

Christ Is All and In All  
Believe



*“Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”*

**The Holy Eucharist**

**Christ Church Episcopal**

**March 15, 2020**

**The Third Sunday in Lent**

Healing Services at **8:00 am** and **10:15 am** (with music)

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) is the black book in the pew racks

Service music (preceded by “S”) is located at the **FRONT** of the blue hymnal (i.e. “S 124”)

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Prelude: (A time for quiet reflection)

**Organ Prelude:**

Lento

*César Franck*

**Opening Hymn: 455**

*Dunedin*

*Celebrant:* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People:* **His mercy endures for ever.**

*Celebrant:* Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

*Mark 12:29-31*

## Confession of Sin

*The Deacon or Celebrant then says:*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Deacon and People:*

**Most merciful God,**

**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 neighbors 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**

*The priest stands and says:*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

Lord, have mercy upon us: **Hymn S 91**

*Kyrie Eleison*

*(Spoken only at 8:00 am):*

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

## The Old Testament Reading

A Reading from The Book of Exodus

*(Exodus 17:1-7)*

From the wilderness of Sin, the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?"

So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."

The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

## The Response

Psalm 95

*Venite, exultemus*

*Spoken responsively by REFRAIN*

### REFRAIN



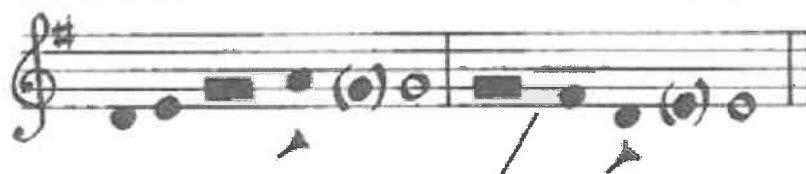
To-day if you would hear his voice,



hard-en not your hearts.

### PSALM 95

### TONE II



- 6 *Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,\**  
and kneel before the LORD / our Mák-er.  
7 For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the  
sheep of his hánd.\*  
Oh, that today you would heark- / en tó his voice!

### REFRAIN

- 8 *Hard-en not your hearts,*  
as your forebears did in the wíl-der-ness,\*  
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,  
when / they rémpt-ed me.  
9 They put me to the lést,\*  
though they / had séen my works.

### REFRAIN

- 10 *For-ty years long I detested that generation and sáid,<sup>1</sup>*  
"This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do / not knów my ways."  
11 So I swore in my wráth,\*  
"They shall not enter in- / to mý rest."

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## The Epistle

A Reading from The Letter to the Romans

*(Romans 5:1-11)*

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners, Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord

*People: Thanks be to God*

### Gospel Anthem

Let not your Heart be Troubled

*Mark Dickey*

*Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.  
In my father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you.  
I go to prepare a place for you,*

### The Gospel

*All please stand as the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying:*

*(John 4:5-42)*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to John:

*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ*

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.

Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him."

*God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.*" The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ

## The Sermon

The Rev. Canon John Francis

*(A period of silence follows)*

## The Nicene Creed

*(Said by all. Please stand as able.)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us, and for our salvation, he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day, he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.

Amen

## Today is Healing Sunday

*At this time, everyone is invited to please come forward to either be anointed by the priest, or to be anointed and then go to the baptismal font to receive prayers for yourself (or on behalf of a loved one) by the trained and commissioned healing team, led by the Rev. Dr. Midge Pendergast. There are healers praying for you from their pews as you receive this biblical ministry. (James 5:13-15)*

## Prayers of the People

*(Please remain standing or kneel)*

*(Prayer Team- Feb. 2020)*

**Leader:** Almighty God, in this time of contemplative reflection, open our hearts and minds that we may discern those things that separate us from a personal relationship with You. We are always grateful for your forgiveness and transformational love.

Lord in your mercy,

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

May your grace be present in the lives of our church ministers to reveal your true word and to promote the deeper meaning of the sacrificed life of Jesus Christ. We pray for: Midge, our deacon; Alan, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, our covenant partner; John, our retired bishop; James, our assistant priest; John, our rector; Kevin, our bishop; and Michael, our presiding bishop. We pray for all ministers of the church, ordained and lay. In the Bethlehem Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: St. Clement's and St. Peter's- Wilkes Barre; in our companion Diocese of Kajo Keji: Wojira Parish. May we ALL commit our energies to sustain the universal church, its members, and especially its mission of redeeming the world into God's kingdom on earth.

Lord in your mercy,

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** Instill a sense of wisdom, truth and integrity in our president and in all government leaders. We pray for the men and women in uniform who lay their lives in Your hands to serve, defend and protect this nation.

