

Christ Church Deer Park

March 9, 2025
The First 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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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 *Erbarm' dich mein, o Herre Gott* (Have Mercy on Me), BWV 721 J.S. Bach

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

The procession enters in silence.

Opening Hymn #170 v. 1-4 *(please stand as you are able)*

The Glory of These Forty Days ERHALT UNS, HERR

The glory of these forty days
we celebrate with songs of praise;
for Christ, by whom all things were made,
himself has fasted and has prayed.

Alone and fasting Moses saw
the loving God who gave the law;
and to Elijah, fasting, came
the steeds and chariots of flame.

So Daniel trained his mystic sight,
delivered from the lions' might;
and John, the bridegroom's friend, became
the herald of Messiah's name.

Then grant us, Lord, like them to be
full oft in fast and prayer with thee;
our spirits strengthen with thy grace,
and give us joy to see thy face.

Text: Latin (6th century); tr. Maurice F. Bell
Music: *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

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 Mass for Four Voices

William Byrd

Choir: *Kyrie eleison* Lord, have mercy.
Christe eleison Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: God of the wilderness, your Spirit leads us to face the truth, unprotected and exposed:
in our times of trial help us to resist the worship of empty power, so that we may find
our true food in Jesus Christ, the broken bread.

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 Paul's letter to the Romans.

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" that is, the word of faith that we proclaim; because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."
Romans 10:8b-13

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

All: Thanks be to God.

The cantor and congregation will alternate. The underlining indicates when to change notes after the reciting tone.



Cantor: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High:
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

**All: He shall say to the Lord, "You are my refuge and my stronghold:
my God in whom I put my trust."**

Cantor: Because you have made the Lord your refuge:
and the Most High your habitation.

**All: There shall no evil happen to you:
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.**

Cantor: For he shall give his angels charge over you:
to keep you in all your ways.

**All: They shall bear you in their hands:
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

Cantor: You shall tread upon the lion and adder:
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

**All: Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him;
I will protect him, because he knows my name.**

Cantor: He shall call upon me, and I will answer him:
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honour.

All: With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

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: We shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds
from the mouth of God.

Matthew 4.4

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.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Luke 4:1-13

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

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.

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 #605

Have Mercy, Lord, On Us

ST. BRIDE

Have mercy, Lord, on us,
for you are ever kind;
though we have sinned before you, Lord,
your mercy let us find.

Lord, wash away our guilt,
and cleanse us from my sin;
for we confess our wrongs, and see
how great our guilt has been.

The joy your grace can give,
let us again obtain;
and may your Spirit's firm support
our spirits then sustain.

Text: Psalm 51, para. Nahum Tate and Nicholas Brady
Music: Samuel Howard

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: God our refuge and our strength, receive all we offer you this day, and through the death and resurrection of your Son transform us to his likeness. 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
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.

