

# Christ Church Deer Park

January 26, 2025  
Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
**Holy Eucharist**  
at 10:30 am



The Season after Epiphany

## **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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*Deputy Warden* – Katherine MacDonald  
*Treasurer* – Nick Strube

*People's Warden* – Su Laine Varkey  
*Deputy Warden* – Paul Kingston

*Synod Delegates* – William Jackson, Ann Atkins, Melissa Walter, Oscar Varkey

### **Ways to Serve & Get Involved**

*Community Breakfast* – Carl Wehniainen, Lead  
*Congregational Care Team* – Ann Atkins, Lead  
*Prayer Circle* – Jan D'Angelo, Coordinator

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*Small Groups* – The Rev. Cathy Gibbs  
*Coffee Hour* – Sandra Geddes, Coordinator  
*Chancel Guild* – Elsa Jones, Lead  
*Readers & Intercessors* – The Rev. Stephen Drakeford  
*Welcome Team* – Paul Kingston, Coordinator  
*Property Committee* – Andrew Harding, Chair  
*Investment Committee* – Michael Butler, Chair  
*Climate Action Group* – Brad Lennon, Lead  
*Christmas Sale* – Jayne Miles Simpson, Lead

*Choir* – Stefani Bedin  
*Hospitality* – Jayne Miles Simpson, Lead  
*Flower Guild* – Pat Butler, Coordinator  
*Children's Ministry* – Sharilyn Robinson  
*Refugee Committee* – Julie Scott, Chair  
*Stewardship Committee* – Stephen Clark  
*Truth and Reconciliation* – TBD, Lead  
*Rummage Re-Imagined* – Jayne Miles Simpson, Lead  
*Spiritus* – Emily Chatten, Melissa Walter & Supipi Weerasooriya, Editorial Team

**Prelude**     *Sursum Corda* “Lift up Your Hearts”

John Ireland

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

**Processional Hymn**     *(please stand as you are able)*

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

CRÜGER

Hail to the Lord's anointed,  
great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free,  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.

He comes with succour speedy  
to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying,  
are precious in his sight.

O'er every foe victorious,  
he on his throne shall rest,  
from age to age more glorious,  
all-blessing and all-blest.  
The tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove.  
His name shall stand for ever:  
that name to us is Love.

Text: James Montgomery  
Music: Johann Crüger, adapt. William Monk

## Gathering

*(please remain standing)*

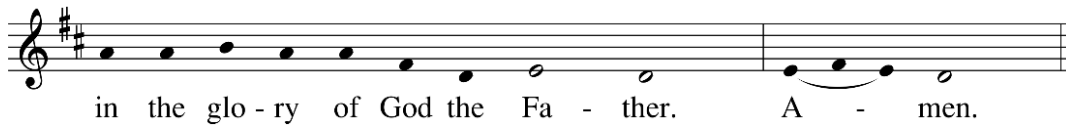
Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

## Gloria

New Plainsong

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his  
peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly, King, Al - might - y,  
God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:  
re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the  
Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



Music: *New Plainsong*, David Hurd, © 1981, GIA Publications, Inc.

## The Collect of the Day

Presider: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives 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 – The Lesson

*(please be seated)*

Reader: A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, ‘Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you’, nor again the head to the feet, ‘I have no need of you.’ On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all

prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. *1 Corinthians 12:12-31a*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 19

*based on SONG 1*

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

Refrain:

The stat - utes of the Lord re - jice the heart.

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Cantor: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork. One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another. *Refrain*

Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard, Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world. *Refrain*

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course. It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat. *Refrain*

## Gospel Acclamation #711

*(please stand as you are able)*

Alleluia

A. Gregory Murrary

Cantor: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Cantor: The Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor and release to the captives.

*Luke 4.18*

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

## 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.**

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."  
*Luke 4:14-21*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Homily** "Church and Politics" – Stephen Drakeford

## 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: Celebrating the coming of the One who brings the reign of God to all people, let us pray for the world God loves, the Church God calls, and all people according to their needs, saying, *Lord, in your mercy*, and responding, *Hear our prayer*.

