

# Christ Church Deer Park

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November 30, 2025  
The First Sunday of Advent  
**Holy Eucharist**  
at 10:30 am

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



**“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 response to receiving bread, wine, or a blessing is “Amen.”

## **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**

All hymns are from the blue hymnal: Common Praise (CP). Hearing Assistance Devices are located on the table beside the bell-tower entrance. Large Print Orders of Service are available.



**Prelude**     *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, "Saviour of the Nations, Come"* BWV 659     J.S. Bach

**Welcome**

**Advent Candle Lighting**     Supipi Weerasooriya and Sabrina Fields

Leader     Born in David's City of Bethlehem to be a King, Jesus died wearing a Crown of Thorns. He rose again and sent the fire and light of his Spirit, and we wait with hope for his return. Thank you for the gift of hope. As we light this candle, we ask you to prepare our hearts for our Saviour's coming by helping us see to the light of Christ in others, especially in unlikely places and people. We ask this in the name of God with us, Jesus Emmanuel. **Amen.**

### **The Gathering of the Community**

**Opening Hymn** – Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus – CP #88     STUTTGART

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver;  
born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all-sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley    Music: Psalmodia Sacra, 1715

**Apostolic Greeting**     *(please remain standing)*

Presider     The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**All**     **And also with you.**

## Collect for Purity

Presider Almighty and everlasting God,

**All to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Kyrie

*Each invocation is first sung by the cantor and then repeated by all.*

John Merbecke



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us, Christ, have mer-cy up-on us, Lord, have mer-cy up-on us,

## The Collect of the Day

Presider Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through 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.**

## First Reading

*(please be seated)*

Reader A reading from Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

*Isaiah 2:1-5*

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All Thanks be to God.**



Cantor I was glad when they said to me:  
**All "Let us go to the house of the Lord."**

Cantor Now our feet are standing:  
**All within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

Cantor Jerusalem is built as a city:  
**All that is at unity with itself.**

Cantor: To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord:  
**All the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.**

Cantor: For there are the thrones of judgement,  
**All the thrones of the house of David.**

Cantor Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
**All "May they prosper who love you.**

Cantor Peace be within your walls  
**All and quietness within your towers.**

Cantor For my brethren and companions' sake:  
**All I pray for your prosperity.**

Cantor Because of the house of the Lord our God:  
**All I will seek to do you good.**

**Second Reading**

Reader A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. Romans 13:11-14

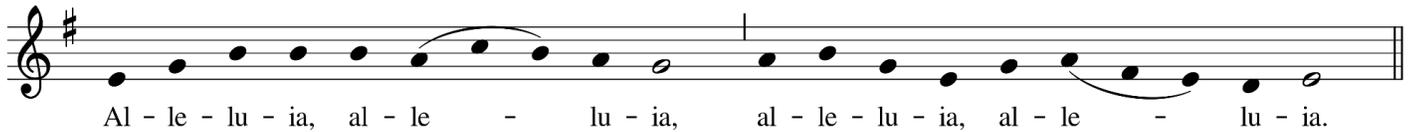
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*(please stand as you are able)*

Based on *Veni Emmanuel*

## Alleluia

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



**Cantor** Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

**All** Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

*Luke 21:28*

## 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 Matthew.

**All** **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

‘But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

*Matthew 24:36-44*

**Gospeller** The Gospel of Christ.

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

## Sermon

*(please be seated)*

*Silence for Reflection*



## Prayers of the People

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

### Confession and Absolution

Presider Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Presider Most merciful God,

**All We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

### The Peace

*(please remain standing)*

Presider Peace be with you.

