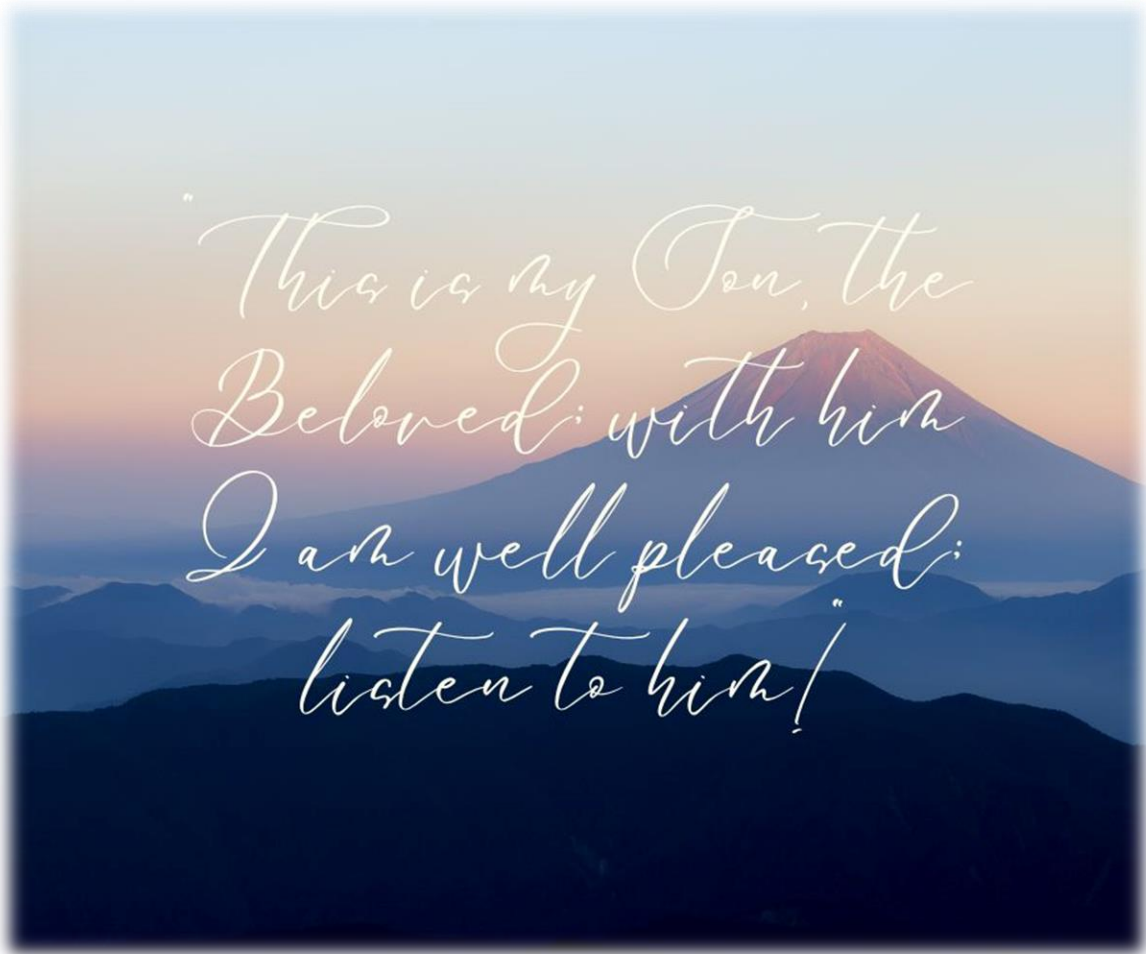


Christ Church Deer Park

March 2, 2025
The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
Holy Eucharist
at 10:30 am



WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH DEER PARK

We are glad to have you worship with us!

We are a growing, diverse, and energetic faith community learning to follow Jesus together.
Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are invited to join us.



Hello! Whether this is your first time through our doors or your one thousandth, we are glad you are here! At our church you are welcome to participate as much or as little as you are comfortable doing.

So, what is our community like? Well, we are a church community from different generations and different walks of life. We are here because we want to follow Jesus and live in community with one another and our neighbours in this little corner of Toronto. We care deeply about feeding the hungry and welcoming refugees; we affirm that all people, including our LGBTQ2SI+ siblings, are made in the image of God and should be included in all the practices of our life of faith; and, no matter where we are on our spiritual journeys, we strive to lament together, rejoice together, and hold each other up on this journey of faith and life.

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Prelude Méditation, Op. posth.

Maurice Duruflé

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

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

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

WAREHAM

O wondrous sight! O vision fair
of glory that the church shall share,
which Christ upon the mountain shows,
where brighter than the sun he glows!

