

Christ Church Deer Park

April 27, 2025
The Second Sunday of Easter
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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Climate Action Group – Brad Lennon, Lead

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Prelude Variations on "O Filii et Filiae" (Rondeau)

Pierre Dandrieu

Welcome

Opening Hymn #206

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

(please stand as you are able)

LLANFAIR

Christ the Lord is risen today, alleluia!
earth and heaven in chorus say, alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; alleluia!
sing, ye heavens and earth reply: alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, alleluia!
fought the fight, the battle won, alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, alleluia!
following our exalted head, alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven, alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be given, alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, alleluia!
Hail the Resurrection, thou, alleluia!

Text: Charles Wesley Music: Robert Williams

Gathering

(please remain standing)

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.

Refrain (All):

All: Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **Refrain**

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.

Refrain

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. **Refrain**

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The Collect of the Day

Presider: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, 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 Revelation

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his

blood and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. *Revelation 1:4-8*

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 150

Charles Villiers Stanford

Choir: O praise God in his holiness : praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him in his noble acts : praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet : praise him upon the lute and harp.
Praise him in the cymbals and dances : praise him upon the strings and pipe.
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals : praise him upon the loud cymbals.
Let everything that hath breath : praise the Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

(please stand as you are able)

Gospel Acclamation #709

Alleluia

Based on VICTORY

Cantor: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Cantor: Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe. *~John 20.29*

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

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 John.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve,

was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. *John 20:19-31*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

(please be seated)

Poem for Reflection

Christ is risen.
Don't debate it, or try to prove it or understand it.
That's like trying to prove that the moon is lovely.
Just let it be true.
Give up, and let it be.
Don't try to guess (which is all we could do)
what kind of body, what sort of process.
Just let the sun rise.
Let God have the way of love and life.
Let goodness overpower evil,
love drive out fear, life defeat death.

Christ is risen.
Don't try to make it into a theory;
let it be a mystery.
Let it haunt you, let it startle you,
let it push you out of bed in the morning,
let it draw you into love.

Christ is risen.
Let Christ rise in you.

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Music 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)

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...

God of resurrection;
All: 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.**

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 #228 Vs. 1, 4-9

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of heaven, the glorious King,
o'er death today rose triumphing.
Alleluia!

That night the apostles met in fear;
amidst them came their Lord most dear,
and said, "My peace be on all here."
Alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard,
how they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia!

My piercèd side, O Thomas, see;

O Sons and Daughters

behold my hands, my feet," said he;
"not faithless, but believing be."
Alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried.
Alleluia!

How blest are they who have not seen,
and yet whose faith has constant been,
for they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia!

On this most holy day of days,
to God your hearts and voices raise
in laud and jubilee and praise.
Alleluia!

O FILII ET FILIAE

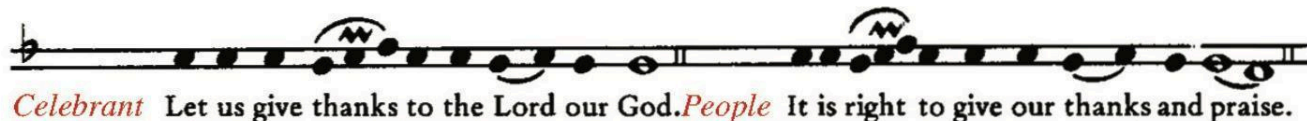
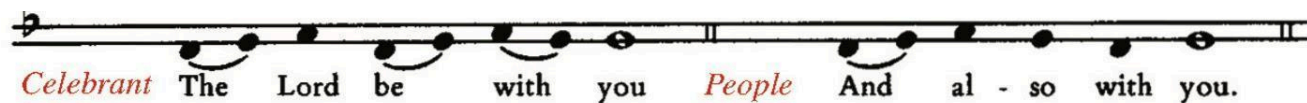
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Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our 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!

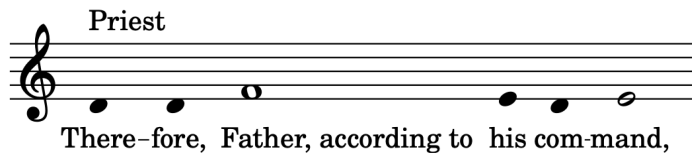
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Presider: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."



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)

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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Fraction Anthem

Christ Our Passover

David Hurd

All:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music: D. Hurd *New Plainsong Mass* © 1981, GIA Publications, Inc.

