

# Christ Church Deer Park

April 20, 2025  
Easter Sunday  
**Holy Eucharist**  
at 10:30 am



Alleluia! Alleluia!  
He is risen.

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## **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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*Rummage Re-Imagined* – Jayne Miles Simpson, Lead

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*Investment Committee* – George Lewis, Chair

*Climate Action Group* – Brad Lennon, Lead

*Christmas Sale* – Jayne Miles Simpson, Lead

<b>Preludes</b>	Chorale Prelude on “Good Christians All Rejoice and Sing”	Healey Willan
	Chorale from <i>Gelobet sei der Herr, mein Gott</i> “Praise be to the Lord, my God,” BWV 129	J.S. Bach

## Welcome

<b>Opening Hymn #203</b>	Jesus Christ is Risen Today	(please stand as you are able) EASTER HYMN
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Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!  
 our triumphant holy day, alleluia!  
 who did once, upon the cross, alleluia!  
 suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!  
 unto Christ our heavenly King, alleluia!  
 who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!  
 sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, alleluia!  
 our salvation have procured; alleluia!  
 now above the sky he's king, alleluia!  
 where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

*Text and Music: Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt.*

<b>Gathering</b>	(please remain standing)
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Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
 Presider: May his grace and peace be with you.  
**All: May he fill our hearts with joy.**

<b>Gloria</b>	“Coronation” Mass in C major, KV 317	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
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*Choir:*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
 Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
 Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.  
 Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.  
 Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.  
 Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.  
 Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe.  
 Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.  
 Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.  
 Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
 Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.  
 Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu solus Dominus.  
 Tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe.  
 Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris.  
 Amen.*

Glory to God in the highest,  
 and peace to his people on earth.  
 Lord God, heavenly king,  
 almighty God and Father,  
 we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for  
 your glory.  
 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God,  
 Lamb of God,  
 you take away the sin of the world:  
 have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of  
 the Father: receive our prayer.  
 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
 you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy  
 Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
 Amen.

## The Collect of the Day

Presider: Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Presider: Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

**All: Our hearts and minds are open.**

## Listening to God – The Lesson

*(please be seated)*

Reader: A reading from the Book of Acts

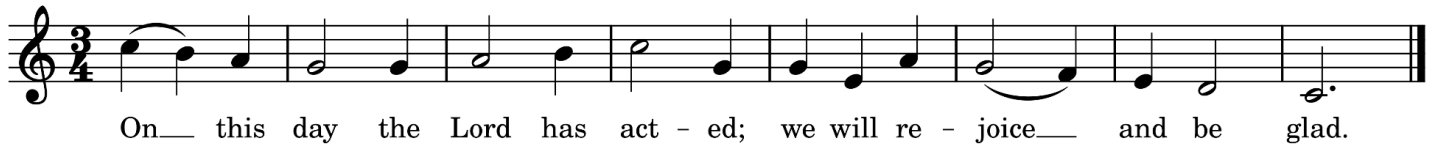
Then Peter began to speak to the Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." *Acts 10:34-43*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Refrain:



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

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his mercy endures for ever.  
Let Israel now proclaim,  
"His mercy endures for ever." **Refrain**

The Lord is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.  
There is a sound of exultation and victory  
in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!  
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!" **Refrain**

I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the Lord.  
The Lord has punished me sorely,  
but he did not hand me over to death. **Refrain**

Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.  
"This is the gate of the Lord;  
he who is righteous may enter." **Refrain**

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me  
and have become my salvation.  
The same stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone. **Refrain**

This is the Lord's doing,  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.  
On this day the Lord has acted;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it. **Refrain**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done,  
now is the victor's triumph won;  
O let the song of praise be sung:  
alleluia!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,  
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed:  
let shouts of praise and joy outburst:  
alleluia!

Text: *Finita jam*, 17th century, tr. F. Pott      Music: G.P. da Palestrina, adapt. W. H. Monk

## **The Holy 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.**

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen.

Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened. *Luke 24:1-12*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

On the third morn he rose again,  
glorious in majesty to reign.  
O let us swell the joyful strain:  
alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,  
from death's dread sting thy servants free,  
that we may live and sing to thee:  
alleluia!