From age to age the tale declares
how with the three disciples there
where Moses and Elijah meet,
the Lord holds converse high and sweet.

The law and prophets there have place,
two chosen witnesses of grace;
the Father's voice from out the cloud
proclaims his only Son aloud.

With shining face and bright array,
Christ deigns to manifest that day
what glory shall be theirs above
who joy in God with perfect love.

And faithful hearts are raised on high
by this great vision's mystery;
for which in joyful strains we raise
the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

Text: Sarum Breviary, tr. John Mason Neale
Music: William Knapp

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.

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, on the holy mount you revealed to chosen witnesses, your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured: mercifully deliver us from the darkness of this world, and change us into his likeness from glory to glory; 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 First Lesson

(please be seated)

Reader: A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Exodus 34:29-35

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99

Based on Old 124th

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

Refrain: 
Pro-claim the great-ness of the Lord our God, who is the Ho - ly One.

Cantor: The Lord is king; let the people tremble;
he is enthroned upon the Cherubim; let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion; he is high above all peoples. Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome; he is the Holy One. *Refrain*

"O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; he is the Holy One. *Refrain*

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his name, they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them. *Refrain*

"O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds." Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; for the Lord our God is the Holy One. *Refrain*

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Listening to God – The Second Lesson

(please be seated)

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

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation #711

(please stand as you are able)

Alleluia

A. Gregory Murray

Cantor: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Cantor: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

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.

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah " - not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Luke 9:28-36

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Music for Reflection – Vocal Solo

Note: Today is our longtime soprano lead Sonya Harper Nyby's last Sunday at CCDP. Near the end of the service, we will have an opportunity to acknowledge and thank her, as we wish her and her growing family all the best.

How Beautiful are the Feet (from *Messiah*)

G. F. Handel

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace,
and bring glad tidings of good things.

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)

Confession and Absolution

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

Presider: Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept

Presider: Most merciful God,

**All: we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Presider: Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

(please remain standing)

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

The congregation is invited to remain standing for the offertory.

Sharing What We Have

We give as an expression of gratitude for all that God has done for us
and because God has designed us to be givers.

Ways to Give Financially

- Through automatic monthly credit card or pre-authorized debit donations
please contact bookkeeper@christchurchdeerpark.org if you are interested in setting up a monthly offering
- Cash or cheque made out to *Christ Church Deer Park*
- Debit/credit via the mobile credit machine: *please see warden on duty*
- E-transfer to donations@christchurchdeerpark.org
- Online via Canada Helps (scan the QR code to the right to be brought to the website)




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

Offertory Hymn

O Light of Light

JESU DULCIS MEMORIA



1 O Light of Light, Love giv - en birth;
2 Two pro - phets, who had faith to see,
3 May all who seek to praise a - right

Je - sus, Re - deem - er of the earth:
 with your e - lect - found com - pa - ny;
 through pur - er lives show forth your light.

more bright than day your face did show,
 the heavens a - bove your glo - ry named,
 To you, the King of glo - ry, now

your rai - ment whit - er than the snow.
 your Fa - ther's voice his Son pro - claimed.
 all faith - ful hearts a - dor - ing bow.

Text: Latin, 10th Century; tr. Laurence Housman
 Music: *Jesu dulcis memoria*, plainsong

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Holy God, receive all we offer you this day, and bring us to that radiant glory which we see in the transfigured face of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrating the Eucharist

(please remain standing)

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: May God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

