

# Christ Church Deer Park

February 23, 2025  
The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany  
*Black History Month*  
**Holy Baptism**  
**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.

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**Prelude**      Hymn to Freedom

Oscar Peterson

Today, the Anglican Church of Canada marks “Freedom Sunday,” which invites us to stand in solidarity with victims of human trafficking and other dehumanizing crimes. As we also conclude Black History month celebrations, Canadian jazz legend Oscar Peterson’s “Hymn to Freedom” is an especially fitting way to pray for freedom for all people. Composed in 1962, it was adopted as an anthem of the civil rights movement. The text of this hymn, written by Harriette Hamilton, is as follows:

*When every heart joins every heart and together yearns for liberty, that's when we'll be free.  
When every hand joins every hand and together moulds our destiny, that's when we'll be free.  
Any hour, any day, the time soon will come when we will live in dignity, that's when we'll be free.  
When everyone joins in our song and together sings in harmony, that's when we'll be free.*

**Welcome & Gathering**

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

**Processional Hymn #524**

*(please stand as you are able)*

O Christ, the Great Foundation

AURELIA

O Christ the great foundation  
on which your people stand  
to preach your true salvation  
in every age and land:  
pour out your Holy Spirit  
to make us strong and pure,  
to keep the faith unbroken  
as long as worlds endure.

Baptized in one confession,  
one church in all the earth,  
we bear our Lord's impression,  
the sign of second birth:  
one holy people gathered  
in love beyond our own  
by grace we were invited,  
by grace we make you known.

Where tyrants' hold is tightened,  
where strong devour the weak,  
where innocents are frightened  
the righteous fear to speak,

there let your church awaking  
attack the powers of sin  
and, all their ramparts breaking,  
with you the victory win.

This is the moment glorious  
when he once was dead,  
shall lead the church victorious,  
their champion and their head.  
The Lord of all creation  
his heavenly kingdom brings:  
the final consummation, the glory of all things.

Text: Timothy Tingfang Lew, alt.  
Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley

## 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*

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.

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,  
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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

## The Collect of the Day

Presider: Almighty God, your Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving love. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

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

**All: Our hearts and minds are open.**

## Listening to God – The Lesson

*(please be seated)*

Reader: A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to

his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there - since there are five more years of famine to come - so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'" And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him. *Genesis 45:3-11, 15*


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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 37**

Based on "O Quanta Qualia"

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

Refrain:  Put your trust in the Lord and do good.

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Cantor: Do not fret yourself because of evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.  
For they shall soon wither like the grass,  
and like the green grass fade away. *Refrain*

Put your trust in the Lord and do good;  
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.  
Take delight in the Lord, and he shall give you your heart's desire.  
Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him,  
and he will bring it to pass.  
He will make your righteousness as clear as the light  
and your just dealing as the noonday. *Refrain*

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.  
Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers,

the one who succeeds in evil schemes.  
Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;  
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.  
For evildoers shall be cut off,  
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land. *Refrain*

**Sequence Hymn #487 v. 1,2**

*(please stand as you are able)*

Where Charity and Love Prevail

TWENTY-FOURTH (PRIMROSE)

Where charity and love prevail,  
There God is ever found;  
Brought here together by Christ's love,  
By love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear  
God's charity we learn;  
Let us with heart and mind and strength  
Now love him in return.

Text: 9th century; tr. Omer Westendorf, alt. ©1962, World Library Publications  
Music: Att. Lucius Chapin

**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.**

Jesus said, "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure,

pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." *Luke 6:27-38*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Sequence Hymn #487 v. 3,4**

Where Charity and Love Prevail

TWENTY-FOURTH (PRIMROSE)

Forgive we now each other's faults  
As we our faults confess;  
And let us love each other well  
In Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown,  
Let all contention cease;  
Be his the glory that we seek,  
Be ours his holy peace.

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Music: Att. Lucius Chapin

**Homily**

**Motet** Lord, Make Me an Instrument

Jonathan Willcocks

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, may there be union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.

Lord, make me an instrument, of Thy peace;  
where there is despair, let there be hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, may there be joy!

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.  
May we all be in peace, and only peace,  
And may that peace come unto each of us.

- attributed to St. Francis of Assisi



## **The Celebration of Baptism**

*(please stand as you are able)*

### Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Priest: The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents &

Godparents: We present Angus Chris MacNeil Germanakos to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Priest: Will you be responsible for seeing that this child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

Parents &

Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents &

Godparents: I will, with God's help.