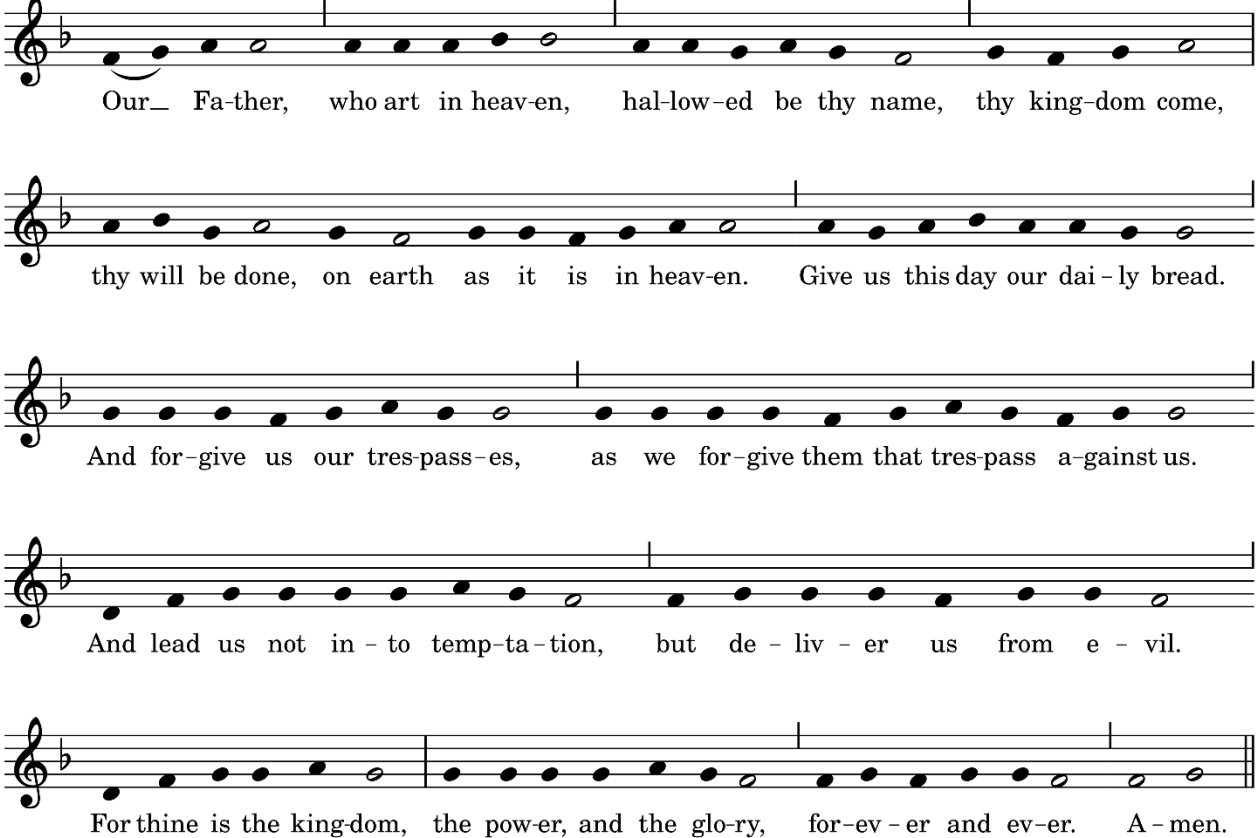
In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

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.

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: 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)
 William Byrd

Agnus Dei Mass for Four Voices

Choir: *Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.*
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us 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.
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Communion Motet

The Lent Prose

ATTENDE DOMINE

Choir: Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinned against thee.

To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:
lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications. *Refrain*

O thou chief Corner-stone, Right Hand of the Father
Way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial
cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement. *Refrain*

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated
bow down and hearken to they children
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses. *Refrain*

Sins oft committed now we lay before thee
with true contrition, now no more we veil them
grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution. *Refrain*

Innocent, captive, taken unresisting
falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced,
save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer. *Refrain*

Text: 10th century Mozarabic hymn;
English adaptation by W.J. Birbeck
Music: Plainsong, Mode V

Prayer after Communion

(please stand as you are able)

Presider: Faithful God, in this holy bread you increase our faith and hope and love. Lead us in the path of Christ who is your Word of life. 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.

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 #175

Forty Days and Forty Nights

HEINLEIN (AUS DER TIEFE)

Forty days and forty nights
you were fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled:

burning heat throughout the day,
bitter cold when light has fled,
prowling beasts around your way,
stones your pillow, earth your bed.

Shall not we your trials share,
learn your discipline of will,
and with you by fast and prayer
wrestle with the powers of hell?

So if Satan, pressing hard,
soul and body would destroy:
Christ who conquered, be our guard;
give to us the victor's joy.

Saviour, may we hear your voice -
keep us constant at your side;
and with you we shall rejoice
at the eternal Eastertide.

Text: George Smyttan
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Music: att. Martin Herbst

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 Coffee Hour!

