, organist and composer of African-American descent.



The musical notation consists of two staves of music in a single system. Both staves begin with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (D major). The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has a double bar line in the middle. The second staff also has a double bar line in the middle.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

hea-ven 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.

Presider: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All: we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Presider: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

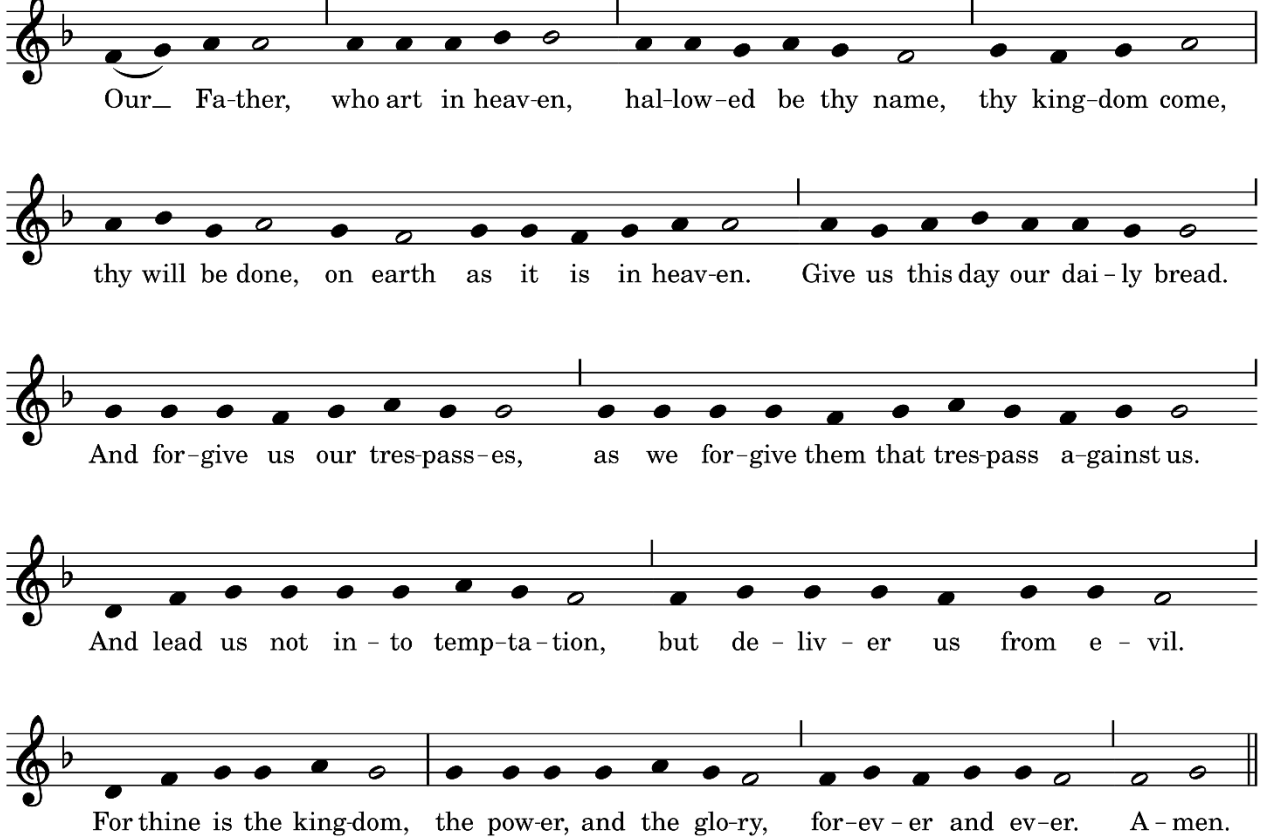
All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

John Merbecke

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

All:



Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be thy name, thy king-dom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread.
And for-give us our tres-pass-es, as we for-give them that tres-pass a-gainst us.
And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil.
For thine is the king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry, for-ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

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.

Agnus Dei *Mass of the Quiet Hour*

(please be seated)

George Oldroyd

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.

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

Nunc Dimittis in G Major

Herbert Sumsion

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

(Luke 2.29-32, Book of Common Prayer)

Communion Hymn

In His Temple Now Behold Him

ST. THOMAS

In his temple now behold him,
See the long expected Lord;
Ancient prophets had foretold him;
God has now fulfilled his word.
Now, to praise him, his redeemed
Shall break forth with one accord.

In the arms of her who bore him,
Virgin pure, behold him lie,
While his aged saints adore him
Ere in faith and hope they die.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Lo, the incarnate God most high.

Jesus, by your presentation,
When they blest you, weak and poor,
Make us see our great salvation,
Seal us with your promise sure,
And present us in your glory
To your Father, cleansed and pure.

