

Christ Church Deer Park

September 7, 2025
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist
at 10:30 am

Welcome! We are glad to have you worship with us.



Potter
Berg, Else, 1877-1942

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 – *Rector*

The Rev. Cathy Gibbs – *Adult Education*

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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 the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost begin on pg. 378 in the BAS.

Prelude Prelude on "Rhosymedre"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Welcome

Opening Hymn – CP#384 – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (v. 1-3, 6)

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
All ye who hear,
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
hast thou not seen
how thy entreaties have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again:
gladly for aye we adore him.

Text: Joachim Neander Music: Stralsund Gesangbuch

Apostolic Greeting – BAS pg. 185

(please remain standing)

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: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive 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 the Book of Jeremiah

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was

spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you, from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings. *Jeremiah 18:1-11*

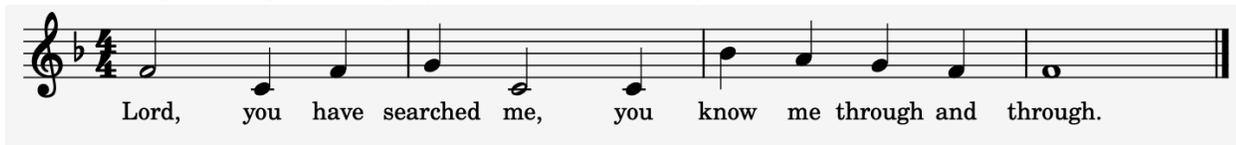
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139

H. Hopson

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



You know when I rise up; you know when I rest;
you read my thoughts from far away.
You watch over each step; you know when I sleep;
you are acquainted with all my ways. **Refrain**

Even before a word is on my lips,
You know what is in my heart.
You are before me and behind me, and all around me;
you lay your hand upon me. **Refrain**

Every part of me, O Lord, you created;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I will praise you for the wonder of my being,
for the wonder of all you have made. **Refrain**

Lord, you know me through and through;
you saw me before I was born;
my days were recorded in your book,
even before my days were to come. **Refrain**

How dear to me are your thoughts, O God;
I could never count them.
I could not count them more than I could count the sand,
and if I could, you would still be with me. **Refrain**
Hal Hopson ©1989 Hope Publishing Company

Second Reading

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.

Reader: A reading from the Book of Philemon.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To our beloved coworker Philemon, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love--and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother--especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask. *Philemon 1-21*

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

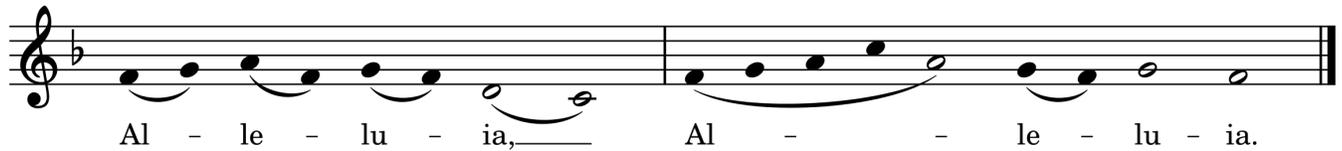
All: Thanks be to God.

(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: Let your countenance shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes. -*Psalm 119.135*

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.

Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions. *Luke 14:25-33*

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)

Confession and Absolution – BAS pg. 191

The Peace

(please remain standing)

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
 - 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.

The congregation is invited to remain standing for the offertory.

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **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.	

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 #2 – BAS pg. 212

(please be seated)

Agnus Dei – Communion Service in F *(sung by the choir)*

Harold Darke

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 – Lead Me, Lord *(Sung by the choir)*

Samuel S. Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety. -Psalm 5:8

Communion Hymn – CP#619 – Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADER'S HYMN

Prayer after Communion

(please stand as you are able)

Prsider: Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
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 – CP#438 – O Jesus, I Have Promised

WOLVERCOTE

Postlude Præludium in G, BWV541

J.S. Bach

Please join us for a special coffee hour with cake and refreshments following the 10:30am service as we welcome Rev. Alison.

Assisting with the Liturgy

Preacher & Presider: Alison Falby

Assisting Clergy: Cathy Gibbs

Crucifier: Sunkanmi

Subdeacon: Elsa Jones

Organist: Stefani Bedin

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

Reader: Paul Gooch

Prayers: Winnie Tang

Warden on Duty: Katherine MacDonald

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Verger: Rikk Scapillato

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Ways to Serve & Get Involved

Community Breakfast – Carl Wehniainen, Lead
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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

Wednesday, September 10

11:00am Holy Eucharist

Saturday, September 13

8:00am Community Breakfast

10:00am Rummage Sale

Sunday, September 14

8:00am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9:15am Contemporary Worship

10:30am Holy Eucharist (BAS)*

**In person & Livestreamed*



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