

A Service of Celebration of New Ministry for
THE REVEREND CANON DR. ALISON FALBY

Christ Church Deer Park
1570 Yonge Street
Toronto, ON M4T 1Z8
25th January 2026 at 4:30 pm

“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.”

Jazz Preludes

Welcome

The Gathering of the Community

Please stand as you are able

Opening Hymn – Be Thou My Vision – CP #505

SLANE

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art –
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
Thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, when victory is won,
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Text: Irish (8th cent.); tr. Mary Byrne, verses Eleanor Hull Music: Irish traditional

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

People **And also with you.**

Bishop There is one body and one spirit.

People **There is one hope in God's call to us.**

Bishop One Lord, one faith, one baptism.

People **One God and Father of all.**

f Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a! Glo - ry to God in the high - est.

Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a! And peace to his peo-ple on earth.

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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Bishop My siblings in Christ, Alison Falby has been chosen to be the Incumbent of this Parish of Christ Church Deer Park. After prayerful consideration, and according to the practice of this Diocese, I have appointed Alison to this position of leadership in our common ministry. This ministry continues the good work done through the years in this community, and is part of the work and witness of the whole Church.

(remain standing)

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in our vocation and ministry, we may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

People Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading – Isaiah 9:1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 27:1,5-13

George Black

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

Refrain



God is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

God is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid? **Refrain**

One thing have I asked of you, O God; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in your house all the days of my life;
To behold your fair beauty, O God
and to seek you in your temple. **Refrain**

For in the day of trouble you will keep me safe in your shelter;
you will hide me in the secrecy of your dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
Even now you lift up my head above my enemies round about me.
Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness;
I will sing and make music to my God. **Refrain**

Hearken to my voice, O God, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.
You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, O God, will I seek. **Refrain**

Hide not your face from me,
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
You have been my helper; cast me not away;
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation. **Refrain**

The Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul,' or 'I belong to Apollos,' or 'I belong to Cephas,' or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn – Dear God, Compassionate and Kind – CP #455, v 1-2

REPTON

Dear God, compassionate and kind,
forgive our foolish ways.

Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise,
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee,
rise up and follow thee!

The Holy Gospel – Matthew 4:12-23

Please stand as you are able.

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles - the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in

the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea - for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sequence Hymn – Dear God, Compassionate and Kind – CP #455, v 4-5

REPTON

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace,
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm,
O still, small voice of calm.

Text: J.G. Whittier

Music: C.H.H. Parry

The Homily

Please be seated.

Hymn – Will You Come and Follow Me – CP #430

KELVINGROVE

Solo Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Solo Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

Choir Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

Choir Will you love the "you" you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

Please stand as you are able for the final verse

All **Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.**

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Music: Scottish Traditional

Please be seated.

The Covenant in Ministry

The Churchwardens and Parish Selection Committee shall stand with the new Incumbent before the Bishop and shall say together:

Bishop, on behalf of the people of Parish of Christ Church Deer Park we ask you to proceed with the induction of Alison as our Incumbent.

The Bishop asks the Regional Dean to read the Verification of Appointment.

The Bishop addresses the Incumbent and says:

Bishop Do you, Alison, in the presence of this congregation to which you have been called to be priest and pastor, commit yourself to this trust and responsibility?

Incumbent I do.

Members of the Parish are asked to stand.

Bishop Do you, the people of the Parish of Christ Church Deer Park, having accepted Alison to be your priest and pastor, commit yourselves to share with her in the ministry of this Parish?

People We do.

The Incumbent faces the people.

Incumbent I, Alison commit myself to you, the people of Christ Church Deer Park as your priest and pastor, bringing my strengths and weaknesses, my hopes and concerns, my gifts and talents bestowed on me by God's grace, and will endeavour, with the help of God, to share with you in the ministry of this Parish, in the name of Christ, with the empowering of the Holy Spirit.

Parish Members

We, the people of Christ Church Deer Park, commit ourselves to you as our priest and pastor, bringing our strengths and weaknesses, our hopes and concerns, our gifts and talents bestowed on us by God's grace, and will endeavour with the help of God, to share with you in the ministry of this Parish, in the name of Christ, with the empowering of the Holy Spirit.

Churchwardens

Alison, on behalf of this Parish, and in obedience to the mandate of the Bishop, we present to you the keys of this Parish, in token that we acknowledge you as our lawful pastor and priest in charge of this Parish.

Incumbent I receive these keys at your hands as the pledge of your recognition of me as your appointed Incumbent. Together, may we be an open, welcoming community, greeting Christ in all who come through our doors.

All others are asked to stand.

Bishop As siblings in the body of Christ and witnesses to this covenant, will you support Alison and the people of Christ Church Deer Park in their ministry together?

People We will.

The Bishop and Churchwardens lead the new Incumbent to take her place in the chancel.

Bishop Alison, on behalf of the church in the Diocese of Toronto, you have accepted this charge which is mine and yours. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, I commission you, Alison and the people of Christ Church Deer Park, to worship and work together to the glory of God, for the building up of the Body of Christ, and the proclamation of his reign to this community.

Incumbent My siblings in Christ, we are called to proclaim the story of God's love and mercy and, above all, the gospel of our Saviour Christ: I ask your prayers as together we commit ourselves to ministry in this Parish and community.