Prince and author of salvation,
Be your boundless love our theme!
Jesus, praise to you be given,
By the world you did redeem,
With the Father and the Spirit,
Lord of majesty supreme.

Text: Henry J. Pye
Music: John Francis Wade

Prayer after Communion

(please stand as you are able)

Presider: Gracious God, our hands have taken holy things; our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son. May we who have eaten at this holy table be strengthened for service in your world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: 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: Just as God's Word was sent into the world to heal and redeem,
so God sends you into the world this day
to be light and love, healing and hope.
Go now to be light for the world!

And may the grace and peace of God the Creator,
the Redeemer, and the Sustainer
come upon you this day
and remain with you always.
Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn

Christ is the World's Light

CHRISTE SANCTORUM



1. Christ is the world's Light, Christ and none
2. Christ is the world's Peace, Christ and none
3. Christ is the world's Life, Christ and none
4. Give God the glo - ry, God and none



oth - er; Born in our dark - ness, he be - came our
oth - er; No one can serve him and de - spise an -
oth - er; Sold once for sil - ver, mur - dered here, our
oth - er; Give God the glo - ry, Spir - it, Son, and



broth - er. If we have seen him, we have seen the
oth - er. Who else u - nites us, one in God the
broth - er— He, who re - deems us, reigns with God the
Fa - ther; Give God the glo - ry, God - with - us, our



Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high.
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Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high.
broth - er: Glo - ry to God on high.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000, © 1969, Hope Publishing Company
Tune: CHRISTE SANCTORUM, 10 11 11 6; Paris *Antiphoner*, 1681

Dismissal

(please stand as you are able)

Presider: Go in peace to serve God and each other.

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Postlude Great Day!

African-American Spiritual, arr. R. Powell

“Great Day,” like many spirituals, was sung by slaves working on plantations. The text includes several Biblical allusions, including “God’s going to build up Zion’s walls” (Psalm 51: 18), “My God spoke and the chariot stopped” (referencing Elijah being taken up to heaven) and “this is the year of jubilee” (alluding to the special year in which captives would be set free according to Leviticus). Together, these lyrics speak of a longing for the coming of God’s kingdom, and hope for deliverance and freedom.

Please join us in Elliott Hall for coffee hour!

Assisting with the Liturgy

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Stephen Drakeford

Preacher:
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Director of Music:
Stefani Bedin

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----ANNOUNCEMENTS----

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM REV. STEPHEN:

I was delighted to announce that my role as Interim Priest-in-Charge at Christ Church Deer Park has been extended. I want to be clear, that my role will conclude when the Bishop names the next Incumbent of CCDP. In the meantime, let us continue to sing God's praise and do God's work.

There is a caveat. My continuation as interim was dependent on our plan for a winter vacation. Instead of six and a half weeks in Mexico I happily offered to come back after four. Therefore, I will be away from February 12th to March 12th. In the meantime, Rev. Cathy and our wonderful staff and volunteer teams will keep us going strong.

I'll be back for the second Sunday of Lent - and I am very pleased about that!

Every blessing,

Stephen+

REV. CATHY AWAY: Cathy will be away from February 3rd through February 15th.

VESTRY! Our annual Vestry meeting will be on Sunday, March 16th after the 10:30am service (starting around noon, with lunch provided). If you consider CCDP your church home, you are encouraged to attend, as we will discuss the year that has passed and the year that is to come!

WORSHIP

JAZZ VESPERS: Our February services are on the 9th and 23rd at 4:30pm. All are welcome!

SERVICE CELEBRATES BLACK HERITAGE OF THE CHURCH: The first service celebrating the Black heritage of the Church in the Diocese of Toronto was held on Feb. 25, 1996, at St. James Cathedral. To mark the 30th anniversary of this event, the cathedral is inviting Anglicans across the Diocese to a Eucharistic celebration of the life and ministry of Black Anglicans in the Diocese on Feb. 23 at 4:30 p.m. The preacher will be the Rev. Canon Dr. Stephen Fields.

BLACK HERITAGE AT CHRIST CHURCH DEER PARK: After consultation with some members of our community of African Heritage, we have decided to honour the contributions of Black Christians in February by:

1. Worshipping using musical selections from the Black Community. Our music director will include notes about tunes, settings, lyrics and styles when that is appropriate.

2. Being mindful of Black History Month in our prayers
3. Brief, weekly testimonies about being Black and Christian.

I am looking forward to it. ~ Rev. Stephen

BRING LAST YEAR'S PALMS TO CHURCH: On the Sundays from now through March 2nd, you are invited to bring your palms from last year's Palm Sunday to the church. We'll have a basket at the back of the sanctuary where you can leave your palms, and after the 10:30am service on March 2nd we will have a small liturgy in which we'll burn the palms to make ashes in preparation for Ash Wednesday on March 5th.