God of light and darkness,  
through water and Word  
you shine your light into the darkness of our lives.  
We give thanks for this incredible gift.

**All:** Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

God of love,  
your love comes in spite of our animosity;  
you bring reconciliation to those who are divided.  
We pray for justice and equity in our country.  
Strengthen us to be peacemakers.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

God of hope and fear,  
you walk with us through the challenges which surround us.  
Wash away our anxiety by your promised presence,  
and set us free from despair. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

God of church and world,  
in baptism you unify yourself with our world,  
and bring your reign into being.  
Keep us from seeing your love as a hiding place.  
Motivate us to infuse the world with your justice.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

God of health and illness,  
there is nothing that separates us from your love.  
Inspire us to bring your word to the sick,  
your encouragement to the discouraged,  
your promise to the dying.  
This day we remember especially  
those who mourn for Anne Larkin  
on the anniversary of her death,  
and we continue to give thanks for her ministry.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**



God of life and death,  
all that exists is from you, and for you.  
Enable us to trust your baptismal promise,  
and serve this hurting world. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

God who shines in the darkness,  
receive these prayers and the prayers of our hearts,  
in the name of the one who is your light,  
Jesus Christ our 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.*

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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
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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 #446

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

LIEBSTER JESU

Word of God, come down on earth,  
living rain from heaven descending;  
touch our hearts and bring to birth  
faith and hope and love unending.  
Word almighty, we revere you;  
Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

Word eternal, throned on high,  
Word that brought to life creation,  
Word that came from heaven to die,  
crucified for our salvation,  
saving Word, the world restoring,  
speak to us, your love outpouring.

Word that caused blind eyes to see,  
speak and heal our mortal blindness;  
deaf we are: our healer be;  
loose our tongues to tell your kindness.  
Be our Word in pity spoken,  
heal the world, by our sin broken.

Word that speaks God's tender love,  
one with God beyond all telling,  
Word that sends us from above  
God the Spirit, with us dwelling,  
Word of truth, to all truth lead us,  
Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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Music: Johann Rudolph Ahle

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Presider: Loving God, before the world began you called us. Make holy all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in that calling. 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, Creator of all.

**All: It is right to give God 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.

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.