### Homily - The Logic of Larios

*(please be seated)*

### Music for Reflection

Christians, Praise the Paschal Victim

VICTIMAE PASCHALI LAUDES

Choir: Christians, praise the Paschal Victim! Offer thankful sacrifice! Christ the Lamb has saved the sheep, Christ the just one paid the price, reconciling sinners to the Father. Death and life fought bitterly for this wondrous victory; the Lord of life who died reigns glorified!

O Mary, come and say what you saw at break of day. "The empty tomb of my living Lord! I saw Christ Jesus risen and adored! Bright angels testified, shroud and grave clothes side by side! Yes, Christ my hope rose gloriously. He goes before you into Galilee."

Share the good news, sing joyfully: His death is victory! Lord Jesus, Victor King, Show us mercy. Amen. Alleluia.

Text: Easter Sequence, Victimae paschali laudes; attr. to Wipo of Burgundy Tr. © 1983, Peter J. Scagnelli, pub. by WLP  
Music: Plainchant, Mode I

### The Apostle's Creed

*(please stand as you are able)*

Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

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

Leader: God of the bright morning star,  
God of the rising sun,  
God of darkness redeemed,  
we praise and worship you!  
For empty tombs, we thank you!  
For disciples running with good news, we thank you!  
For your presence, alive, powerful, resurrected we thank you!  
We celebrate your victory over death, over all the powers that would defeat us...

God of resurrection;

**All: you have rolled the stone away.**

Leader: Inspiring Spirit, help us to grasp resurrection;  
to understand its power, to see its force at work in our world,  
overturning evil empires, changing the hatred within us,  
moving the world slowly, forcefully,  
bending us towards love and truth...

God of resurrection;

**All: you have rolled the stone away.**

Leader: Triumphant and humble Lord, on this day of great gladness  
empower us to be your ambassadors, proclaiming good news.  
Good news in our kitchens and living rooms,  
good news in the offices and workshops  
good news in the fields and factories.  
Help us to be that good news, walking softly on this good earth,  
caring gently for all people, living hopefully into your kingdom....

God of resurrection;

**All: you have rolled the stone away.**

Leader: God of redeeming darkness and blessed quiet,  
today we think of all who are grieving,  
and for the sick and dying....  
We pray for peace in the face of violence, and shelter for those who need it.  
We pray for places in the world that are torn by war and bloodshed...  
for the people of Ukraine, Yemen, Syria, Palestine, Israel, Sudan, and Somalia.  
We pray for all those living in uncertainty and fear...

God of resurrection;

**All: you have rolled the stone away.**



Leader: Living God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,  
anoint us with your touch  
so that the softness of your love  
may break into our hardness  
and open us anew...

All: God of resurrection;  
**you have rolled the stone away.**

Leader: We celebrate and we rejoice -  
the old has passed away.  
In you, in your resurrection,  
in your life and love,  
everything becomes new!

All: **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

Presider: May the offerings brought this day be used as seeds,  
planted faithfully and nurtured lovingly  
so that God's way may be realized anew in this world.  
Grant us the humility we need to plant and then tend your precious garden. **Amen.**

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

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The day of resurrection!  
 Earth, tell it out abroad;  
 the passover of gladness,  
 the passover of God!  
 From death to life eternal,  
 from earth unto the sky,  
 our Christ hath brought us over,  
 with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,  
 that we may see aright  
 the Lord in rays eternal  
 of resurrection light;  
 and, listening to his accents,  
 may hear so calm and plain  
 his own "All hail!" and, hearing,  
 may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful,  
 let earth her song begin,  
 the round world keep high triumph,  
 and all that is therein.  
 Let all things seen and unseen  
 their notes in gladness blend,  
 for Christ the Lord is risen,  
 our joy that hath no end.