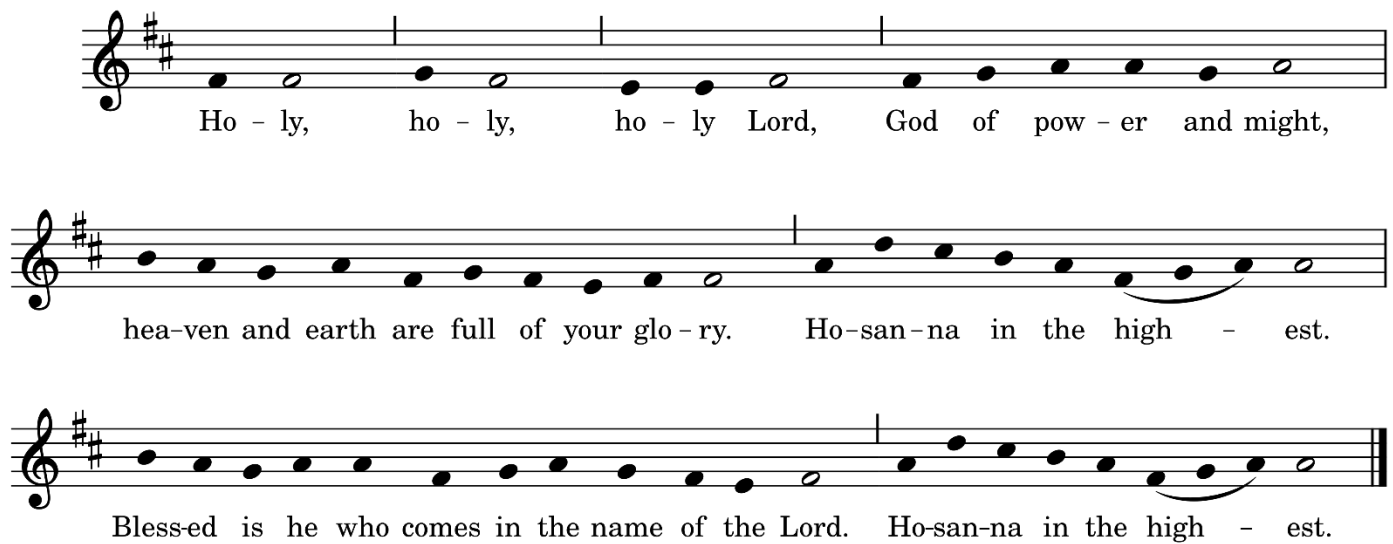
Presider: Lift up your hearts.

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.

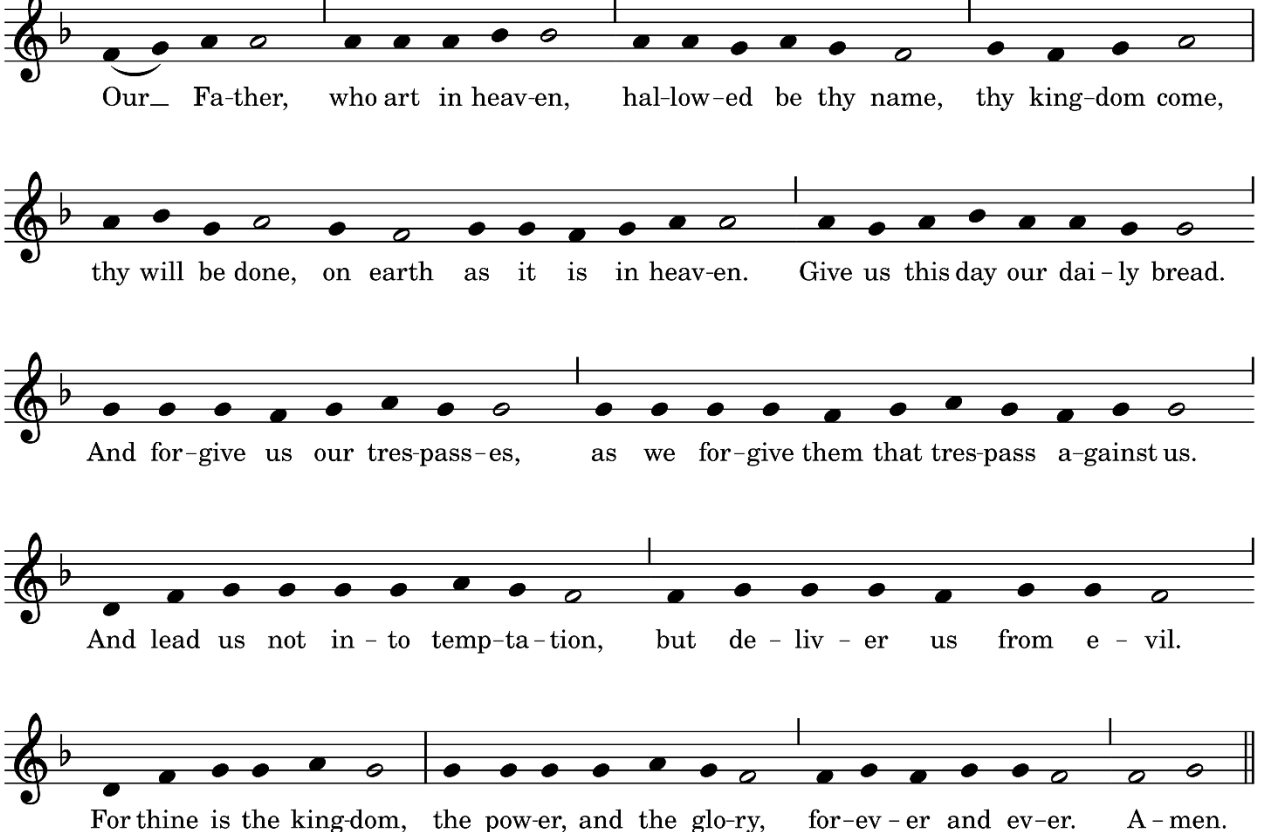
All: Amen.