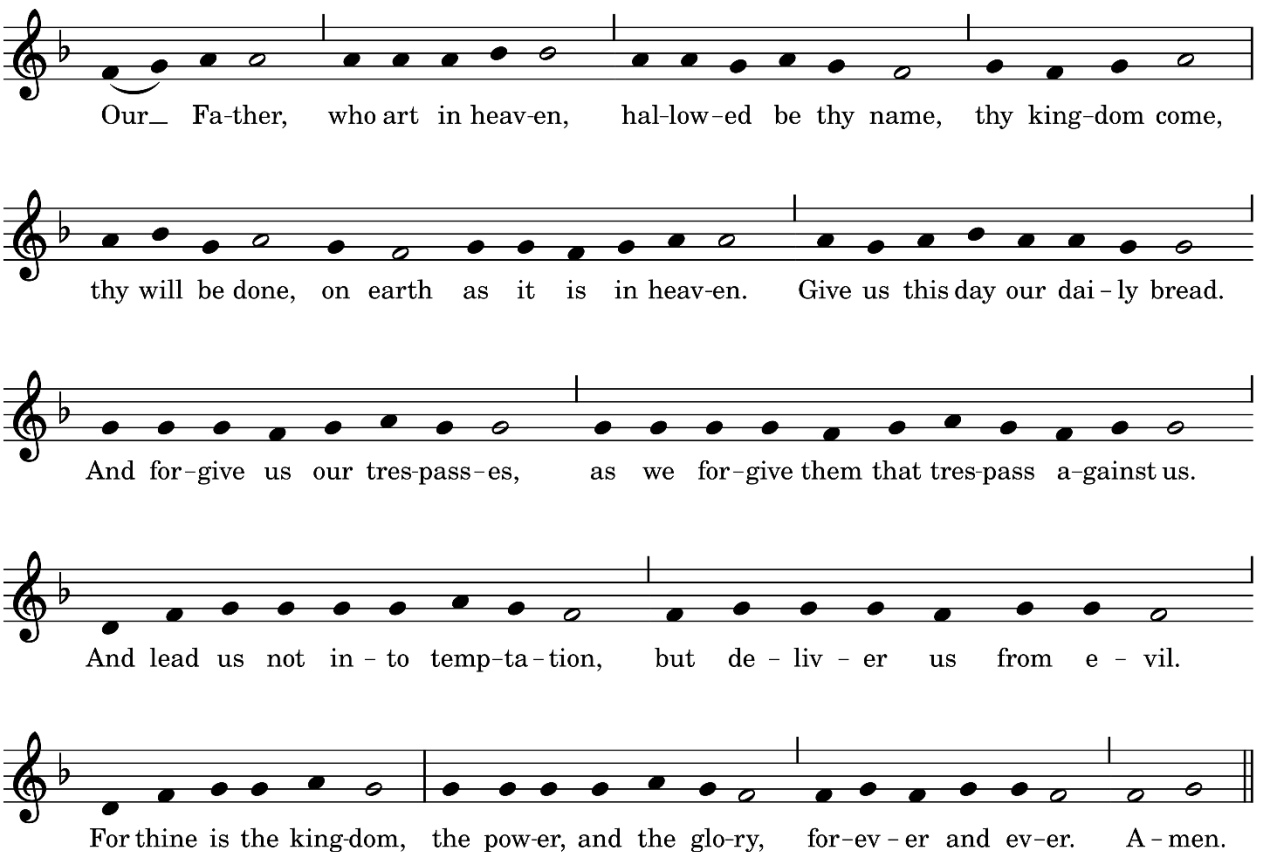
**All: Amen.**

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 power, 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** from *Missa Brevis in D major*

*(please be seated)*

Walter MacNutt

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

Behold, the Tabernacle of God

William Harris

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,  
and the Spirit of God dwelleth within you;  
for the temple of God is holy.

Which temple ye are: for the love of whom you do this day  
celebrate the joys of the temple with a season of festivity.

Alleluia.

- Sarum Antiphon

## Communion Hymn #635

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

BRIDEGROOM

Like the murmur of the dove's song,  
like the challenge of her flight,  
like the vigour of the wind's rush,  
like the new flame's eager might:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's body,  
to the branches of the Vine,  
to the church in faith assembled,  
to her midst as gift and sign:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.  
With the healing of division,  
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
with the pow'r to love and witness,  
with the peace beyond compare:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.

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## 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 #627**

The Voice of God Goes Out

SHELDONIAN

The voice of God goes out through all the world,  
and glory speaks across the universe.  
The great King's herald cries from star to star:  
With pow'r, with justice, Christ will walk his way.

The Lord has said: "Receive my messenger,  
My promise to the world, my pledge made flesh,  
A lamp to every nation, light from Light":  
With pow'r, with justice, Christ will walk his way.

The broken reed he will not trample down,  
Nor set his heel upon the dying flame,  
He binds the wounds, and health is in his hand:  
With pow'r, with justice, Christ will walk his way.

Anointed with the Spirit and with power,  
He comes to crown with comfort all the weak,  
To show the face of justice to the poor:  
With pow'r, with justice, Christ will walk his way.

His touch will bless the eyes that darkness held;  
The lame shall run, the halting tongue shall sing,  
And pris'ners laugh in light and liberty:  
With pow'r, with justice, Christ will walk his way.

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**Dismissal**

*(please stand as you are able)*

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

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

**Postlude** Processional in E-flat Major

David Johnson

*Please join us in Elliott Hall for our 10:30am community retreat!*

***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

Crucifer:  
Bianca Mathews

Reader:  
Angela Rees

Prayers:  
Stephen Clark

Warden on Duty:  
Stephen Clark

Sidesperson:  
Ruwani de Fonseka

Livestream Technician:  
James Harding MacDonald

Vergers:  
Rikk Scapillato

## ----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 12<sup>th</sup> to March 12<sup>th</sup>. 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+

**MONTHLY OFFERING ENVELOPES:** For those of you who use monthly offering envelopes, please pick up your 2025 bundle on the table beside the baptismal font. (And, for anyone who may like to start using monthly offering envelopes, please contact our bookkeeper, Elisabeth Lunder, at 416-920-5211 ex. 201 or [bookkeeper@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:bookkeeper@christchurchdeerpark.org)).