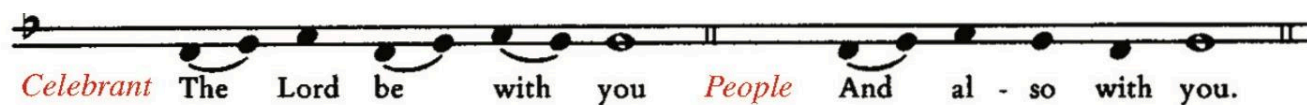
Text: John of Damascus, tr. J. M. Neale; Music: *Gesangbuch*, Württemberg, 1784

### Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

## Celebrating the Eucharist

(please remain standing)



## The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

## Sanctus & Benedictus

## Missa Pacem

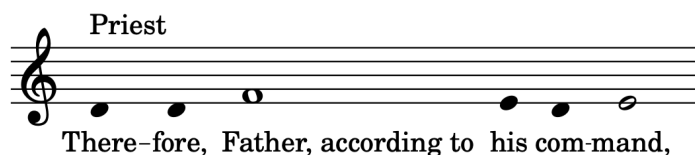
L. R. Babin

*All*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and  
 10 earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Ho-san-na in the  
 19 high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name, who comes in the name of the  
 27 Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Ho-san-na in the high - est!

Music: Missa Pacem, L. Randolph Babin © 2004, GIA Publications, Inc.

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."



## Eucharist



*Celebrant* As our Sa-viour taught us, let us pray,

*Music by McNeil Robinson*



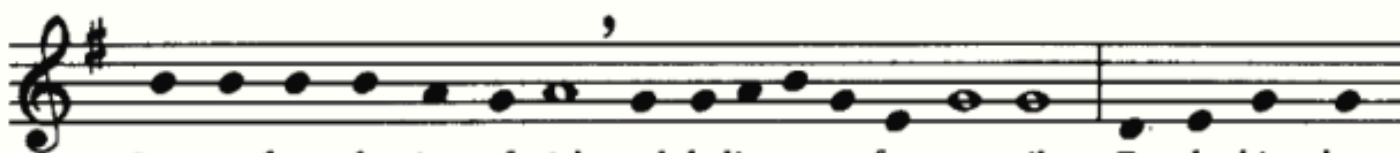
*All* Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come,



your will be done, on earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread,



For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-against us.



Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from e - vil. For the king-dom,



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

## Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**All: Now we are raised to new life.**

Presider: We were buried in your tomb.

**All: Now we share in your resurrection.**

Presider: **Live in us, that we may live in you.**

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*(please be seated)*

### Fraction Anthem

Christ Our Passover

*Pascha nostrum, Plainchant*

Choir: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;  
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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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 Anthem

Worthy is the Lamb from *Messiah*

George Frideric Handel

Choir: Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by His blood, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. Blessing and honour, glory and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever.

–Revelation 5:12-14

**Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God. **Refrain**

Power, riches and wisdom and strength,  
and honour, blessing and glory are his. **Refrain**

Sing with all the people of God  
and join in the hymn of all creation. **Refrain**

Blessing and honour, glory, and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. **Refrain**

For the Lamb who was slain  
has begun his reign. Alleluia! **Refrain**

Text: Song to the Lamb (from Revelation), paraphrased John W. Arthur

Music: Richard Hillert ©1978 Augsburg Fortress

### **Prayer after Communion**

*(please stand as you are able)*

Presider: Lord Jesus, we have feasted on the bread of life. We have quenched our thirst with the wine of your new kingdom. In your risen power you have united us with all our loved ones in heaven and on earth. May that communion strengthen and renew us, bring us hope and joy, today and in the days to come. To you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, be glory here and everywhere, now and forever. **Amen.**

Presider: Glory to God,  
**All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

Presider: When it takes hold, resurrection does not let go,  
it shakes the dead awake,  
it shakes the darkness from the light,  
and it wrestles death from all that is dying.  
Let us go out into the world  
and in the upheaval of resurrection  
seek out this new life.  
And may the blessing of God  
be upon you, body, mind and spirit,  
as you leave this place and go into the world  
filled with this Easter promise. **Amen.**

## Announcements

### Closing Hymn

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

That Easter day with joy was bright,  
The sun shone out with fairer light,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
When to their longing eyes restored,  
The glad apostles saw their Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia!

His risen flesh with radiance glowed;  
His wounded hands and feet he showed;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Those scars their solemn witness gave  
That Christ was risen from the grave.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia!