**All And also with you.**

*The congregation is invited to remain standing for the offertory.*

### Offertory Hymn – Sleepers, Wake, CP #110

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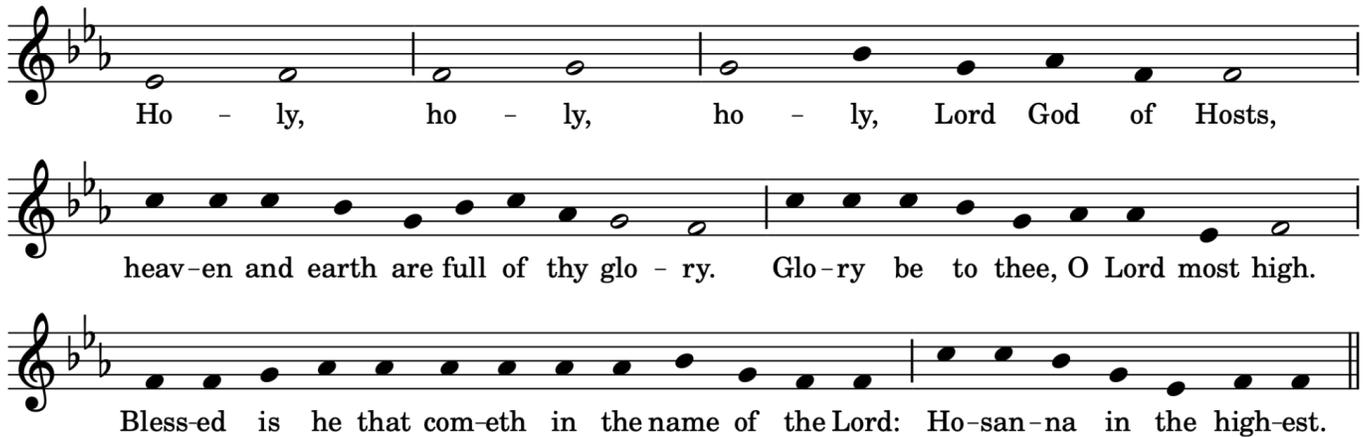
“Sleepers, wake!” A voice astounds us.  
The shout of rampart guards surrounds us:  
“Awake, Jerusalem, arise!”  
Midnight's peace their cry has broken,  
their urgent summons clearly spoken:  
“The time has come, O maidens wise!  
Rise up, and give us light.  
The bridegroom is in sight.  
Alleluia!  
Your lamps prepare and hasten there,  
that you the wedding feast may share.”

Zion hears the watchmen singing.  
Her heart with joyful hope is springing;  
she wakes, and hurries through the night.



Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord. You exalted him as Lord of all creation that he might present to you an eternal universal kingdom: a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace. Therefore at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow as heaven and earth proclaim the glory of your name.

*John Merbecke*

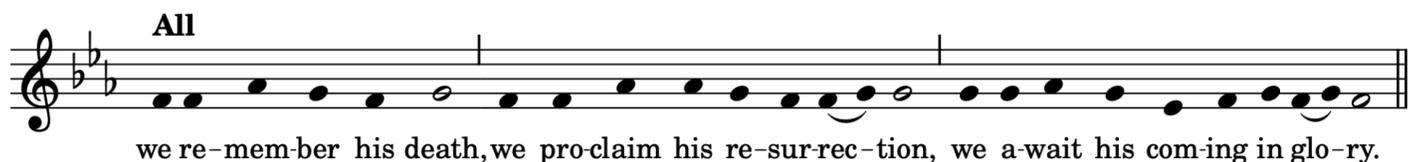


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts,  
heav-en and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord most high.  
Bless-ed is he that com-eth in the name of the Lord: Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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."

