

Christ Church Deer Park

March 5, 2025
Ash Wednesday
Holy Eucharist
at 7:00 pm



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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As we begin our Lenten observance,
you are invited to maintain a prayerful silence before the service.

Welcome

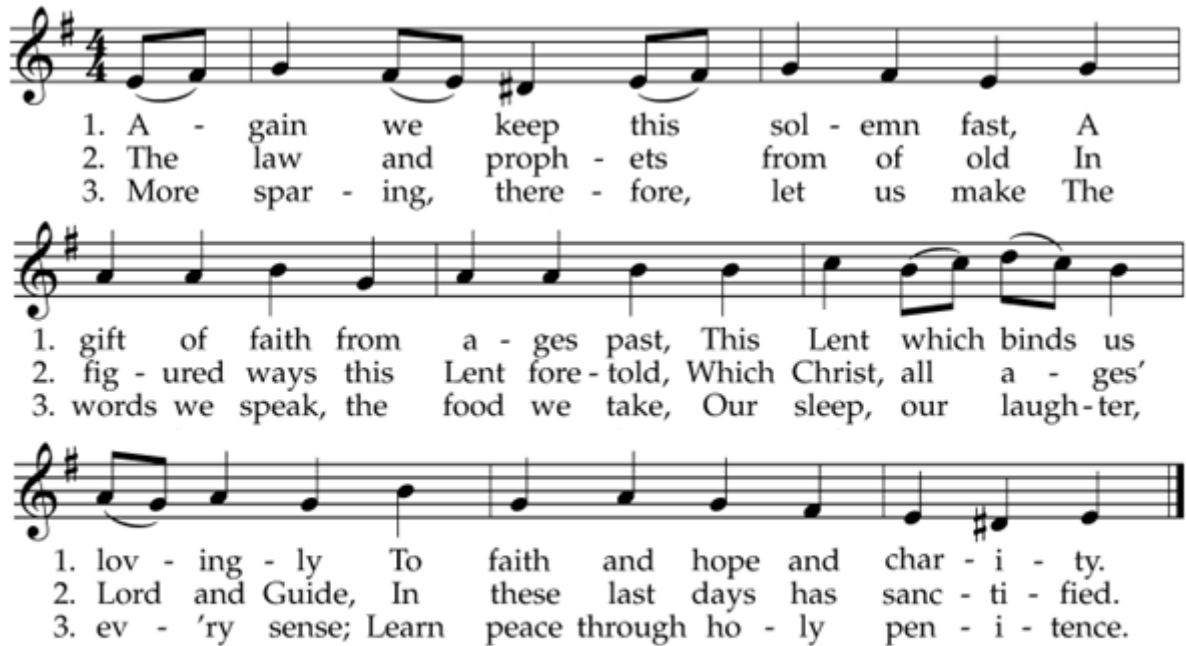
The chancel party will process in silence. Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn

(please continue to stand as you are able)

Again We Keep this Solemn Fast

ERHALT UNS HERR



1. A - gain we keep this sol - emn fast, A
2. The law and proph - ets from of old In
3. More spar - ing, there - fore, let us make The

1. gift of faith from a - ges past, This Lent which binds us
2. fig - ured ways this Lent fore - told, Which Christ, all a - ges'
3. words we speak, the food we take, Our sleep, our laugh - ter,

1. lov - ing - ly To faith and hope and char - i - ty.
2. Lord and Guide, In these last days has sanc - ti - fied.
3. ev - 'ry sense; Learn peace through ho - ly pen - i - tence.

Ex more docti mystico

Attr. to Gregory the Great, c. 540–604

Tr. by Peter J. Scagnelli and John Mason Neale, 1818–1866

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Geistliche Lieder, Wittenberg, 1543

Gathering

(please remain standing)

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

The Collect of the Day

Presider: Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and humble hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our own transgressions, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

(please be seated)
Plainsong (Orbis factor)

Kyrie

Choir: *Kyrie eleison*
Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison

Listening to God – The Lessons

Read by Elsa Jones

Reader: Our readings are from the Book of Joel and the First Letter of John.