O Jesus, in your gentleness,  
With constant love our hearts possess;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
To you our lips will ever raise  
The tribute of our grateful praise.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia!

O Lord of all, with us abide  
In this our joyful Easter-tide;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
From ev'ry weapon death can wield  
Your own redeemed for ever shield.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia!

All praise to you, O risen Lord,  
Now by both heav'n and earth adored;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
To God the Father equal praise,  
And Spirit blest our songs we raise.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia!

*Text: Claro paschali gaudio, tr. J. Neale; Tune: Geistliche Kirchengesang Cologne 1623*

### Dismissal

**Priest**



Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

**People**



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Postlude

Toccata from Symphonie No. 5

Charles-Marie Widor

*Please join us in Elliott Hall for coffee hour.*



## ***Assisting with the Liturgy***

Co-Presiding:

Cathy Gibbs  
Stephen Drakeford

Preacher:

Stephen Drakeford

Director of Music:

Stefani Bedin

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The Blundell Brass

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Elsa Jones

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## ***Memorial Flowers***

The flowers and Easter decorations are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God  
and in loving memory of:

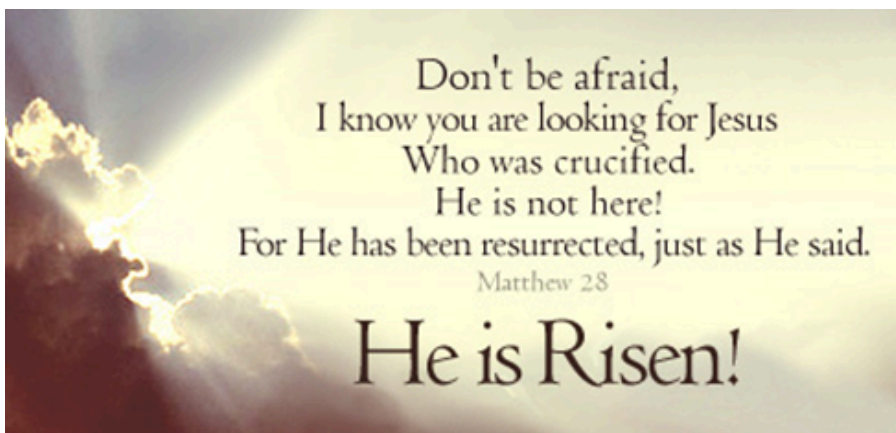
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David Byers  
Doug Gorham  
Irene Gorham  
Don Gorham  
Ellen Gorham  
Faye Gorham  
Jorja Gorham  
Tim Colley  
Peter Gilbert  
Alice Heller

Christopher Heller  
Rachel Garvock  
Sarah Garvock  
Jack & Hillary Curzon  
John Curzon  
Peter Curzon  
Edith C. Mowat  
Paul Kavanagh  
Ethel & John Beedell  
Marjorie & Richard Overbury  
John L Beedell  
John & Margaret Ireton  
Felicia van Nostrand  
Mary K.P. Goodwin  
Sam & Kathleen Thompson  
George and Ruth Gooch  
Mary Alice & Sandy Stuart  
Joan & Harry Scott  
Mark Pena  
Margaret Hutchison  
Mary Kearns  
Mary Robertson  
Edwin Brown  
The Rev. Eric Michael Drakeford  
Desing Baguio & Mrs. Modesta Baguio  
The Rev. Campbell Snow & Mrs. Delia Snow  
and all those who passed in the last year

## ---ANNOUNCEMENTS---

### Happy Easter!

May this Easter be a joyful celebration for you and your family. May you know the presence of Christ and know of His deep love for you. Every Easter Blessing.  
*The Wardens, Clergy,  
and Staff of CCDP*



### Newcomers.

We welcome you! If you are new to CCDP in the last year please make yourself known to Rev.'s Stephen or Cathy so that we may invite you to a special Newcomer Event on Sunday afternoon, May the 4th.