### *Introduction to the promises.*

Priest: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents &

Godparents: I renounce them.

Priest: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents &

Godparents: I renounce them.

Priest: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents &

Godparents: I renounce them.

Priest: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

Parents &

Godparents: I do.

Priest: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents &

Godparents: I do.

Priest: Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

Parents &

Godparents: I do.

*The priest addresses the congregation.*

Priest: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Angus in his life in Christ?

**People: We will.**

Prayers for the Candidates

Priest: Let us now pray for Angus who is to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Open him heart to your grace and truth.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Send him into this world in witness to your love.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Priest: We give you thanks, almighty God and Father, for by the gift of water you nourish and sustain all living things.

**People: Blessed be God for ever.**

Priest: We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea, you led your people out of slavery to freedom in a promised land.

**People: Blessed be God for ever.**

Priest: We give you thanks for sending your Son Jesus. For us he was baptized by John in the river Jordan. For us he was anointed as Christ by your Holy Spirit. For us he suffered the baptism of his own death and resurrection, setting us free from the bondage of sin and death, and opening to us the joy and freedom of everlasting life.

**People: Blessed be God for ever.**

Priest: We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with his gifts so that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

**People: Blessed be God for ever.**

Priest: We give you thanks for you have called Angus to new life through the waters of baptism. Now sanctify this water, that your servants who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin. Anoint them with your Holy Spirit and bring them to new birth in the family of your Church, that they may become inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

We give you praise and honour and worship through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**People: Blessed are you, our strength and song, and our salvation.**

Priest: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

### The Baptismal Covenant

Priest: Do you believe in God the Father?

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: 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.**

Priest: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Priest: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in prayers?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the earth?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

The Baptism

*(please be seated)*

Priest: Angus Chris, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Priest: Gracious God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

The Giving of the Light

Priest: Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

**People: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Priest: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**People: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

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.

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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

The exact origins of “This Little Light of Mine” are unknown, however, evidence suggests that it originated in African-American communities sometime in the 1920s. The song has been used in connection with civil rights activism and particularly the practice of “Freedom Singing,” which was a form of protest through communal song. In the tradition of many spirituals, impromptu verses are often added.

This Little Light of Mine

THIS LITTLE LIGHT

This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine;  
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine...

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine...

Text: Edward H. Plumptre  
Music: Attr. Franz Joseph Haydn

## Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Merciful God, accept all we offer you this day. Lead us to love you with all our heart, and to love all people with your perfect love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

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 #484**

The hymn tune "MCKEE" is possibly of Irish origin, however when it was brought to the US, it was adapted by African-American slaves and associated with the spiritual "I Know the Angels Done Changed My Name." The tune found its way into hymnals after the African-American composer Harry T. Burleigh's arrangement of it appeared in the Episcopal Church's *Hymnal 1940*. Burleigh is principally remembered for his work in arranging spirituals, but is also notable for having helped the famous composer Czech composer Antonín Dvořák gather African-American music that he used in the *New World Symphony*. The text of "In Christ There is No East or West," by English hymn-writer John Oxenham, is a beautiful call to remember we all belong to one great family of humankind.

In Christ There Is No East Or West

MCKEE

In Christ there is no east or west,  
In Christ no south or north,  
But one great fellowship of love  
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere  
Their high communion find;  
Whose service is the golden cord  
Close-binding humankind.

Join hands disciples of the faith,  
Whate'er your race may be.

Who serves my God in truth and love  
Is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,  
In Christ meet south and north;  
All faithful souls are joined in one  
Throughout the whole wide earth.