Prayers of the People

Please take a position of prayer.

Our collective response today to "For this new ministry" will be "**We thank you Lord.**"

Bishop Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfill now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Saviour, in the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

The Bishop presents the new Incumbent to the congregation.

The Peace

Please stand as you are able.

Incumbent The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory – Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand

F.L. Eiland, arr. Paul Halley

Solo Time is filled with swift transition,
Naught of earth unmoved can stand.
Build your hopes on things eternal,
And hold to God’s unchanging hand.

Refrain

All You better hold to His hand,
God’s unchanging hand.
Hold to His hand,
God’s unchanging hand.
Build your hopes on things eternal,
And hold to God’s unchanging hand.

Solo Trust in Him who will not leave you
Whatsoever years may bring,
And if by earthly friends forsaken
Still more closely to Him cling. **Refrain**


Text: Jennie Wilson (1905)

Prayer over the Gifts

Bishop God of faithfulness, in every age you call people to make known your love: may we who celebrate this Eucharist today be so strengthened in the ministries to which we are each called, that we may always witness to your holy name. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

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.

Bishop Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who came not to be served, but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many. He calls his faithful servants to lead your holy people in love, nourishing them by your word and sacraments. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might**
Heaven and Earth of your glory are full,
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one, Who comes in the name of our God
Blessed is the one, Who comes in the name of our God
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and Earth of your glory are full
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Bishop 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 said, " Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this in 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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All **we remember his death,**
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Bishop 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 forever.

All: 

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The Lord's Prayer

Bishop As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Bishop We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
People **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**
Bishop The gifts of God for the people of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei – Mass for Four Voices

William Byrd, arr. Brian Barlow

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world: grant us peace.

Chorus

Peace be to this house.
Peace be within these walls.
Peace be to this house.
Peace be within these walls.

The God of peace be your shelter and your shield,
The Prince of Peace rule in your heart.
The God of comfort be to you a stronghold.
Peace be to this house. **Chorus**

Be ye careful for nothing,
But casting all your care on him,
Know within your heart he cares for you.
Peace be to this house. **Chorus**

My peace I leave, my peace I give,
Even as the father's given me,
Freely I receive, now freely do I give.
Peace be to this house. **Chorus**

After last chorus: Peace. Peace.

Communion Anthem – Like as the Hart – Text: Psalm 42 (para.)

Herbert Howells

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks: so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God: when shall I come to
appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night:
while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

Prayer after Communion

Bishop Let us pray. Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and blood of your Son, and for uniting us with him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of your Word and Sacraments. We pray that Alison may be to us a godly example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with her, may serve you now, and always rejoice in your glory, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Bishop 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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Bishop Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People The maker of heaven and earth.

Bishop Blessed be the name of the Lord,

People From this time forth for evermore.

Bishop The blessing, mercy, and grace of God almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

People Amen.

Recessional Hymn – O Jesus, I Have Promised – CP #438

WOLVERCOTE

1. O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me,
my Master and my Friend.
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
not wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

2. O let me feel thee near me:
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer
and shield my soul from sin.

3. O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end!
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.

4. O let me see thy footmarks
and in them plant mine own:
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend.

Text: John Ernest Bode Music: William Harold Ferguson

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Toccata from Symphonie No. 5

Charles-Marie Widor

Please join us for a reception in Elliott Hall after this service.

The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory
of Canon Robert L. Falby, by The Reverend Canon Dr. Alison Falby

Assisting with today's Celebration of Ministry:

Presider: The Right Reverend Andrew Asbil, Bishop of Toronto

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Susan Spicer

Incumbent: The Reverend Canon Dr. Alison Falby

Deacon: The Reverend Cathy Gibbs

Liturgical Coordinator: The Reverend Canon Greg Carpenter

Wardens: Paul Kingston, Katherine MacDonald

Parish Selection Committee Members: Jan D'Angelo, Andrew Harding,
Amy Leung, Jill MacRae, Pauline Thompson, Melissa Walter

Gospeller: The Reverend Cathy Gibbs

Readers: Amy Leung (alt. Jan D'Angelo), Terry Tweed

Greeters: Elsa Jones, ODT, Winnifred Tang

Intercessor: Elsa Jones, ODT

Chalice Bearers: The Reverend Canon Brad Lennon, William Jackson, Deirdre Malone

Bishop's Chaplain: John Clarke

Crucifer: Sunkanmi Kazeem

Hospitality: Jayne Miles Simpson

Livestream Technician: Zongfan Li

Verger: Rikk Scapillato

Ministers: Everyone

For today's music we thank:

Director of Music & Organist: Stefani Bedin

The Choir of Christ Church Deer Park

Choral Leads: Emily Ding, Julia Barber, Alexander Cappellazzo, Peter Warren

Solo Vocalists: Deb Whalen-Blaize & Maren Richardson

Trumpeters: Matisse and Aled Blundell

Guitarist: Nick Gan

Jazz Trio: Brian Barlow (percussion), Duncan Wilson (piano), Jonathan Meyer (bass)

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.

Offerings and Donations

There are a number of ways to make offerings or donations to the church.



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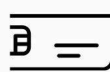


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Land Acknowledgement

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

Welcome! 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.