

# Christ Church Deer Park

March 16, 2025  
The Second Sunday in Lent  
**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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*Deputy Warden* – Paul Kingston

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

*People's Warden* – Katherine MacDonald

*Treasurer* – Nick Strube

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

*Community Breakfast* – Carl Wehniainen, Lead

*Congregational Care Team* – Ann Atkins, Lead

*Prayer Circle* – Jan D'Angelo, Coordinator

*Small Groups* – The Rev. Cathy Gibbs

*Coffee Hour* – Sandra Geddes, Coordinator

*Chancel Guild* – Elsa Jones, Lead

*Children's Ministry* – Sharilyn Robinson

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*Stewardship Committee* – Stephen Clark

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*Investment Committee* – Michael Butler, Chair

*Climate Action Group* – Brad Lennon, Lead

*Christmas Sale* – Jayne Miles Simpson, Lead

Note for Lent: As is customary to mark the austere and penitential nature of the Lenten season, there are no flowers on the altar, the music is more sombre, the Gloria and Alleluia are not sung, and there is more silence for reflection. These practices encourage us to deepen our experience of fasting and prayer in preparation for the joyous celebration of Easter.

**Prelude**      Tiento de Medio Registro de Tiple del Decimo Tono      F. Correa de Arauxo

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

*The procession enters in silence.*

**Opening Hymn #172 v. 1, 2, 4, 5**      *(please stand as you are able)*

Now Let Us All With One Accord      BOURBON

Now let us all with one accord,  
in company with ages past,  
keep vigil with our heavenly Lord,  
in his temptation and his fast.

The covenant so long revealed  
to those of faith in former time,  
Christ by his own example sealed;  
the Lord of love, in love sublime.

Remember, Lord, though frail we be,  
in your own image were we made;  
help us, lest in anxiety,  
we cause your name to be betrayed.

Therefore, we pray you, Lord, forgive;  
so when our wanderings here shall cease,  
we may with you for ever live,  
in love and unity and peace.

Text: Att. St. Gregory; tr. James Quinn  
Music: Att. Freeman Lewis

## Gathering

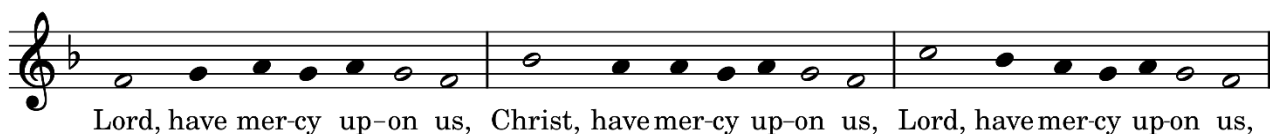
*(please remain standing)*

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.**

## Kyrie #678

John Merbecke



## The Collect of the Day

Presider: Brooding Spirit, beneath your wings there is creation and life: accompany us on the difficult path with the disappeared, the broken and the fearful, so that we find the way to the city of our peace where we are all accepted as your beloved; through the cross of Jesus Christ, our only Lord.

**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 Book of Genesis.

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut

them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates." *Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 27

Plainsong VII.7

*The cantor and congregation will alternate.*



Cantor: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear:  
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

**All: When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh:  
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.**

Cantor: Though an army should encamp against me,  
yet my heart shall not be afraid;

**All: And though war should rise up against me,  
yet will I put my trust in him.**

Cantor: One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

**All: To behold the fair beauty of the Lord,  
and to seek him in his temple.**

Cantor: For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

**All: Even now he lifts up my head,  
above my enemies round about me.**

Cantor: Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness;  
I will sing and make music to the Lord.

**All: Harken to my voice, O Lord, when I call;  
have mercy on me and answer me.**

## Gospel Acclamation #717

*(please stand as you are able)*

Praise to You, O Lord

D. Young

Cantor: Praise to you, O Lord, King of eternal glory.

