

Christ Church Deer Park

September 14, 2025
Feast of the Holy Cross
Holy Eucharist
at 10:30 am

Welcome! We're so glad you're here.



Processional Cross, Ethiopian
Metalwork Baltimore

What is our community like?

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.

Leadership

The Rev. Canon Dr. Alison Falby – *Incumbent*

The Rev. Cathy Gibbs – *Adult Education*

Stefani Bedin – *Director of Music*

Bryan Tran – *Director of Parish Operations & Bookkeeper*

Stephen Clark – *Rector's Warden*

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Paul Kingston – *People's Warden*

Nick Strube – *Treasurer*

The Gathering of the Community

The order of service is found in the dark green book: *The Book of Alternative Services* (BAS).

All hymns, unless printed in the bulletin, are from the blue hymnal: *Common Praise* (CP).

The Propers for Feast of the Holy Cross begin on pg. 422 in the BAS.

Prelude Prelude on "Rockingham" Kenneth Leighton

Welcome

Opening Hymn – CP#537 – In the Cross of Christ I Glory CROSS OF JESUS

Apostolic Greeting – BAS pg. 185 *(please remain standing)*

Collect for Purity

Gloria – Communion Service in F (Sung by Choir) Harold Darke

The Collect of the Day

Presider: Almighty God, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself, may we who rejoice in the mystery of our redemption, have grace to take up our cross and follow him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

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.

The First Reading

(please be seated)

Reader: A reading from Numbers

but the people became discouraged on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it upon a pole, and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Numbers 21:4b-9

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Symbol of the world's redemption,
For the weight that hung on thee!

Bend thy boughs, O tree of glory!
Thy relaxing sinews bend;
For awhile the ancient rigor
That thy birth bestowed, suspend;
And the King of heavenly beauty
On thy bosom gently tend!

Text: Crux Fidelis- Venantius Fortunatus; tr. Percy Dearmer & John Mason Neale Music: 17th-Century French

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.

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

John 3:13-17

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sequence Hymn - Faithful Cross

PICARDY

Thou alone wast counted worthy
This world's ransom to sustain,
That a shipwrecked race forever
Might a port of refuge gain,
With the sacred blood anointed
Of the Lamb of sinners slain.

To the Trinity be glory
Everlasting, as is meet:
Equal to the Father, equal
To the Son, and Paraclete:
God the Three in One, whose praises
All created things repeat.

Text: Crux Fidelis- Venantius Fortunatus; tr. Percy Dearmer & John Mason Neale Music: 17th-Century French

Sermon

(please be seated)

Music for Reflection

The Apostles Creed – BAS pg. 189

(please stand as you are able)

Prayers of the People

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

Our collective response this morning to “*We carry the cross*” will be “*As a symbol of our love.*”

Confession and Absolution – BAS pg. 191

The Peace

(please remain standing)

Offertory Hymn – CP#386 – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ROCKINGHAM

Sharing What We Have

We invite everyone to contribute financially to support the work of the Gospel and Christ Church Deer Park. 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 contact bookkeeper@christchurchdeerpark.org to set up a monthly offering
- Cash or cheque made out to Christ Church Deer Park
- 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.



The congregation is invited to remain standing for the offertory.

Prayer over the Gifts

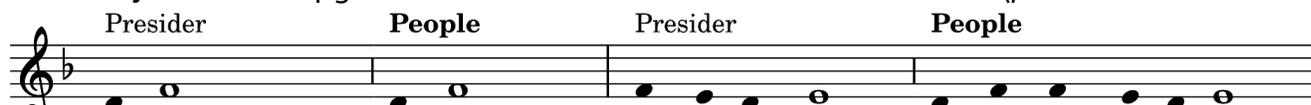
Presider: Merciful God, through the death of your beloved Son you transformed an instrument of shame into a sign of hope and glory. Receive all we offer you this day, and renew in us the mystery of his love; through the same Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. **Amen.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer 2 – BAS pg. 196

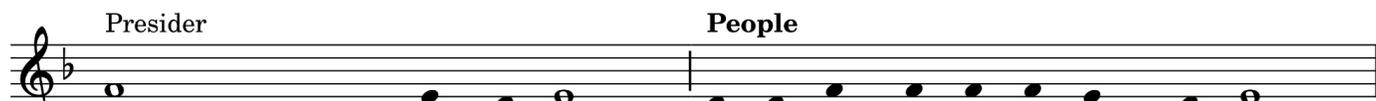
(please remain standing)