**Bulletin Format Update:** In consultation with the wardens, the clergy and clerical staff will be reducing the size of our bulletins beginning Victoria Day Weekend. Quick math shows that we currently spend at least \$650 per week on bulletins—nearly \$35,000 a year.

To be better stewards of our resources and reduce costs, we will return to using hymn books and prayer books during worship. This change has the potential to cut our expenses in half and allow us to better serve our community in other ways. Thank you for your understanding and support.



**⚠ Major Road Closures:** The Toronto Marathon on Sunday, May 4th and the Sporting Life 10K on Sunday, May 11th will cause significant traffic disruptions and road closures. Please plan your route accordingly and allow extra travel time to get to church.

## **WORSHIP**

**JOIN OUR CHOIR:** Have you rediscovered your love of singing this Holy Week and Easter? Then consider joining CCDP's choir! The parish choir meets for weekly rehearsal from September to June on Thursday evenings from 7:00pm-9:00pm, and at 9:45am on Sunday mornings in preparation for singing at the 10:30am service and other special events. If you are potentially interested in joining, please contact Stefani at [sbedin@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:sbedin@christchurchdeerpark.org)

**JAZZ VESPERS:** Our next service is April 27 at 4:30pm.

### **Midweek Schedule Proposal & Upcoming Bible Study**

Our Bible Study after our midweek service will resume in May. We are considering moving the Midweek Eucharist to 10:30am starting in May to allow more time for Bible Study! Your feedback is welcome as we plan ahead.

## **UPCOMING SERVICES:**

### **Wednesday, April 23:**

11:00am – Holy Eucharist

### **Sunday, April 27:**

8:00am – Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9:15am – Contemporary Worship with Communion

10:30am – Holy Eucharist (BAS)\*\*

4:30pm – Jazz Vespers

*\*\*service will be livestreamed*



### ***Servers! Readers! Intercessors! Greeters! Altar Guild! Floral Arrangers!***

As you have noticed we are rebuilding our various teams that participate in and enrich our worship. If you would be interested in participating in one or more ways, please let the clergy know!

## **PASTORAL**

**REV. STEPHEN'S OFFICE HOURS:** This week, Stephen will hold office hours on Wednesday from 10:30am to 2:30pm. If you want to stop in great, but best to call or email ahead! On Thursday and Friday, he will be making pastoral visits to homebound members of our community, accompanied by some of our new home communion volunteers.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Office hours this week are Tuesday, Wednesday 9am-5pm, Thursday 12pm-5pm, and Friday 9am-4pm.

**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)

**HOME COMMUNION:** We are pleased to announce our new Home Communion Ministry for those unable to attend church services. Our trained volunteer team is now available to bring the blessing of the Eucharist to home.

**Volunteer Team:**

Ann Atkins  
Ariane Heisey

Carolyn Kearns  
Elizabeth Gan

Bianca Mathews  
William Jackson

Special thanks to Elizabeth Gan for developing the service outline used during these visits. If you know someone who would benefit from receiving Home Communion, please contact Ann Atkins or any member of the clergy team to arrange a visit.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**Season of Renewal: Spring Adult Education**

***Following Jesus: Finding Our Way Home in an Age of Anxiety* by Henri Nouwen**

Father Henri Nouwen was a professor, writer and theologian. His interests were rooted primarily in psychology, pastoral ministry, spirituality, social justice and community. At one of the lowest points in Henri Nouwen's life, he gave a series of lectures on the importance of following Jesus in an age of anxiety. He writes eloquently about calling and purpose, fear and hope, and he explains why, with so many choices available to the twenty-first-century seeker, including atheism and secularism, the greatest reward for those looking for fulfillment is to choose belief in God. Along the way he offers warm, insightful, and practical spiritual habits to help readers navigate the narrow, sometimes arduous, but ultimately gratifying road of conviction and faith. The author Carolyn Custis James, says Nouwen gently leads the way into a life that centers on Jesus and engulfs the follower with God's love, a sense of belonging, and a purpose that endures. Truly a wise and welcome word for anyone in this age of anxiety."