Text: J. Oxenham

Music: African-American Spiritual, adapt. H.T. Burleigh

**Dismissal**

*(please stand as you are able)*

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

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

**Postlude** Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne, BuxWV 137

Dietrich Buxtehude

*Please join us in Elliott Hall for coffee hour!*

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## HINDUISM

This is the sum of duty:  
do not do to others what would  
cause pain if done to you  
Mahabharata 5:1517



## BUDDHISM

Treat not others in ways  
that you yourself would  
find hurtful  
Udana-Varga 5:18



## CONFUCIANISM

One word which sums up the  
basis of all good conduct...  
loving kindness.  
Do not do to  
others what  
you do not  
want done  
to yourself  
Confucius,  
Analects 15:23



## BAHA'I FAITH

Lay not on any soul a load  
that you would not wish to  
be laid upon you, and  
desire not for  
anyone the  
things you  
would not  
desire for  
yourself  
Baha'u'llah,  
Gleanings



## ISLAM

Not one of you truly believes  
until you wish for others what  
you wish for yourself  
The Prophet Muhammad, Hadith



## JUDAISM

What is hateful to you,  
do not do to your neighbour.  
This is the whole Torah;  
all the rest is commentary  
Hillel, Talmud, Shabbat 31a



## JAINISM

One should treat all  
creatures in the world  
as one would like  
to be treated  
Mahavira, Sutrakritanga



## ZOROASTRIANISM

Do not do unto others  
whatever is injurious  
to yourself  
Shayast-na-Shayast 13:29



## NATIVE SPIRITUALITY

We are as much alive  
as we keep the earth alive  
Chief Dan George



## UNITARIANISM

We affirm and promote respect  
for the interdependent  
web of all existence  
of which we are a part  
Unitarian principle



## TAOISM

Regard your neighbour's gain  
as your own gain, and your  
neighbour's loss as your own loss  
T'ai Shang Kan Ying Pien, 213-218



## SIKHISM

I am a stranger to no one;  
and no one is a stranger  
to me. Indeed, I am  
a friend to all  
Guru Granth Sahib, pg. 1299



## CHRISTIANITY

In everything, do to others  
as you would have them  
do to you; for this is the  
law and the prophets  
Jesus, Matthew 7:12



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

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GUEST PREACHERS & CELEBRANTS:** Rev. Stephen is staying on as interim-priest-in-charge until the new Incumbent begins. However, Rev. Stephen is away from February 12-March 11. In the meantime, the very wonderful Rev. Cathy Gibbs will be taking on extra duties. To support her we will welcome several guest preachers and guest celebrants:

- On **March 2<sup>nd</sup>** we will welcome one of our own to preach, Dr. Paul Gooch, who has long been a professor in the Philosophy Department at the University of Toronto.
- And, on **March 9<sup>th</sup>** we will welcome The Rev. Tim Vickery as preacher, who serves as Honorary Assistant at Epiphany & St. Mark's in Parkdale.
- On **Wednesday** at our midweek service on February 26<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Nigel Johnson and Ms. Bianca Mathews will lead us in BCP Morning Prayer with reserve sacrament.

While Rev. Stephen is away, any concerns should be directed to Rev. Cathy ([cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org)) and Amanda, Director of Parish Operations ([ajagt@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:ajagt@christchurchdeerpark.org)). If necessary, they will be in touch with Rev. Stephen.

### **STAFFING & LEADERSHIP CHANGES:**

- It is with real regret we accept Amanda Jagt's resignation as our very able Director of Parish Operations. She is a joy to work with, greets everyone warmly and keeps a multiplicity of things humming smoothly. We will indeed miss her. She will remain with us until after Vestry (March 16<sup>th</sup>) and then she will take her new position as Parish Executive Administrator at another parish. Sad for us at CCDP but very happy for Amanda. God bless you, Amanda! (Amanda's position is being reshaped. The wardens and priest-in-charge would welcome recommendations and applications for the position.)
- We announce the resignation of Su Laine Varkey as CCDP's People's Warden. Thank you, Su, for your service as People's Warden the past two years. We are fortunate and grateful that Katherine MacDonald, as duly elected Deputy People's Warden at Vestry on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, has stepped into the People's Warden position. Thank you, Katherine.

**VESTRY!** Our annual Vestry meeting will be on Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 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!

**FUNERALS: JOHN SYMONS**—Many of us knew John, who with his wife Maggie were long-time and faithful parishioners at CCDP until this past summer, when they moved from Toronto to be closer to their family. John peacefully passed away in early January, and his memorial service will be held at CCDP on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. All are welcome to attend.

## **WORSHIP**

**JAZZ VESPERS:** Our next service is TODAY 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.

**CHURCH ON TAP** is on Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Join us for an evening of worship and fellowship over beer and snacks! Our guest presider and preacher this month will be The Rev. Gerlyn Henry, who is currently the rector at Church of the Holy Wisdom.