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near - a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord, your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'" *Joel 2:1-2, 12-17a*

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. *1 John 1:5-10*

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Music Lord Have Mercy

Steve Merkel

Leader: Jesus, I've forgotten
the words that You have spoken.
Promises that burned
within my heart
have now grown dim.
With a doubting heart
I follow the paths of earthly wisdom.
Forgive me for my unbelief.
Renew the fire again. *Chorus*

Chorus:

All: **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on me.

Leader: I have built an altar
where I've worshiped things of man.
I have taken journeys
that have drawn me far from You.
Now I am returning
to Your mercies ever flowing.
Pardon my transgressions.
Help me love You again. *Chorus*

Leader: I have longed to know You
and all Your tender mercies.
Like a river of forgiveness
ever flowing without end.
So I bow my heart before You
in the goodness of Your presence.
Your grace forever shining.
Like a beacon in the night. *Chorus*

Text and Music: Steve Merkel
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The Holy Gospel

(please remain standing)

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 time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' *Luke 13:1-5*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

(please be seated)

Ash Wednesday Questions to Ponder:

1. Have you done anything that requires forgiveness?
2. Have you done anything which needs an apology?
3. Have cross words passed your lips?
4. Have you judged unfairly or been unjustly critical of someone?
5. Did you have an opportunity to speak out against injustice, but didn't?
6. Was there something you should have done but didn't?
7. What risk should you have taken that you were afraid to take?
8. When did your sense of self-preservation eclipse your sense of courage?
9. How could you have been a better *me*?
10. How could we as a community have been a better *us*?

Motet Thou Knowest Lord the Secrets of our Hearts

Henry Purcell

Choir: Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
Shut not thy merciful ears unto our pray'rs;
But spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty.
O holy and most merciful Saviour,
Thou most worthy Judge eternal,
Suffer us not at our last hour,
For any pains of death to fall away from Thee.

-Book of Common Prayer (Funeral Sentences)

The Exhortation

(please stand as you are able)

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, every year at the time of the Christian Passover we celebrate our redemption through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration and to renew our life in the paschal mystery. We begin this holy season by remembering our need for repentance, and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes, an ancient sign, speaking of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, and marking the penitence of the community as a whole.

I invite you therefore, in the name of the Lord, to observe a holy Lent by self-examination, penitence, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and by reading and meditating on the word of God. Let us kneel before our Creator and Redeemer.

Litany of Penitence *Led by Katherine MacDonald* *(please kneel or sit as is your preference)*

Intercessor: Most holy and merciful God,

All: We confess to you, to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

Intercessor: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

All: Have mercy on us, Lord.

Intercessor: We have been deaf to your call: to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

All: Have mercy on us, Lord.

Intercessor: We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

All: We confess to you, Lord.

Intercessor: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

All: We confess to you, Lord.

Intercessor: Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

All: We confess to you, Lord.

Intercessor: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

All: We confess to you, Lord.

Intercessor: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

All: We confess to you, Lord.

Intercessor: Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

All: Accept our repentance, Lord.

Intercessor: For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbours, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

All: Accept our repentance, Lord.

Intercessor: For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

All: Accept our repentance, Lord.

Intercessor: Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

All: Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

Presider: Almighty God, from the dust of the earth you have created us. May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence, and a reminder that only by your gracious gift are we given eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All: Amen.

The congregation is invited to come forward to the altar rail to receive ashes on the forehead.

Music During the Imposition of Ashes

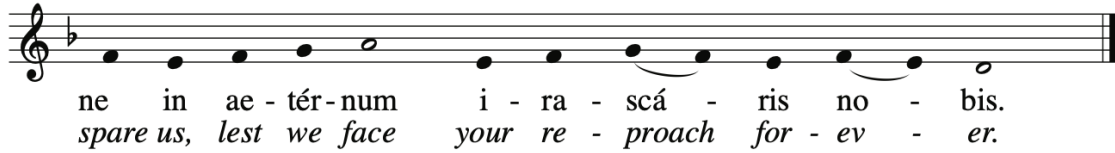
Spare Us, Gracious Lord

PARCE DOMINE

The refrain is first sung by the choir, then repeated by all.

