

Christ Church Deer Park

February 9, 2025
The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
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 Here's One African-American Spiritual, arr. Evelyn Larter

This prelude is a 2024 instrumental arrangement of the African-American spiritual "Here's One." The haunting, melancholy melody reflects the sadness of oppressed people, many of whom continued singing about their faith with confidence in God despite their circumstances. The first verse is as follows: *Talk about a child who do love Jesus, here's one, here's one. Ever since I heard the gospel story, I've been walking up the road to glory. Talk about a child...*

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

Processional Hymn #1 *(please stand as you are able)*

Holy, Holy, Holy NICA EA

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though our sinful human gaze thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Text: R. Heber
Tune: J.B. Dykes

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: Holy God, in whose image all of us are made—may we leave everything behind for you: our discord and strife, our selfishness and apathy. Guide us to recognize and reach for the abundance and fulfillment you offer, that we may serve you all of our days. Through Jesus Christ, our hope.

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 Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.’

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!’ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: ‘Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’

Isaiah 6:1-8

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138

George Black

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

Refrain:
 You — will make good your pur - pose for me.

Cantor: I will give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart;
 before the gods I will sing your praise.
 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
 because of your love and faithfulness. *Refrain*

For you have glorified your name
 and your word above all things.
 When I called, you answered me;
 you increased my strength within me. *Refrain*

All who reign on earth will praise you, O God,
 when they have heard the words of your mouth.
 They will sing of your ways,
 that great is your glory O God. *Refrain*

Though you be high, you care for the lowly;
 you perceive the haughty from afar.
 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
 you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
 your right hand shall save me.
 You will make good your purpose for me;
 O God, your love endures for ever;
 do not abandon the works of your hands. *Refrain*

Testimonial

Colleen Brydson

Gospel Acclamation #711

(please stand as you are able)

Alleluia

A. Gregory Murray

Cantor: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Cantor: I am the light of the world, says the Lord.
Those who follow me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life. *John 8.12*

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.

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Luke 5:1-11

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

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

Offertory Hymn #513 v. 1-5

“Guide My Feet” is an African-American spiritual inspired by Hebrews 12:1-2, which compares Christian discipleship to running a race with our eyes fixed on Christ, who endured the pain of the cross and ultimately sits at the right-hand of God. For enslaved Christians seeking to run toward freedom, this spiritual perhaps provided encouragement.

Guide My Feet

GUIDE MY FEET

Guide my feet while I run this race,
Guide my feet while I run this race,
Guide my feet while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Hold my hand while I run this race,
Hold my hand while I run this race,
Hold my hand while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Stand by me while I run this race,
Stand by me while I run this race,
Stand by me while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

I'm Your child while I run this race,
I'm Your child while I run this race,
I'm Your child while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Search my heart while I run this race,
Search my heart while I run this race,
Search my heart while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Words and Music: African-American Spiritual

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: God of compassion and forgiveness, receive our offering this day, and make us one with him who is our peace, Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All: Amen.

Celebrating the Eucharist

(please remain standing)

The Great Thanksgiving

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

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-against 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

(please be seated)

Arthur Sullivan

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.

Communion Motet

William Dawson (1899-1990) was an African-American composer, choir director, educator and musicologist. He was especially acclaimed for his *Negro Folk Symphony* (1934, revised 1952), and his many arrangements of spirituals, including *Ain'a That Good News*, which promises victory beyond the struggles of this world.

Ain'a That Good News

African-American Spiritual, arr. William Dawson

I got a crown [harp, robe, Saviour] up in-a the Kingdom,
ain't-a that good news?

I got a crown [harp, robe, Saviour] up in-a the Kingdom,
ain't-a that good news?

Refrain:

I'm a-goin' to lay down this world,
Goin' to shoulder up my cross,
Goin' take it home to my Jesus,
ain't-a that good news? Good news.

Communion Hymn #430 v. 1, 2, 4, 5

The Summons

KELVINGROVE

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go

where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, © 1988, WGRG, c/o Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agent
Music: Scottish traditional

Prayer after Communion

(please stand as you are able)

Presider: Eternal God, in you we find peace beyond all telling. May we who share in this heavenly banquet be instruments of your peace on earth, 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 #527 v. 1, 2, 3, 5

This hymn, which was first published in London, England, became extremely popular in the United States during the Civil War era. It was well-known in both Northern and Southern States, which reminds us that music and faith can help unite divided peoples.

How Firm A Foundation

FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!

What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters, I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow,
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to His foes;
That soul, tho' all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"

Text: John Rippon
Music: *Genuine Church Music*, 1832

Dismissal

(please stand as you are able)

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

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude *Finale Jubilante* from Five Pieces

Healey Willan

Please join us in Elliott Hall for coffee hour!

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 16th) 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, effective immediately. 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 25th, 2024, will be stepping into the People's Warden position immediately. Thank you, Katherine.
- 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, the details of which we will have in the bulletin next week.

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

PART-TIME CUSTODIAL POSITION: Do you know anyone who may be interested in part-time custodial work? CCDP is looking for someone to work Friday evenings. Duties include cleaning, set up for any events, and assisting space users. Please feel free to share widely; interested parties can contact Amanda (ajagt@christchurchdeerpark.org).

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!

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 15th at 1pm. All are welcome to attend.

RAYMA TURNER: We continue to pray for Rayma, who was buried out of our church on Saturday. Some of us remember Rayma from her time at CCDP, and we will continue to lift up her family in our prayers as they grieve.

WORSHIP

JAZZ VESPERS: Our February services are TODAY and the 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.

CHURCH ON TAP is on Friday, February 28th at 7pm. Join us for an evening of worship and fellowship over beer and snacks!

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.

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 5th, with services at 12pm and 7pm. Rev. Cathy preaches. Please join us.

PASTORAL

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

LITTLE LENTEN LUNCHEES WITH LUKE! Beginning on Wednesday, March 12th 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 12th, Luke 15: 11-32 ‘The Parable of the Prodigal’
2. March 19th, Luke 16: 19-31 ‘The Parable of The Rich Man and Lazarus’
3. March 26th, Luke 18: 1-14 ‘The Parables of the Widow, the Judge, the Pharisee and the Tax Collector.’
4. April 2nd, Luke 19: 11-27 ‘The Parable of the Ten Pounds’
5. April 9th, Luke 19:28- 47 ‘The Triumphal Entry and Beyond’
6. April 16th 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

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

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!

SOCIAL JUSTICE

CLIMATE ACTION GROUP: In fall 2020, scientists reported a mass die-off of up to a million migratory birds across the American Southwest and Mexico. Many had little muscle mass, seeming to have dropped dead from the sky mid-flight, like the proverbial canaries in a coal mine. The ongoing wildfires in the West were considered a factor.

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 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>

FUNDRAISING

RUMMAGE INTAKE: Beginning Saturday, March 1st, 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 10th 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 12
11am Holy Eucharist

Thursday, February 13
10:00am Daily Prayer

Sunday, February 16
8:00am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9:15am Contemporary Worship

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



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