Assisting with the Liturgy

Presider:
Cathy Gibbs

Guest Preacher:
Tim Vickery

Director of Music:
Stefani Bedin

Section Leads:
Julia Barber, Tracy Wong (guest soprano),
Peter Warren, Lucas Kuipers

Subdeacon:
Nigel Johnson

Reader:
Dorothea Mihailia

Prayers:
Winnie Tang

Warden on Duty:
Paul Kingston

Sidesperson:
John Goodwin

Livestream Technician:
James Finnerty

Vergers:
Rikk Scapillato

----ANNOUNCEMENTS----

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS! Our Shrove Tuesday dinner was fun. Students from Northern and BSS decorated Elliott Hall beautifully. We had 84 to dinner, and although this was the first time in 20 years we have not served 100 guests, it was great to see a few unfamiliar faces amongst the crowd who enjoyed their Feast before the fast. Cathy began our evening with a lovely grace. We are grateful to Gregory Lowe and Nick Strube who worked in the lower kitchen preparing our feast. Students ran the warm chafing dishes up to be served. Our salad table served Greek Salad, a lovely tossed salad, a Chickpea salad with coconut, and a Burrata Caprese salad. Thank you to John Goodwin who managed our Sales and greeted our guests, Anne Crassweller who decorated, set the ambiance, managed set up of our serving area, and oversaw the presentation. Many thanks to Marcia Kavanagh who worked with and managed the students as they created salads, teaching as she went. Mary Bredin saved the day as she went out for some Olive Oil (that was not in our shipment of groceries!) upon arrival. Mary stayed until the end helping us clean and tidy the room. And, Michael Baker, who magically appeared at 6:15, to totally manage the clean up. And, the 8 students from Northern and BSS who jumped in so happily to make Jayne's busy afternoon much easier. Always, we thank Amanda, Denis and Carlos. We wouldn't like to attempt these events without your support. This is a really fun celebration, and we hope to see all of you at next year's dinner! (The church's leadership would also like to acknowledge the massive amount of work, coordination, and volunteer recruiting done by Jayne to make the Shrove Tuesday supper happen – thank you, Jayne!)

MORE ABOUT PANCAKES: We have quite a lot of pancake mix left over from Shrove Tuesday; Jayne has packed it into take away Ziploc bags, which will be on the book swap table in Elliott Hall. Please help yourself! (Note: if you're reluctant to break a Lenten fast, fear not – each Sunday is considered to be apart from the 40 days of Lent as we recall Jesus's resurrection.)

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.*

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 The Rev. Tim Vickery as preacher, who serves as Honorary Assistant at Epiphany & St. Mark's in Parkdale.

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

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. *Please note that in lieu of flowers, the family has requested any donations in memory of John to be made to CCDP.*

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 TODAY & March 23 at 4:30pm.

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

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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

LITTLE LENTEN LUNCHESES 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 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 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

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

CCDP WALKING GROUP—A SPIRITUAL WALK TO THE

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



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

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

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

TRUTH & RECONCILIATION WORKING GROUP: Labrador Inuit Association Day is annually on March 26 and is a time to celebrate Inuit culture, language, and traditions. It is also a time to reflect on the perseverance of the Labrador Inuit Association (LIA) which was established to protect the interests of the Labrador Inuit, focusing on land rights, Inuit language and culture, health, education, and self-determination. This day marks the founding of the LIA in 1973 and is a statutory holiday in Nunatsiavut (the Inuit Labrador region which has been named "Our Beautiful Land" in Inuktitut), recognizing the fight for Inuit rights, cultural preservation, and self-governance, and serving as a powerful reminder of Inuit strength and sovereignty.

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 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, March 12

11am Holy Eucharist

11:30am Bible Study

Arthur Smith Room

Thursday, March 13

10:00am Daily Prayer

Saturday, March 15

11am-2pm Rummage Intake

Sunday, March 16

8:00am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9:15am Contemporary Worship

10:30am Holy Eucharist (BAS)

In person & Livestreamed

12pm Vestry Meeting

With lunch provided



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