Refrain:

Par - ce Dó - mi - ne, par - ce pó - pu - lo tu - o:
Spare us, gra - cious Lord, spare your peo - ple, who have sinned:



Choir: Have mercy on me, O God,
 according to your merciful love;
 according to your great compassion,
 blot out my transgressions. *Refrain*

Wash me completely from my iniquity,
 and cleanse me from my sin. *Refrain*

My transgressions, truly I know them;
 my sin is always before me. *Refrain*

Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
 what is evil in your sight I have done. *Refrain*

Create a pure heart for me, O God;
 renew a steadfast spirit within me. *Refrain*

Refrain: Parce Domine; Joel 2:17; tr. by Ronald F. Krisman,
 Verses: Psalm 51, *The Revised Grail Psalm*
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 Music: Parce Domine, Plainchant, Mode I

Presider: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation:
All: That we may show forth your glory in the world.

Presider: By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord,
All: Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All: Amen.

The Peace

(please stand)

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

Presider: We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us.
In the upside down world of the gospel,
we measure our wealth not by what we have,
but by what we can give away.
Let us give away generously, in this offering,
to bless God's church, God's people, and God's creation. Amen.

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

Offertory Hymn #511 v.1-4

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

SOUTHWELL

Lord Jesus, think on me,
and purge away my sin;
from earthborn passions set me free,
and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
with many_a care opprest;
let me thy loving servant be,
and taste thy promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity
point thou the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
that, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see,
and share thy joy at last.

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, tr. Allen Chatfield
Music: William Daman, 1579

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: God of steadfast love, may our offering this day, by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew us for your service. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrating the Eucharist

(please remain standing)

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

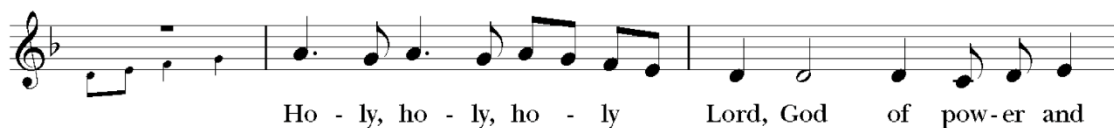
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels, and with the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus & Benedictus

Robert Powell

All:



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._____

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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 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."

All: Therefore, Father, according to his command,
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. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 Lamb of God

Plainsong (Orbis factor)

Choir: 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 Solo

Behold the Lamb

Getty & Townend

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us- and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace,
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
Torn for you- eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love,
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you- drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.

So we share in this Bread of Life,
 And we drink of His sacrifice
 As a sign of our bonds of grace,
 Around the table of the King.

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Communion Hymn

Salvator Mundi

Taizé

All: Canon

Sal - va - tor mun - di sal - va nos. Sal - va - tor mun - di sal - va nos.

Sal - va nos, sal - va nos. Sal - va - tor mun - di sal - va nos.

Text: *Savior of the world, save us*; Taizé Community, 1980
 Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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Translation: *Saviour of the world, save us.*

Prayer after Communion

(please stand)

Presider: Let us pray.

God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example of prayer and fasting, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love; 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.**

The Blessing

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.**

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

Dismissal

Presider: Go in silence, taking up your cross and following Christ.

All: Amen. Thanks be to God.

*In keeping with tradition, and as a form of aural fasting, there is no postlude on this day of penitence.
You are invited to depart in silence.*

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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.



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! (Vestry materials—the Report Booklet and Money Matters—are available at the back of the sanctuary and the Belltower entrance.)

WORSHIP

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

CHURCH ON TAP: We will next gather for this relaxed, LGBTQ+ inclusive Eucharist service on Friday, March 28th at 7pm. After the service we have a time of fellowship over snacks and beer. 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 cqibbs@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: 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: We are now 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

Thursday, March 6

10am 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

12-1:30pm

Arthur Smith Room

4:30pm Jazz Vespers



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