PASTORAL

OFFICE HOURS: Rev. Stephen continues to keep office hours generally on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. However, if you are planned on dropping in (and please do!) it would be best to give a call or text to the office, or email and see if he is available.

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.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SEASON OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL: The Diocese of Toronto embarked last spring on a two-year Season of Spiritual Renewal; all congregations are invited to participate in numerous ways, deepening our relationship with one another and with God. So, during this busy and cold season as we start the new year, please consider participating in one or both of the following online workshops offered by the Diocese. Information is below, and registration links for both can be found on this website: <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/season-of-spiritual-renewal/season-of-spiritual-renewal-workshops/>

February 11, 1-2pm

Introducing the *Christian Foundations* Discipleship Resource

Led by Judy Paulsen

This workshop will introduce participants to the Christian Foundations workbook, being used across Canada to ground people in the faith. We'll see how this resource introduces people to an overview of the gospel message, the story of Israel, who Jesus is and what he taught, how the church got started, and basic practices of the Christian life.

Participants will also be introduced to the facilitator's tip sheet, to help them use this workbook in a small group setting.

February 12, 1-2pm

Telling Our Story: Working with the Holy Spirit to Build Up Our Congregation

Led by Louise Dightam

Sometimes the Spirit invites people looking for a spiritual home to come through the doors of our churches. This workshop explores practical and inexpensive strategies to work with the Spirit to inspire more seekers to come and see what God is doing in your congregation. We'll look at sharing the Gospel outside our walls, promoting events and worship services, welcome ministry, and managing the reputation of our congregation in the community.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

BOOK SWAP! Escape the greys of February with a good book: we will be having a book table in Elliott Hall for the next few weeks. Please feel free to bring any new or gently used books you are ok to part with, and place them on the table. And of course, pick up a book from the table to bring home!

PANCAKE SUPPER! Join us for pancakes and fun as we have one last hurrah before Lent begins. Tuesday, March 4th, more details to come. This is great event to invite your friends, family, and neighbours to!

GREETERS: Do you like to make people feel welcome? Would you like to greet at Church? Please let Rev. Stephen know, speak to him or email him (sdrakeford@christchurchdeerpark.org), and we'll put together teams for each of our services. It is all about making the visitor and newcomer welcome.

FLOWER GUILD: With the much-deserved retirement of our Flower Guild we are looking to reconstitute the Flower Guild so that the church can continue to mark the memorials of our loved ones and beautify and decorate the church for our Christian festivals. Please speak to Rev. Stephen and email him at sdrakeford@christchurchdeerpark.org

SOCIAL JUSTICE

CLIMATE ACTION GROUP: “I don’t see the slightest evidence that anyone is seriously thinking about what to do with the future climate refugee stream,” said Orrin Pilkey, professor emeritus of coastal geology at Duke University. Millions of North Americans will confront hard choices as climate change conjures up brutal storms, flooding rains, receding coastlines and punishing heat. The last time CO2 levels were as high as today, ocean waters drowned the lands where metropolises like Houston, Miami, and New York City now exist. Pilkey’s book – “Sea Level Rise Along Americas Shores: The Slow Tsunami” – envisions a near future where millions of people, largely from south Florida, will become “a stream of refugees moving to higher ground”.

TRUTH & RECONCILIATION WORKING GROUP: Indigenous treaties with the Canadian Federal government are constitutionally recognized agreements between the Crown and Indigenous peoples. There are 70 recognized treaties signed between 1700 and 1923. The so-called Modern Treaties are the ones signed since 1975. There are 26 Modern Treaties of which 18 have provisions for self-governance. Toronto is in in the area which is called " Dish with One Spoon Wampum", a formal peace agreement between the Anishinaabe Three Fires Confederacy (Ojibwe, Odawa and Potawatomi Nations) and Haudenosaunee Confederacies that extends to all those who arrived to the area around the Great Lakes region and along the St. Lawrence River. It was a treaty to share land. The "dish" is often considered as the land and the "one spoon" is how we as individuals use the land. For more information please read and watch here: <https://facingcanada.facinghistory.org/the-dish-with-one-spoon-wampum>. Other source is the canadian government website here: <https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1100100028574/1529354437231>

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, February 5

11am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

Thursday, February 6

10:00am Daily Prayer

Saturday, February 8

8-9:30am Community Breakfast

Sunday, February 9

8:00am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9:15am Contemporary Worship

10:30am Holy Eucharist (BAS)

In person & Livestreamed

4:30pm Jazz Vespers



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