### WORSHIP

**JAZZ VESPERS:** Our next Jazz Vespers service is TODAY at 4:30pm, and we'll have the music of Antonio Carlow Jobim performed by the Anthony D'Alessandro Trio. 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> we will have a small liturgy in which we'll burn the palms to make ashes in preparation for Ash Wednesday on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **PASTORAL**

**FIRST AID TRAINING:** We are looking to do staff & volunteer first aid training at CCDP, with our goal being to have one parishioner representative from each service trained in first aid and CPR along with our staff. If you might like to participate in this training to help make our church a safer place, please contact Amanda at [ajagt@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:ajagt@christchurchdeerpark.org) (Also, take a look in our Atrium – we have our new AED-defibrillator installed!)

**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](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)

## **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 January 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!

**COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 10:30!** Happy (calendar) new year! For those of you who resolved to help more with coffee hour after the 10:30 service, this is your chance. My schedule in January through much of February is unpredictable as I will be in Michigan for several weeks but I don't know which ones, so I need your help if there is to be a coffee hour. We need at least two people each week. It involves bringing goodies, getting prepared before the 10:30 service starts, putting out the coffee and tea etc. and clean up afterwards, and the more the merrier for the clean up part in particular. If you are only available before the service or after the service, find a friend or two to team up with for the other part. I have updated the notes on what to do and where stuff is, and posted it on the corkboard in the kitchen. Email me if you'd like me to send you your own personal copy or if you have any questions. The sign up sheet is next to the goodies at coffee time, or email

me. Thank you! ~Sandra

**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](mailto:sdrakeford@christchurchdeerpark.org)), and we'll put together teams for each of our services. It is all about making the visitor and newcomer welcome.

**10:30AM RETREAT:** Today we'll gather after the 10:30am service in Elliott Hall for a time of reflection, prayer, and a catered lunch. *A free will offering of \$20 is suggested to help us cover the cost of the catering, but of course not required!*

**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](mailto:sdrakeford@christchurchdeerpark.org)

**CONCERT FOR PEACE AT TIMOTHY EATON MEMORIAL:** The Royal Canadian College of Organists Toronto Centre (of which our Music Director Stefani is Centre President) is excited to share that New York-based concert artist, Gail Archer, is bringing a "Concert for Peace" to Toronto on February 1st, 2025 at 7:00pm. This event will feature music by Ukrainian and Russian composers performed on the organ of Timothy Eaton Memorial Church (230 St Clair Ave W, Toronto, ON M4V 1R5). Admission is free and donations support war-relief efforts.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

**CLIMATE ACTION GROUP:** A unique plant has become the first species in the United States to be exterminated from the wild by the compounding effects of rising seas, scientists say. It's a grim first, but not last, as the scientists fear the demise of the plant is a "bellwether" for other species as the climate crisis tightens its grip. The combined effects of sea level rise, rising tides and intense storms drove the wild Key Largo tree cactus population to extinction in its only known US location in the Florida Keys... CNN Climate July 14, 2024

**TRUTH & RECONCILIATION WORKING GROUP:** The Truth and Reconciliation calls to action contains 94 recommendations. One of guiding principles is to undertake education so that Indigenous people do not bear all the burden for all Canadians to learn about their history. This website contains a map; it shows all the different indigenous people in Canada and through out the world - <https://native-land.ca/> and includes languages and treaties. It is an amazing resource and very informative.



## 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, January 29**

11am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

**Thursday, January 30**

10:00am Daily Prayer

**Saturday, February 1**

8-9:30am Community Breakfast

**Sunday, February 2**

8:00am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9:15am Contemporary Worship

10:30am Holy Eucharist (BAS)

*In person & Livestreamed*



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