**All: Praise to you, O Lord, King of eternal glory.**

Cantor: If you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**All: Praise to you, O Lord, King of eternal glory.**

## 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.**

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

*Luke 13:31-35*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Homily** "A Deep Connection"

## Silence 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)*

**Confession and Absolution**

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

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

*Silence is kept*

Presider: Most merciful God,  
**All: we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

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

**The Peace**

*(please remain standing)*

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**All: And also with you.**

*The congregation is invited to remain standing for the offertory.*

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# Sharing What We Have

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

## Ways to Give Financially

- Through automatic monthly credit card or pre-authorized debit donations  
please contact [bookkeeper@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:bookkeeper@christchurchdeerpark.org) if you are interested in setting up a monthly offering
- 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](mailto: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.

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## Offertory Hymn #614

Forgive Our Sins

DETROIT

Forgive our sins as we forgive,  
You taught us, Lord, to pray,  
But you alone can grant us grace  
To live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless  
The unforgiving heart  
That broods on wrongs and will not let  
Old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your Cross reveals  
The truth we dimly knew:  
What trivial debts are owed to us,  
How great our debt to you!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls  
And bid resentment cease.  
Then, bound to all in bonds of love,  
Our lives will spread your peace.

Text: Rosamund Herklots, b.1905, © Oxford University Press; Music: Att. William Bradshaw



## Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: God of wisdom, may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory. We ask this in his name.

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, because you bid your faithful people to cleanse their hearts and to prepare with joy for the paschal feast; that reborn through the waters of baptism and renewed in the eucharistic mystery, we may be more fervent in prayer and more generous in the works of love. Therefore we raise our voices to you in praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

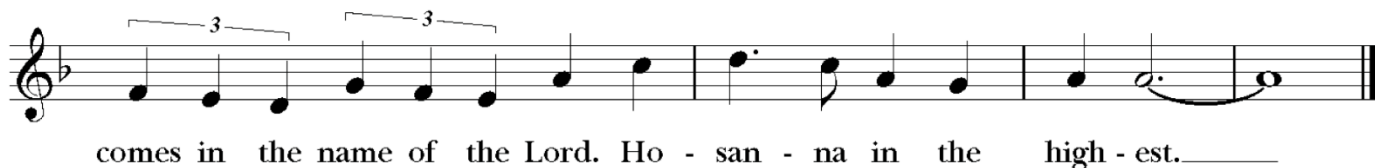
Sanctus & Benedictus Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord

Robert Powell

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



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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 sons and daughters; 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 #684

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,

**All:**           **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Presider:    Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

**All:**           **If we have died with him, we shall live with him;  
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

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

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

*(please be seated)*

**Agnus Dei** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God based on the chorale CHRISTE, DU LAMM GOTTES (1528)

Choir: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
grant us Thy peace. Amen.

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## All are welcome to receive communion with us

As the sidespeople pass your pew, please line up in the centre aisle.

- **To receive a blessing**, as you reach the priest with the bread, cross your arms over your chest. Return to your seat after receiving the blessing.
  - **To receive the bread**, hold your hands in front of you, palms up.
  - **To receive the wine from the cup**, take the bottom of the cup and the base and guide it to your mouth. (Please note the dipping of bread into the wine is no longer permitted in the Anglican Diocese of Toronto.)
  - **If you prefer to take only the bread**, you may indicate this to the cup bearer by crossing your arms over your chest, or simply walking past them.
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### Communion Motet

Call to Remembrance

Richard Farrant

Choir: Call to remembrance, O Lord,  
thy tender mercy and thy loving kindness which hath been ever of old.  
O remember not the sins and offences of my youth,  
but according to thy mercy think thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

*-Psalm 25:5,6*

## Communion Hymn #49 v. 1-4, 7

Draw Near and Take

SONG 46

Draw near and take the body of your Lord,  
and drink with faith the blood for you outpoured.

Saved by his body, hallowed by his blood,  
with souls refreshed, we give our thanks to God.

Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son,  
by his dear cross and blood the victory won.

Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere,  
and take the pledges of salvation here.

Before your presence, Lord, all people bow.  
In this your feast of love be with us now.