Join us as we explore our own faith in this time of anxiety

**Location:** Online

**Dates:** Tuesdays, June 3–24

**Time:** 7:15–8:30pm

**Cost:** Purchase the book on your own, or buy a copy from Rev. Cathy for \$25

**To register:** Email [cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org)

## **PROPERTY**

**POLLINATOR GARDEN UPDATE:** After a great start in getting our pollinator garden planted and flowering last spring, we are now preparing for another season of growth and visits from the butterflies and bees. Scotts Canada has notified CCDP that they will be delivering their donation of a pallet each of topsoil and mulch next week. Over the last weeks of April and into May, we will be looking for volunteers to help those of us returning from last year's team.

We will post in the bulletin days in which the team will be spreading the new soil and mulch and set out the additional plants to those that we put in last spring. We will also be reestablishing the group of volunteers to take turns watering the garden throughout the summer and into the fall. Please contact Brad Lennon at [blennon@sympatico.ca](mailto:blennon@sympatico.ca) if you would like to help us this season with any of these tasks.

## **COMMUNITY BUILDING**

**SPIRITUAL WALK:** Our next walk is **Saturday May 3, at 10am.**

With the arrival of spring, come join our walking group at CCDP as the Rev. Dr. Stephen Drakeford and Brad Lennon lead us on a hike through York Cemetery and Earl Bales Park. We will be on the lookout for spring ephemerals, those first flowering native plants to appear in our forests. We will listen and look for the birds on their migrations northward. Starting at 10 AM from the church office doors, we will take a twenty-minute subway ride to North York City Centre to begin our walk. We will be taking paved paths and gentle slopes 8 km to our final destination at York Mills Station. Bring water, sunscreen and an umbrella, just in case.



## **FUNDRAISING**

**RE-IMAGINING:** As the Rummage Sale approaches we began our serious sorting days Saturday. The group will grow over coming Saturdays, culminating in the May 10 sale, as you by now know well. With the loss of many of the founding Rummage Ladies at Christ Church Deer Park, we attempt to maintain their very high standards, befitting our Congregation.

Enter... The Ontario Ministry of Education's Policy/Program Memorandum No. 124a., the mandatory 40 hour minimum for all students who wish to graduate from High School. Yea! And, they love working with us! And we love working with them! As we run out of energy, these fabulous young, brilliant minds share their energy, their creativity, and their joie de vivre!

Working with us, youth grow into roles for a time to experiment with their ideas, grow some confidence doing new tasks, and laugh with people new to them; no school uniforms, no cliques, everyone finding their niche that interests them. Public school, Private school, University, CCDP parishioner, Community Breakfast regular, Teacher, AA attendee, Lawyer, person living down the road who saw our sign and wants to join the Community, we all do it. Together.

You have all heard someone quote John Heywood, a 16th c. English playwright, musician, who said ; many hands make light work. Please join us if you wish...

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**CLIMATE ACTION GROUP:** Globally, electric vehicle (EV) sales are set for another record year. In China—the world’s largest auto-market—the latest data show EVs taking more than half the market. That has contributed to a peak in oil consumption in the country last year, according to the latest official estimates. Taken together, the rise of EVs is expected to cut global oil demand by 6 million barrels per day by 2030.

**TRUTH & RECONCILIATION WORKING GROUP:** Indspire.ca is a non-profit focusing on raising the quality of education in the First Nation, Inuit and Metis community. They provided a statistic that is something we may know but useful to keep in mind - Canada's GDP would go up by 457 billion dollars by 2041 if Indigenous people had the same education and employment level as the non-Indigenous population. This would be an amazing way to strengthen our economy and support all our relations. This figure is from "Closing the First Nations Education Gap in Canada; Assessing Progress and Estimating the Economic Benefits - an Update". Final Report, Centre for the Study of Living Standards, Nov. 8 2022.



## 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, April 23**

11:00am Holy Eucharist

**Thursday, April 24**

10:00am Daily Prayer

11am-2pm Rummage Intake

**Saturday, April 26**

8-9:30am Community Breakfast

11am-2pm Rummage Intake

**Sunday, April 27**

8:00am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9:15am Contemporary Worship

10:30am Holy Eucharist (BAS)\*

*\*In person & Livestreamed*



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