

# Christ Church Deer Park

September 21, 2025  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
**Holy Eucharist**  
at 10:30 am

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



Faith, Hope, and Charity -- Bas relief sculpture of the three theological virtues  
St. Giles Cathedral

**“We, who are many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread”.**

1 Corinthians 10:17

***All are welcome to receive communion with us.***

- ❖ 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 for health reasons.)
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ If you prefer simply 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.

The order of service is 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). Large Print Orders of Service are available. Hearing Assistance Devices are located on the table beside the bell-tower entrance.



## 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.

## The Gathering of the Community

**Prelude**      Larghetto from "The Cuckoo & the Nightingale" Concerto, HWV295 George Frideric Handel

### Opening Hymn

### O God beyond All Praising



1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day  
2. The flow'r of earth - ly splen-dor in time must sure - ly die,  
3. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



And sing the love a - maz-ing that songs can - not re - pay;  
Its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high;  
That we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



For we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,  
But hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown,  
And wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



At bless-ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end.  
Though small in mor - tal stat - ure to heav - en's gar - den grown.  
We'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still,



We lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word;  
For Christ, the man from heav - en, from death has set us free,  
To mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



We hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.  
And we through him are giv - en the fin - al vic - to - ry!  
And make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Collect for Purity

Gloria – Mass of St. Thomas

David Thorne

**All**

Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the high - est.

Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord, God,

Heav'n-ly King, al-migh-ty God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo-ry. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the high-est.

Lord, Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther. Lord, God, Lamb of God, you

take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; You are sea-ted at the right

hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God,

Glo-ry to God in the high-est. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit in the

glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the high-est.

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**The Collect of the Day**

Presider: Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



## Second Reading

Reader: A reading from Timothy.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and acceptable before God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all--this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

*1 Timothy 2:1-7*

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

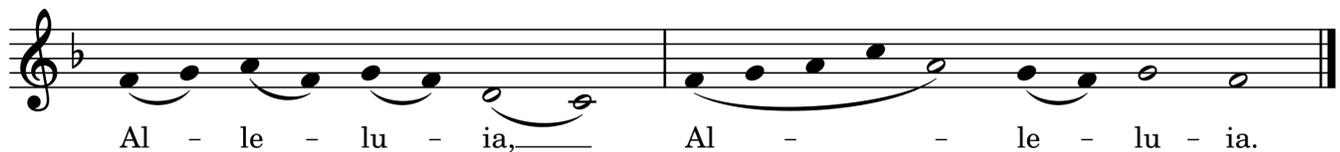
**All: Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand as you are able)*

## Gospel Acclamation - Alleluia

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

*Adapted from Missa de Angelis*



Cantor: You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. *2 Corinthians 8.9*

## 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.**

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master

commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Luke 16:1-13

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

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

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 "Lord in your mercy" will be "**Hear our prayer.**"

Confession and Absolution – BAS pg. 191

The Peace

*(please remain standing)*

Offertory Hymn – Creative God, You Spread the Earth

KINGSFOLD



Cre - a - tive God, you spread the earth with life in man - y forms:  
The plan - et teemed with liv - ing things be - fore all hu - man birth,  
O play - ful God, you fill the field with lav - en - der and blue.



the deer and elk and col - um - bine, the bee in hum - ming swarms.  
and e - ven fire and beasts of prey re - newed the life of earth.  
You paint the bird with in - di - go, with red or taw - ny hue.



For - give us for each flow'r and bird now van - ished by our hand.  
For - give us, that, the last to come, we threat - en sea and air.  
For - give us that we grieve your heart, de - stroy - ing what you do,



Teach us to treat with lov - ing care the crea - tures of the land.  
Teach us to tend life's fra - gile web with wise and ten - der care.  
and teach us simpl - er, gentl - er ways to live on earth with you.



## Communion Hymn – There's A Balm in Gilead

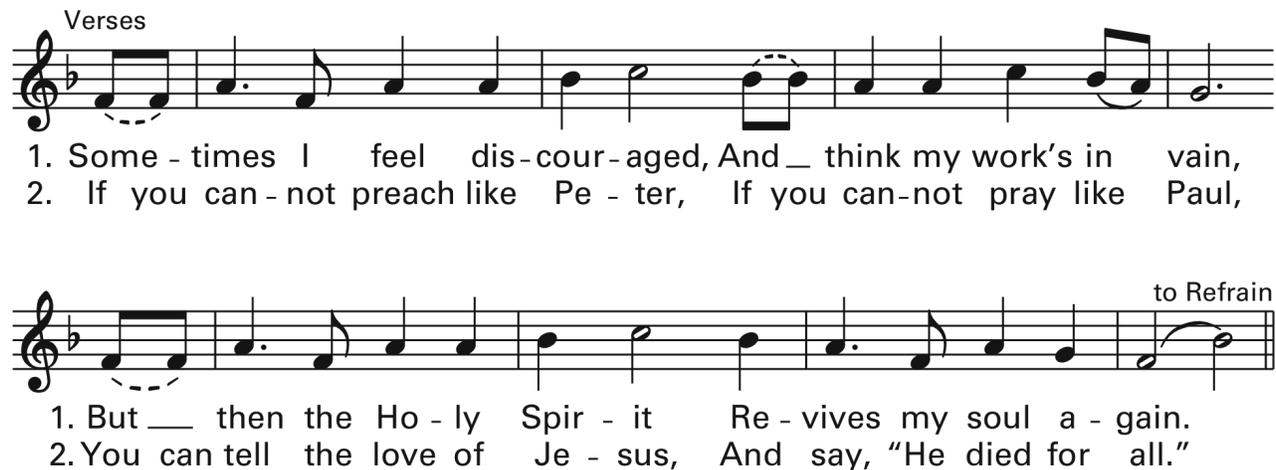
Spiritual

Refrain



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole,  
there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

Verses



1. Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged, And \_ think my work's in vain,  
2. If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, If you can - not pray like Paul,  
1. But \_ then the Ho - ly Spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain.  
2. You can tell the love of Je - sus, And say, "He died for all."

### Prayer after Communion

*(please stand as you are able)*

Prisider: Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Doxology – BAS pg. 214

### Blessing

Prisider: 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 – CP#428 - God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness

ABBOT'S LEIGH

### Dismissal

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** *Allegro* from "The Cuckoo & the Nightingale" Concerto, HWV295 George Frideric Handel

***Assisting with the Liturgy***

Presider & Preacher: Alison Falby

Crucifier: Sunkanmi Kazeem

Organist: Stefani Bedin

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

Reader: Pauline Thompson

Prayers: Andrew Harding

Warden on Duty: Stephen Clark

Greeters: Supipi Weerasooriya

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*Please join us in Elliott Hall for coffee hour. You can reach it by exiting the door between the side chapel and the organ on the south side, turning right, and going up the stairs or taking the elevator. Ask someone for directions if you're not sure!*

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*Christmas Sale* – Jayne Miles Simpson, Lead

**If you would like to contact a ministry or group leader, please email or phone the office.**

## 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 the office to set up a monthly offering
- Cash or cheque made out to Christ Church Deer Park
- E-transfer to [donations@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto: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.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

**Wednesday, September 24**  
11:00am Holy Eucharist

**Friday, September 26**  
7pm Church on Tap

**Saturday, September 27**  
8:00am Community Breakfast

**Sunday, September 28**  
8:00am Holy Eucharist (BCP)  
9:15am Contemporary Worship  
10:30am Holy Eucharist (BAS)\*

*\*In person & Livestreamed*