Words: Latin 7th century; tr. J. M. Neale  
Music: Orlando Gibbons

## Prayer after Communion

*(please stand as you are able)*

Presider: Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries, which bring us now a share in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our 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.**

## Closing Prayer & Blessing

Presider: Eternal God, your Son battled with the powers of darkness and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer, so that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Presider: Whatever wilderness the Spirit has brought you to:  
walk in boldness, as a beloved child of God;  
walk in peace, under the shelter of the Most High;  
walk in faith, knowing Christ walks with you.

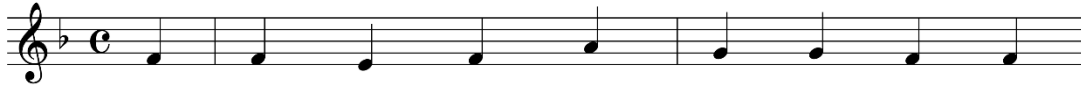
And may the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be upon you, help you, and change you as we walk with the Lord during this season of Lent. **Amen.**

## Announcements

## Closing Hymn

Lord, Who Throughout these Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN



1. Lord, who through - out these for - ty days, For  
2. As you with Sa - tan did con - tend, And  
3. As you did hun - ger and did thirst, So  
4. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And  
5. A - bid with us, that through this life Of



us did fast and pray, Teach us to o - ver -  
did the vic - t'ry win, O give us strength in  
teach us, gra - cious Lord, To die to self, and  
through your Pas - sion - tide, For ev - er - more, in  
doubts and hope and pain, An East - er of un -



come our sins, And close by you to stay.  
you to fight, In you to con - quer sin.  
so to live By your most ho - ly word.  
life and death, O Lord! with us a - bid.  
end - ing joy We may at last at - tain!

Text: Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838-1898, alt.

Tune: ST. FLAVIAN, CM; *John's Day Psalter*, 1562; harm. based on the original *faux-bourdon* setting

*The chancel party will recess in silence.*

## Dismissal

Presider: Go forth in the name of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

With the exception of the Fourth Sunday of Lent “Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday” instruments were traditionally only used to support singing during penitential seasons. In keeping with this tradition of “musical fasting” there is no organ postlude. You are invited to depart in prayerful silence.

*Please join us in Elliott Hall for lunch and our Vestry meeting!*

***Assisting with the Liturgy***

Presider:  
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Anne Crassweller

Preacher:  
Stephen Drakeford

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Bianca Mathews

Director of Music:  
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Peter Warren, Lucas Kuipers

Sidesperson:  
Anne Welch

Guest Soprano:  
Katherine Jones

Livestream Technician:  
Liam McIvor

Subdeacon:  
Elsa Jones

Verger:  
Rikk Scapillato

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

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**VESTRY!** Our annual Vestry meeting is TODAY 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 in Elliott Hall.*

**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.



**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

**JAZZ VESPERS:** Our next services are March 23 & April 13 at 4:30pm.



**CHURCH ON TAP:** We gather next on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Following our worship service, we will have a time of fellowship with beer and snacks. All are welcome!

### **HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES:**

#### **Sunday, April 13 (Palm Sunday):**

8am – Holy Eucharist (BCP) with Liturgy of the Palms

10:30am – Holy Eucharist (BAS) with Liturgy of the Palms\*\*

*(we will gather at the Mount Pleasant Cemetery gates at 10am to process to the church)*

4:30pm – Jazz Vespers

7pm – Stations of the Cross

#### **Wednesday, April 16 (Holy Wednesday):**

11:00am – Holy Eucharist

#### **Thursday, April 17 (Maundy Thursday):**

6:00pm – Parish Dinner

7:30pm – Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist Service

#### **Friday, April 18 (Good Friday):**

10:30am – Solemn Liturgy\*\*

7:00pm – Church on Tap

#### **Sunday, April 20 (Easter Sunday):**

8:00am – Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9:15am – Contemporary Worship with Communion

10:30am – Holy Eucharist (BAS)\*\*

*\*\*service will be livestreamed*

### **PASTORAL**

**FLOWERS FOR EASTER:** If you would like to donate towards the purchasing of flowers for Easter, please indicate “Easter flowers” on your donation and please include any names of those you are giving in memory of, so that they can be included in the Easter bulletins. The last day to donate towards Easter flowers is Sunday, April 6.