**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>.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Lent, one of the holiest seasons of the church, approaches. It begins with Ash Wednesday, when we remember our mortality, our complete dependence on God, and when with penitence we begin the long walk with Jesus to Good Friday—and Easter. Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, with services at 12pm and 7pm. Rev. Cathy preaches. Please join us.

## **PASTORAL**

**REV. CATHY'S OFFICE HOURS:** While Rev. Stephen is away, Rev. Cathy will be in the church office on Mondays. If you wish to make an appointment to speak with her, please send her an email: [cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org)

**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**

**LITTLE LENTEN LUNCHESES WITH LUKE!** Beginning on Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> after our midweek Eucharistic services, Rev. Stephen will host a 30-minute Bible Study on passages from the Gospel of Luke. Bring a bagged lunch for yourself, your bible, a pen and notebook and your questions. Eucharist begins at 11 am in the chapel and Bible Study at 11:30 in the Arthur Smith Room.

1. March 12<sup>th</sup>, Luke 15: 11-32 'The Parable of the Prodigal'
2. March 19<sup>th</sup>, Luke 16: 19-31 'The Parable of The Rich Man and Lazarus'
3. March 26<sup>th</sup>, Luke 18: 1-14 'The Parables of the Widow, the Judge, the Pharisee and the Tax Collector.'
4. April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Luke 19: 11-27 'The Parable of the Ten Pounds'
5. April 9<sup>th</sup>, Luke 19:28- 47 'The Triumphal Entry and Beyond'
6. April 16<sup>th</sup> Luke 23: 26-49 'The Death of Jesus'

**SEEING JESUS THROUGH A DIFFERENT LENS:** Jesus is the focus of our Lenten Study. Using Amy Jill Levine's work, we will explore the difficult words of Jesus. And, during Holy Week, we will also look at the ways in which Jesus is portrayed in film.

### **The Difficult Words of Jesus (Amy Jill Levine)**

Dates: March 9, 23, 30, April 6 & 13

Time: 12:00pm-1:30pm (following the 10:30am service)

Location: Arthur Smith Room

RSVP: Send an email to Cathy at [cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org)

## **Jesus in Film**

For Holy Week, we invite the congregation to join us for a series of reflections at 7 pm for 1 hour. Come for them all or one or two.

April 13: Palm Sunday Evening, Passion Sunday, 7pm  
The Way of the Cross, Stations, Prayer and Meditation.  
*In the Church*

April 14: Monday of Holy Week, 7 pm  
Jesus on Film: The Triumphal Entry  
*Elliott Hall*

April 15: Tuesday of Holy Week, 7 pm  
Jesus on Film: The Last Supper  
*Elliott Hall*

April 16: Wednesday of Holy Week, 7 pm  
Jesus on Film: Jesus Before Pilate  
*Elliott Hall*

On Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday, all are invited to our worship services, the details of which will be posted closer to April.

## **COMMUNITY BUILDING**

**PANCAKE SUPPER!** Join us for pancakes and fun as we have one last hurrah before Lent begins. Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 5:30pm, dinner is served from 6-7pm. Cost is \$8/person or \$25/family of 4. This year is also special in that we will be welcoming the St. Clement's community to celebrate with us while their kitchen is undergoing renovations. So please join us and, if you are available, sign up in Elliott Hall to help out! All are welcome!

**PIPES, PEDALS & PIZZA:** On Friday, March 14th (March Break), the Royal Canadian College of Organists Toronto Centre will present Pipes, Pedals and Pizza! Our Director of Music, Stefani Bedin, will be leading an organ demo at 1:00pm at CCDP. Although this session is principally geared for youth in Grades 7 and up, all ages are welcome, so if you are curious about how CCDP's organ works and want to peak inside the pipe chamber, join us! After the demo there will also be opportunities to build and play a mini-pipe organ. Piano students are especially encouraged to bring a piece to try on the organ! There is also a session from 10am-12pm at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, meant for children in kindergarten to Gr. 6, with a pizza lunch at 12pm. Free admission; registration is not required. Minors must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