Presider Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**People**



**All**  
we re-mem-ber his death, we pro-claim his re-sur-rec-tion, we a-wait his com-ing in glo-ry.

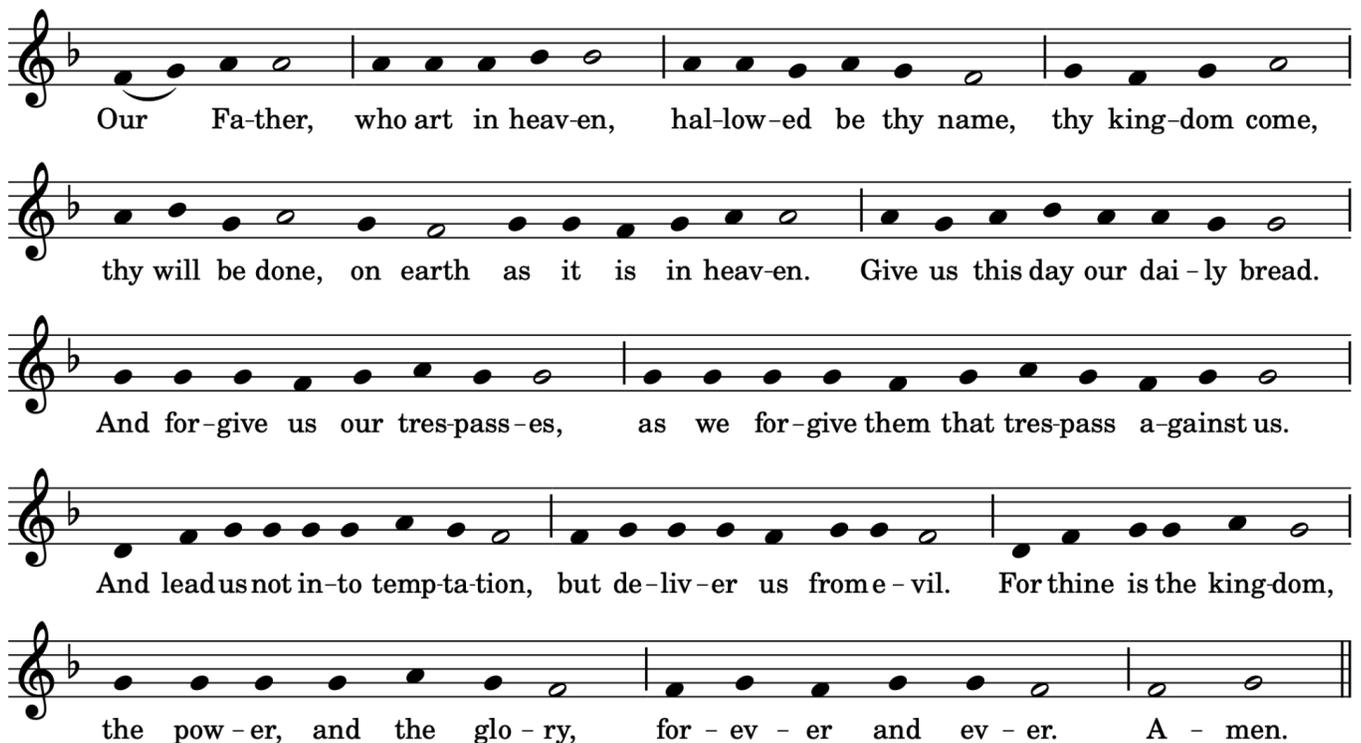
Presider and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All 

### The Lord's Prayer

*John Merbecke*

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,



Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be thy name, thy king-dom come,  
 thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread.  
 And for-give us our tres-pass-es, as we for-give them that tres-pass a-gainst us.  
 And lead us not in-to temp-tation, but de-liv-er us from e-vil. For thine is the king-dom,  
 the pow-er, and the glo-ry, for-ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

### Breaking of the Bread

Presider God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

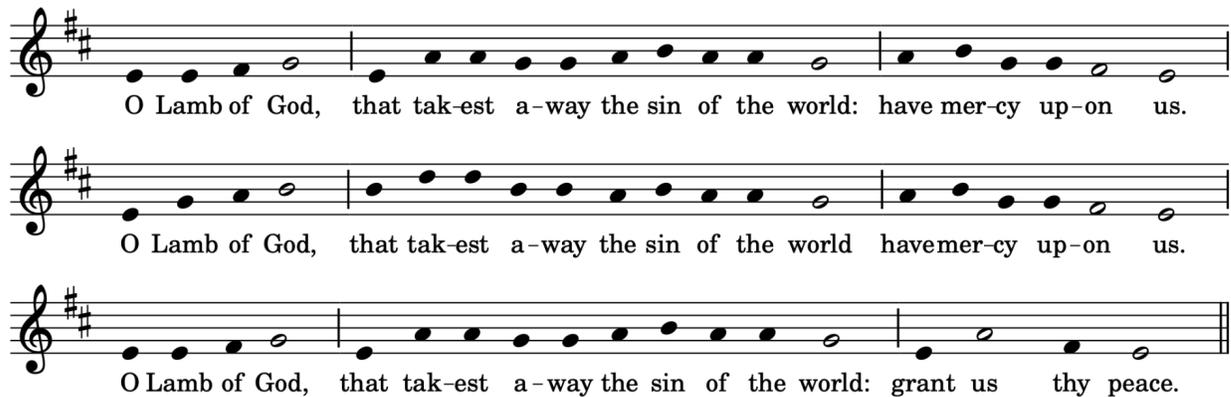
Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

(please be seated in prayer)

## Agnus Dei – Lamb of God

John Merbecke



O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world havemer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.