Communion Motet This Joyful Eastertide

Choir: This joyful Eastertide,
Away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified,
Hath sprung to life this morrow.

Had Christ, that once was slain,
Ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now hath Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen, arisen.

My flesh in hope shall rest,
And for a season slumber:
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number.

Had Christ, that once was slain,
Ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now hath Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen, arisen.

Death's flood hath lost his chill,
Since Jesus cross'd the river
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver.

Had Christ, that once was slain,
Ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now hath Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen, arisen.

Text: George R. Woodward

Anonymous tune, arr. Charles Wood

Communion Hymn #244

We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight

SHANTI

We walk by faith and not by sight:
no gracious words we hear
from him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
but we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod;
but in his promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,
and may our faith abound,
to call on you when you are near,
and seek where you are found:

that, when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are
with full and endless sight.

Text: Henry Alford Music: Marty Haugen ©1984 GIA Publications

Prayer after Communion

(please stand as you are able)

Presider: Gracious God, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **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

Thine Be the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son

MACCABAEUS

1 Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.
Angels robed in splendour
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.

Refrain:
Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.

2 Lo! Jesus meets us,
risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us,
scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness

hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord is living;
death has lost its sting! **Refrain**

3 No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life;
what is life without thee?
Aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. **Refrain**

Text: Edmond Budry; tr. Richard B. Hoyle Music: G.F. Handel

Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude Paraphrase sur un choeur de Handel, Op. 90

Alexandre Guilmant

Please join us in Elliott Hall for coffee hour.

Assisting with the Liturgy

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Stephen Drakeford

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Director of Music:
Stefani Bedin

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Emily Ding (guest), Julia Barber,
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Winnie Tang

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Sidesperson:
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James Harding MacDonald

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Rikk Scapillato

---ANNOUNCEMENT BULLETIN---

Memorial Flowers (Correction)

We apologize for the following omissions in last week's Easter flower memorial. The flowers and Easter decorations were also given to the honour and glory of Almighty God and in loving memory of Dr. John Brebner, and Lloyd and Betty Hart.

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. Please RSVP by Thursday May 1st.

This week at a glance:

Wednesday, April 30

11:00am Holy Eucharist

Saturday, May 3

8-9:30am Community Breakfast

10:00am Spiritual Walk

11am-2pm Rummage Intake

Sunday, May 4

8:00am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9:15am Contemporary Worship

10:30am Holy Eucharist (BAS)*

**In person & Livestreamed*

Bulletin Format Update: In consultation with the wardens, the clergy, and clerical staff, we 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. In the meantime we will produce a separate announcement bulletin like the one you are reading right now!

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.

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

WORSHIP

JAZZ VESPERS: Our next service is this afternoon, April 27, at 4:30pm. All are welcome!

Midweek Schedule Change and Upcoming Bible Study

We are moving the Midweek Eucharist to 10:30am on May 7 to allow more time for Bible Study! Our new Bible Study will also begin on May 7.



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 Tues-Thurs from 10:30am-2:30pm. If you want to stop in, great, but best to call or email ahead!

OFFICE HOURS: Office hours this week are Mon-Thurs 9am-5pm, 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 at communitycare@christchurchdeerpark.org

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Gospel of Luke: The First Half

Beginning on Wednesday, May 7th, Rev. Stephen will offer a six-week course on the Gospel of Luke after the midweek Eucharist. Come prepared to learn!

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

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 delivered their donation of a pallet each of topsoil and mulch. 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 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: Over 70 countries have now committed to net zero carbon dioxide emissions by mid century. That covers over 90 per cent of global economic activity, 80 per cent of global oil demand, and 75 per cent of global fossil gas demand. In financial markets, international investors managing over \$61 trillion in assets have committed to net zero. At the same time, demand for the technologies that will drive this transition—particularly solar panels, heat pumps, wind turbines, and batteries—is growing rapidly as their prices continue to fall.

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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

KNITTING EVENT: Attention knitters and fibre fanatics! The Toronto Knitters Guild is holding Steeped Skeins—Tea Party and Yarn Swap in Elliot Hall on Saturday, May 2, 2025 from 2–4 pm. Tickets (\$22.00) available at <https://torontoknittersguild.ca/events/>

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 30

11:00am Holy Eucharist

Saturday, May 3

8-9:30am Community Breakfast

10:00am Spiritual Walk

11am-2pm Rummage Intake

Sunday, May 4

8:00am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9:15am Contemporary Worship

10:30am Holy Eucharist (BAS)*

**In person & Livestreamed*



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