Presider **People** Presider **People**



The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider **People**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus & Benedictus – Mass of St. Thomas

David Thorne

All

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of po-wer and might,
hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na
in the high-est Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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The Lord's Prayer (sung) – The tune is found on pg. 918 of the BAS

M. Robinson II

Breaking of the Bread #1 – BAS pg. 212

(please be seated)

Agnus Dei – Missa Brevis XIII (Holy Cross) *(sung by the choir)*

Healey Willan

All are welcome to receive communion with us

- **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. (Dipping bread into wine is not permitted in the 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.

Communion Motet – *Adoramus Te*

Théodore Dubois

*Adoramus te, Christe,
et benedicimus tibi:
quia per sanctam crucem
tuam redemisti mundum.*

We adore thee, O Christ,
and we bless thee:
because by thy holy cross
thou hast redeemed the world.

Communion Hymn – CP#186 – The Royal Banners Forward Go

VEXILLA REGIS

Prayer after Communion

(please stand as you are able)

Presider: Almighty God, we give thanks that you have made us partakers of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who took our nature upon him and suffered death upon the cross for our redemption; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Doxology – BAS pg. 214

Blessing

Presider: Let us join with God, the Earth, and each other: to bring new life to the land, to restore the waters, to refresh the air, to protect the animals, to treasure the trees, to gaze at the stars, to cherish the human community, to heal the Earth, to remember the children. Let us go forth to put our words into action. **Amen.**

Source: *Season of Creation: A Celebration Guide for Episcopal Parishes*, Perennial Edition 2025 (<https://newcreationliturgies.org/seasonofcreation/>, accessed September 2, 2025).

Announcements – Refer to the separate announcements bulletin.

Closing Hymn – Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

Refrain:
Lift high the cross, the love of
Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred
Name.

Led on their way by this
triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering
ranks combine. **Refrain**

Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who
died. **Refrain**

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to
thee. **Refrain**

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. **Refrain**

Dismissal

Presider: Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world God loves!

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Trumpet Voluntary in D major

David Johnson

Please join us in Elliott Hall for coffee hour.

Assisting with the Liturgy

Presider: Alison Falby

Reader: Winnie Tang

Preacher: Cathy Gibbs

Prayers: Elsa Jones

Crucifier: Sunkanmi

Warden on Duty: Katherine MacDonald

Subdeacon: Elsa Jones

Greeters: Amy and Bianca

Organist: Stefani Bedin

Livestream Technician:
James Harding-MacDonald/Nate Denton

Choral Section Leads: Emily Ding, Julia Barber,
Martin So (guest), Peter Warren

Verger: Rikk Scapillato

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Ways to Serve & Get Involved

Community Breakfast – Carl Wehniainen, Lead
Congregational Care Team – Ann Atkins, Lead
Prayer Circle – Jan D'Angelo, Coordinator

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Small Groups – The Rev. Cathy Gibbs
Coffee Hour – Sandra Geddes, Coordinator
Chancel Guild – Elsa Jones, Lead
Children's Ministry – Sharilyn Robinson
Refugee Committee – Julie Scott, Chair
Stewardship Committee – Stephen Clark
Truth and Reconciliation – Mary Bredin, Lead
Rummage Re-Imagined – Jayne Miles Simpson, Lead
Spiritus – Emily Chatten, Melissa Walter,
Supipi Weerasooriya, Editorial Team

Choir – Stefani Bedin
Hospitality – Jayne Miles Simpson, Lead
Readers & Intercessors – The Rev. Alison Falby
Welcome Team – Paul Kingston, Coordinator
Property Committee – Andrew Harding, Chair
Investment Committee – George Lewis, Chair
Climate Action Group – Brad Lennon, Lead
Christmas Sale – Jayne Miles Simpson, Lead

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the land on which we worship is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishinabek, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples. 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 their 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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 14

4:30pm Jazz Vespers

Wednesday, September 17

11:00am Holy Eucharist

Saturday, September 20

8:00am Community Breakfast

Sunday, September 21

8:00am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9:15am Contemporary Worship
10:30am Holy Eucharist (BAS)*

*In person & Livestreamed



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