## Communion Motet – The Advent Prose

Plainsong, *Rorate Caeli*

Choir: *Drop down, ye heavens, from above,  
and let the skies pour down righteousness.*

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord,  
neither remember iniquity forever:  
Thy holy cities are a wilderness,  
Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation:  
Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee.  
*Drop down...*

We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing,  
and we all do fade as a leaf:  
and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away;  
thou hast hid thy face from us:  
and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities. *Drop down...*

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord,  
and my servant whom I have chosen;  
that ye may know me and believe me: I even I, am the Lord,  
and beside me there is no Saviour:  
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.  
*Drop down...*

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people,  
my salvation shall not tarry:  
I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions:  
Fear not, for I will save thee: for I am the Lord thy God,  
the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.  
*Drop down...*

*Text: based on Isaiah, Latin, 4th Century, anonymous English adaptation*

Creator of the stars of night,  
thy people's everlasting light,  
Jesus, redeemer of us all,  
hear thou thy servants when they call.

Thou, sorrowing at the helpless cry  
of all creation doomed to die,  
didst save our lost and guilty race  
by healing gifts of heavenly grace.

When earth was near its evening hour,  
thou didst in love's redeeming power,  
like bridegroom from his chamber, come  
forth from a maiden mother's womb.

At thy great name, exalted now,  
all knees in lowly homage bow;  
all things in heaven and earth adore,  
and own thee King for evermore.

To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three-in-One,  
praise, honour, might, and glory be  
from age to age eternally

*Text: Latin, 6th Century; tr. John Mason Neale*

*Music: Sarum plainsong, Mode IV*

**Prayer after Communion**

*(please stand as you are able)*

Presider Almighty God, by your grace alone we are accepted and called to your service. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Blessing**

Presider May Christ, when he comes, find us watching and waiting, and may the blessing of God Almighty–Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifying Spirit–be upon you this day and always. **Amen.**

**Announcements** Refer to the separate announcements bulletin.

Hark, a herald voice is sounding:  
"Christ is nigh," it seems to say.  
"Cast away the dreams of darkness,  
O ye children of the day!"

Wakened by the solemn warning,  
let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling,  
shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,  
comes with pardon down from heaven;  
let us all, with deep repentance,  
pray that we may be forgiven,

that when next he comes with glory,  
and the world is wrapped in fear,  
with his mercy he may shield us,  
and with words of love draw near.

Honour, glory, might, and blessing  
to the Father and the Son,  
with the everlasting Spirit,  
while eternal ages run.

*Text: Latin, 10th cent., tr. Edward Caswall Music: William Henry Monk*

**Dismissal**

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

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, "Sleepers Wake" BWV 645*

J.S. Bach

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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!*

***Assisting with the Liturgy***

Presider & Preacher: Alison Falby

Advent Candle Lighters: Supipi Weerasooriya and Sabrina Fields

Crucifier: Sunkanmi Kazeem

Subdeacon: Elsa Jones

Director of Music & Organist: Stefani Bedin

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

Reader: Amy Leung

Prayers: Ruwani de Fonseka

Warden on Duty: Stephen Clark

Greeter: Amy Leung

Livestream Technician: Zongfan Li

Verger: Rikk Scapillato

**Next Week's Musical Preview:** On December 7, the choir will sing "This is the Record of John," a verse anthem by the English composer Orlando Gibbons (1583 – 1625). This staple of the Anglican repertoire recounts John the Baptists' foretelling of Christ's coming through dramatic dialogue between soloist and choir. Other classic hymns about John the Baptista including "On Jordan's Bank," "Prepare the Way, O Zion," and "There's A Voice In the Wilderness Crying" also feature at the 10:30am service.

## Leadership & Staff

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*

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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, Editorial Team

*Choir* – Stefani Bedin, Director

*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

*Churches on the Hill Foodbank* – Ted Southey, Lead

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

## Participating in the Offertory

Thank you for your faithful generosity. Running our church is a significant undertaking that allows us to serve our congregation and the neighbourhood. Our essential weekly operating costs total approximately \$20,000. Your contributions support everything from maintaining our sacred space to funding vital community programs and staff salaries. Your ongoing support is deeply appreciated. For more information on how to make a regular financial contribution, speak to Bryan in the office or go to our website: <https://christchurchdeerpark.org/give/>

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- E-transfer to [donations@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:donations@christchurchdeerpark.org)
- Online via Canada Helps (scan the QR code to be brought to the website)