## **CCDP WALKING GROUP—A SPIRITUAL WALK TO THE**

**TORONTO ISLANDS:** On March 22nd, we welcome interim priest Stephen Drakeford's return from his vacation with a repeat walking tour of the Toronto Islands. He and Brad Lennon will be leading our visit there and to the historic St. Andrew's-by-the-Lake Anglican Church located on Centre Island. We can either depart from the church office doors at 9:45 AM to take the TTC together to Union Station. Or you can



meet up with us inside the heated waiting area of Jack Layton Ferry Terminal at the foot of Bay Street at 10:15AM to take the 10:30 AM Ferry to Ward's Island. Ferry tickets can be purchased when you arrive or online. Ferry return fares: \$9.11 adult, \$5.86 student/senior. We will catch the 2:15 or 2:45 pm ferry to be back in the city by 3:00 pm. Bring a lunch, which we will eat at St. Andrew's Church, snacks, water, a hot beverage, and icers/microspikes if it is still icy on the road surfaces. Dress in warm layers appropriate to the weather. We will hike towards Hanlan's Point and return to Ward's Island (the only ferry destination served in the Winter) - approximately 5-6 km each way. Please let Brad know if you intend to join.

**HAVE YOUR SAY! PARTICIPATE IN DIOCESAN-WIDE PLANNING FEASIBILITY STUDY:** Twenty Calls to Action emerged from Cast the Net, a visioning process that heard from more than a thousand clergy and lay leaders. Responding to these calls will look different in every parish, and will require resources and financial supports. Together, we are embarking on a diocesan-wide Planning Feasibility Study to prayerfully discern our collective readiness for a potential fundraising campaign that will serve and strengthen our parish and our broader diocesan community. Whether you are a member of clergy, laity, church leadership or taking your first steps in your walk with Christ, **you are invited to give candid feedback on a Preliminary Case for Support that puts parishes first by reflecting our unique needs and shared aspirations.** Learn more and have your say by joining an open forum: [www.toronto.anglican.ca/about-us/cast-the-net/diocesan-wide-planning-feasibility-study](http://www.toronto.anglican.ca/about-us/cast-the-net/diocesan-wide-planning-feasibility-study)

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**CLIMATE ACTION GROUP:** ...Climate change is not merely a fossil-fuels problem. It's a spiritual crisis. In this drastically changed and changing scheme, many more of us are going to have to move—not just from the comfortable seat of our physical homes and late-stage capitalism, when they can no longer shelter us, but into a new relationship with nature and with one another. “Lessons for Survival: Mothering Against the ‘Apocalypse’”, Emily Raboteau, (2024), p. 124-125

**TRUTH & RECONCILIATION WORKING GROUP:** In the western tradition, there is a recognized hierarchy of beings with of course the human being on top (...) and plants at the bottom. But in native ways of knowing, human people are often referred to as “the younger brother of creation”. We say that humans have the least experience with how to live and thus the most to learn – we must look to our teachers among the other species for guidance. Their wisdom is apparent in the way they live... Plants know how to make food and medicine from light and water and then they give it away. (From *Braiding Sweet Grass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer)

**TRC COMMISSIONER INTERVIEWED:** The Anglican Church of Canada, United Church of Canada and Presbyterian Church in Canada are holding an in-person conversation with Marie Wilson about her new book *North of Nowhere: Song of a Truth and Reconciliation Commissioner* on Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. at Friends House, 60 Lowther Ave., Toronto. She will speak about her time with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the ongoing need for truth, healing and justice for Indigenous people in Canada, and where we are today. The book will be available for purchase. Journalist and author Cynthia Reyes will moderate. Register for free on [www.eventbrite.ca](http://www.eventbrite.ca) (search for *North of Nowhere* to find the event).

## **FUNDRAISING**

**RUMMAGE INTAKE:** Beginning Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, we will begin accepting donations for our Spring Rummage Sale. Please bring your new or gently used donations of clothing, footwear, and accessories (jewellery, hats, scarves, gloves, purses, etc.) to the Atrium doors on Saturdays between 11am-2pm. And, of course, come to the church on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm for our Spring Rummage Sale! This is one of our three main fundraising events each year, so the more you shop the more money we raise for our ministry (it’s a win-win!). Interested in volunteering? Please speak to Mary or Jayne on a Sunday.

## 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 26**  
11am Morning Prayer

**Thursday, February 27**  
10:00am Daily Prayer

**Friday, February 28**  
7:00pm Church on Tap

**Saturday, March 1**  
8-9:30am Community Breakfast

**Sunday, March 2**  
8:00am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9:15am Contemporary Worship

10:30am Holy Eucharist (BAS)  
*In person & Livestreamed*



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