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 pow-er, and the glo-ry, for-ev - er and ev-er. A - men.

Breaking of the Bread

Presider: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

(please be seated)

John Stainer

Agnus Dei

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

Cantique de Jean Racine, Op. 11

Gabriel Fauré

*Verbe égal au Très-Haut, notre unique espérance,
Jour éternel de la terre et des cieux,
De la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence:
Divin Sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux.*

Word of the Highest, our only hope,
Eternal day of earth and the heavens,
We break the silence of the peaceful night;
Saviour Divine, cast your eyes upon us!

*Répands sur nous le feu de Ta grâce puissante;
Que tout l'enfer fuie au son de Ta voix;
Dissipe le sommeil d'une âme languissante
Qui la conduit à l'oubli de Tes lois!*

Pour on us the fire of your powerful grace,
That all hell may flee at the sound of your voice;
Banish the slumber of a weary soul,
That brings forgetfulness of your laws!

*Ô Christ! sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle,
Pour Te bénir maintenant rassemblé;
Reçois les chants qu'il offre à Ta gloire immortelle,
Et de Tes dons qu'il retourne comblé.*

O Christ, look with favour upon your faithful people
Now gathered here to praise you;
Receive their hymns offered to your immortal glory;
May they go forth filled with your gifts.

- Jean Racine, based on the medieval Latin hymn *Consors Paterni Luminis* attr. To St. Ambrose of Milan

Prayer after Communion

(please stand as you are able)

Presider: Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. May we who are partakers of his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. We ask this in his name.

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: In the coming days,
may you experience the presence of God with joy.
May the holy cloud comfort you.
May the divine voice encourage you.

May the power of the Spirit transform you,
transform us,
and transform our world. **Amen.**

Announcements

Closing Hymn

Jesus on the Mountain Peak

ST. ALBINUS

1 Je - sus on the moun-tain peak stands a - lone in glo-ry
2 Trem-bling at his feet we saw Mo-ses and E - li-jah
3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came: God pro-claim-ing in its
4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and proph-ets sing be -

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blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak, join the speak - ing. All the proph - ets and the law shout through thun - der Je - sus as the Son by name! Na - tions, fore him, first and last and on - ly One. All cre -

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saints and an - gels prais - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 them their joy - ful greet - ing: Al - le - lu - ia!
 cry a - loud in won - der: Al - le - lu - ia!
 a - tion shall a - dore him! Al - le - lu - ia!

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 Tune (ST. ALBINUS 7 8 7 8 4): Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805-1876

Postlude Masque

Denis Bédard

During the postlude, you are invited to gather outdoors on the front steps for the burning of the palms.

The Burning of Palms in Preparation for Ash Wednesday

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Beloved in Christ, in their life these palms drew life from the earth and gave it back to our air and the animals they hosted and sheltered. In the worship of our community, they helped us offer festive joy. Now, as these palms are reduced to ashes for use as we begin our Lenten pilgrimage, we pray they will serve as sign of our mortality and God's power to save. May we recognize God's love at work in us throughout the holy season before us, replanting our lives in the sure and humble soil of God's truth and grace, so we may once again greet the Christian Passover with joy and gladness.

As the fire is kindled, those present may carefully add palms to keep it burning.

Presider: Merciful God, you called us from the dust of the earth, and claimed us for Christ in the waters of Baptism. Look upon us as we prepare for the forty days of Lent by burning these palms to create the ashes that will mark us as penitents. Bless us through our Lenten journey to the waters of new birth at Easter. May our fasting be a hunger for justice; our alms, a way of making peace; our prayer, the song of humble and thankful hearts. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Dismissal

Presider: Let us bless the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please join us in Elliott Hall for Coffee Hour!

Assisting with the Liturgy

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Cathy Gibbs

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR NEW INCUMBENT: It is with great joy the Parish Selection Committee announces that The Reverend Canon Dr. Alison Falby will be our new Incumbent, beginning September 1, 2025. Alison grew up in Toronto and is currently the incumbent at All Saints Church-Community Centre in Moss Park, where she has led a growing congregation and overseen a weekday drop-in centre for people experiencing homelessness and other challenges. She was previously the incumbent at St. Martin's, Bay Ridges, in Pickering, and a curate at St. Nicholas, Birch Cliff and Havergal College in Toronto. She was ordained priest in 2012, and graduated with her M.Div. from Trinity College, Toronto, in 2011. Before following her call to the priesthood, Alison was an Assistant Professor of History. She holds a D.Phil. from Oxford and a B.A. from McGill University. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, pottery, and stand-up comedy. She and her husband Mike are looking forward to joining the Christ Church community in September.