**REV. STEPHEN’S OFFICE HOURS:** Glad to be back! I resume office hours on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 10am-3pm. If you want to stop in, great, but best to call or email ahead.

**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).

## **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 19<sup>th</sup>, Luke 16: 19-31 'The Parable of The Rich Man and Lazarus'
2. March 26<sup>th</sup>, Luke 18: 1-14 'The Parables of the Widow, the Judge, the Pharisee and the Tax Collector.'
3. April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Luke 19: 11-27 'The Parable of the Ten Pounds'
4. April 9<sup>th</sup>, Luke 19:28- 47 'The Triumphal Entry and Beyond'
5. 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 passion of Jesus. And, during Holy Week, we will also look at the ways in which Jesus is portrayed in film.

### **Entering the Passion of Jesus (Amy Jill Levine)**

Dates: March 23, 30, April 6

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**

### **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.



**ONLINE THEOLOGY EVENT:** Tuesday, March 25 from 9-10:30am. The clergy and lay preachers of the Diocese of Toronto and Brasilia are invited to an Online Theology Event on the topic of Liberation Theology, featuring the Rev. Dr. Chris Brittain (Canada) and the Rev. Dr. Paulo Ueti (Brazil), with simultaneous translation in English and Portuguese. The event will be moderated by Brasilia's Dean Tatiana Ribeiro and Toronto's Suffragan Bishop Riscylla Shaw. All are welcome! Please register by either accessing the online sign up sheet via the weekly email or asking Rev. Cathy to send you the online sign up sheet (as the URL is too long to put in the bulletin) and the Zoom link will be sent to you before the event.

## **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:** In 2022, Asheville, NC was ranked the number one climate haven people fleeing from climate change could move to. In 2024, it became the site of one of the worst climate disasters in recent memory when Tropical Storm Helene hit on September 27. The storm caused widespread devastation, impacting infrastructure, homes, and businesses.

**TRUTH & RECONCILIATION WORKING GROUP:** The Committee met several times in February and March. Some people have asked what they can DO towards T and R; some suggestions: 1) download on Google and read the 94 Calls to Action from the Commission, especially #58-#61 regarding the Churches and reconciliation; 2) write to your MP, the Prime Minister and the Governor General to support the repeal of Bill C-273, Section 43—the “spanking law” which justifies “the use of force by way of correction toward a pupil or a child; this is #6 in the Calls to Action.” Another meeting was Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> with Leigh Kern, the “Right Relations Coordinator” in our Diocese. Leigh’s focus was the Reconciliation Land Tithe of the Toronto Urban Native Ministry, and the Ministry Allocation Fund. The goal of this initiative is to allocate 10% of monies received through the sale of Anglican Church lands towards indigenous groups. The first year monies began to flow was 2024, and so far \$100,000 has been put toward various indigenous groups through this venture. This is truly a practical part of “Reconciliation.” Finally, for anyone wishing to learn more about Reconciliation, the Yellowhead Institute offers free courses online; and Anishinabek Nation.ca via their Education-Resources menu option offers group courses in person and online regarding a number of topics such as Land Back, Settler/Indigenous History, the Calls to Action, and more.

## **FUNDRAISING**

**RUMMAGE INTAKE:** We have begun 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, March 19**

11am Holy Eucharist

11:30am Bible Study

*Arthur Smith Room*

**Thursday, March 20**

10:00am Daily Prayer

**Saturday, March 22**

11am-2pm Rummage Intake

**Sunday, March 23**

8:00am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9:15am Contemporary Worship

10:30am Holy Eucharist (BAS)

*In person & Livestreamed*

12-1:30pm Adult Education – Lent Study

*Arthur Smith Room*

4:30pm Jazz Vespers



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