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:

- **Today** we 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 9th** we will welcome The Rev. Tim Vickery as preacher, who serves as Honorary Assistant at Epiphany & St. Mark's in Parkdale.
- Please note that **Wednesday, March 5** is Ash Wednesday, and so instead of our usual 11am Eucharist service we will have an Ash Wednesday Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes, and this will be at **12pm**. As it is a day of fasting, we will not have our usual tea and cookies afterward. (Our second Ash Wednesday service will be at 7pm, and will also be livestreamed.)

While Rev. Stephen is away, any concerns should be directed to Rev. Cathy (cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org) and Amanda, Director of Parish Operations (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 16th) and then she will take her new position as Parish Executive Administrator at St. Clement's. 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 25th, 2024, has stepped into the People's Warden position. Thank you, Katherine.

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! *Materials for Vestry—the Report Booklet & Money Matters—are available at the back of the sanctuary & Belltower entrance.*

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.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE SEEKING NEW MEMBERS: We are blessed with a beautiful, one-hundred-year-old building here at CCDP, and much of the management of its care and upkeep is coordinated and decided by our small but crucial property committee. **It would be very beneficial to have a few more people on this team**, and so if you or anyone you know (they don't necessarily have to be a member of the parish) has a background in engineering, a trade, management, or the practical running of a building/house, please connect with Andrew Harding. You can connect with him on a Sunday morning. Also, even if you don't have a background in these areas, if you are interested or want to learn more about such things, we would welcome you to the team, too. The commitment is about 2-5 hours per month.

WORSHIP

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. (Both services are in person, and our

7pm will additionally be livestreamed to our YouTube channel.) Rev. Cathy preaches. Please join us.

JAZZ VESPERS: Our next services are on March 9 & March 23 at 4:30pm.

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

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

PANCAKE SUPPER! Join us for pancakes and fun as we have one last hurrah before Lent begins. Tuesday, March 4th. 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/micro-spikes 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

SOCIAL JUSTICE

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST – LOOKING FOR WINTER CLOTHING: With winter still with us for the foreseeable future, the Breakfast program is asking for your help. We are looking for gently used winter clothing - coats, hats, boots, scarves, gloves and especially warm socks. If you have any of these winter items that you can part ways with, our guests would certainly appreciate it. The items can be dropped off here at the church

anytime. We have a box in the Atrium, just outside the administrative office. Thank you very much!

CLIMATE ACTION GROUP: Heat pumps are like air conditioners, but they're more energy efficient. In the winter, they can reverse their function and act as heaters powered by electricity. Crucially, by helping to replace furnaces that run on gas or oil, heat pumps allow us to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels that are cooking our planet and making disasters like the 2021 Heat Dome in BC much more likely. Buildings are the third-largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Canada, and we need mass adoption of heat pumps to change that. Heat pumps can also play a big role in keeping vulnerable people healthy and safe during extreme heat events.

TRUTH & RECONCILIATION WORKING GROUP: A small group of CCDP members went to the Friends House (Lowther Ave) to hear Marie Wilson discussing her recent book "North of Nowhere: Song of a Truth and Reconciliation Commissioner." It was a very thought-provoking evening as Marie discussed what it was like to be part of this enormous and important process. Interviewed by Cynthia Reyes, another former CBC journalist, Marie highlighted how her spiritual journey changed and grew as a result of this quest and the outcome of the 94 calls to action was such an important undertaking for Canada. Murray Sinclair and Wilton Littlechild were the other 2 commissioners. It is now 10 years since the calls to action was published so it is an important year to reflect on the work that still needs to be done. Strikingly the opening Indigenous words for the Creator spoke about finding the Good Way for this journey.

FUNDRAISING

RUMMAGE INTAKE: Beginning Saturday, March 1st, we began 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

Tuesday, March 4

5:30-7:00pm Pancake Supper
In Elliott Hall

Wednesday, March 5

Ash Wednesday
Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes
Services at 12pm & 7pm*
**7pm will also be livestreamed*

Thursday, March 6

10:00am Daily Prayer

Saturday, March 8

11am-2pm Rummage Intake

Sunday, March 9

8:00am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9:15am Contemporary Worship

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

Lent Adult Education
12pm-1:30pm
Arthur Smith Room

4:30pm Jazz Vespers



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