Lord in your mercy,

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** Grant us clear vision to see, open hearts to experience, and a willingness to bear the burdens of those who suffer poverty, oppression, weakness of spirit, illness, confinement, homelessness, or any other kinds of strife. Embrace them with uplifting hope and awareness of your unconditional love. Guided by the Spirit of Christ, we earnestly pray for those on our prayer list and for those we hold dear in our hearts----. [*Names are read from the prayer list, written in at the pulpit; the people may also add additional verbal petitions*]

Lord in your mercy,

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** We pray for those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week: Andrea Griffith (3/15), Danny Hinnershultz (3/16), Patrick Boggs (3/17), Patrick VanderVeen (3/17), David Feick (3/19), Heather Boggs (3/21) and Judith Hodgkinson (3/21). May their hearts be filled with joy and thanksgiving for your gifts of unconditional love and the life given.

Lord in your mercy,

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** Bless those who have departed this earthly life, especially Marie A.Riddell [*Additional names may be spoken at this time in memory of loved ones.*] May they be at peace in your heavenly kingdom and may comfort be granted to those left behind.

Lord in your mercy,

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

## The Peace

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people:*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:*

**And also with you.**

*Then the Celebrant, Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*(Announcements are found on **Page 11**; please read, then take the bulletin home!)*

**Offertory Hymn 658**

*Martyrdom*

**Hymn at the presentation: 147** (vs. 1 & 5)

*Bourbon*

## The Holy Communion

**Eucharistic Prayer A** (*page 361 in the Book of Common Prayer*)

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says:*

The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord: Hymn S 114**

*Sanctus*

*(Spoken only at 8:00 am): (BCP Page 362)*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The people **stand or kneel** as able. Then the Celebrant continues:*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words concerning the bread: The Celebrant is to hold it or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup: to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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.*"

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People:*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Celebrant and People:* **AMEN.**

*The Celebrant sings:* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

**Hymn S 148**

*The Lord's Prayer*

*The Celebrant says:* And now, as our Savior, Christ, has taught us, we are bold to say:

<p>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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. <i>Amen.</i></p>
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### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. (A period of silence may be kept.) Then may be sung or said:*

**Fraction Anthem: S 158**

*Agnus Dei*

<p><i>(Spoken only at 8:00 am):</i> Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore, let us keep the feast.</p>
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*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation:*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*(You may receive wine or wafers or both. At present, you may drink from the cup, but intinction will not take place.. Please do not drink from the cup if you are sick, and please use the hand sanitizer at the choir steps as you approach the altar rail. Thank you. If you need gluten free wafers, please tell the priest as he or she comes to you. If you need the Sacrament brought to your pew, please tell an usher. If you prefer not to receive the Sacrament, please come to the altar rail and tell the priest that you would just like to receive a blessing.)*


**Communion Hymns 343, LEVAS 29** (page 9)

*(Eucharistic visitors may be sent out at this time.)*





1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, There's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, Love and mer - cy found me;  
 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, Bring its scenes be - fore me;  
 4 Near the cross, I'll watch and wait, Hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er.



1. Free to all, a heal - ing stream Flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
 2. There the Bright and Morn - ing Star Sheds its beams a - round me.  
 3. Help me walk from day to day With its shad - ows o'er me.  
 4. Till I reach the gold - en strand Just be - yond the riv - er.



In the cross, in the cross Be my glo - ry ev - er;



Till my rap - tured soul shall find Rest be - yond the riv - er.

Words, Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915)  
 Music, William H. Doane (1832-1915)

## Post Communion Prayer

*After Communion, the Celebrant says:*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People:*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen

**Closing Hymn: 690**

*Cwm Rhondda*

## Blessing and Dismissal

**Blessing:** *(The Rt. Rev. John P. Croneberger)*

*Celebrant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*Everyone:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Organ Postlude:**

Aria from "The Passion"

*G. F. Handel*

**The flowers on the Altar today** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of:

**Marie A. Riddell**, from Victoria & James Wilson.

**Altar Candle Memorials for March** are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of:

**Paul & Alice Swain** and **Arthur & Mary Hoare** by Stephen and Charlotte Hoare;

and **Lois Feick** by David and Judy Feick.

In Thanksgiving for  **blessings received** by Susan Frankowski.

## Liturgical Ministers Today

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Canon John Francis

**Organist/ Choirmaster:** James K. Wilson

**Deacon:** The Rev. Dr. Midge Pendergast

**Eucharistic Ministers:** (8:00 am): Ed Pearson, Ellen Sunderman

**Lessons:** Chip Karasin

(10:15 am): Milah Allison, Genesis Rivera

**Prayers of the People:** Donna McLay

**Acolyte Supervisor:** Sherry Faust

**Acolytes:** Amelia Fanning, William Fanning, Kohan Jackson

**Ushers:** (8:00 am): Mary Grimm

**Security:** (8:00 am): Chris Spohn (10:15 am): Kate Fanning

(10:15 am): David Emes (*captain*) Jessica Ashman, David Baird, Christine Keeler, Mike Nerino

**Greeters:** Mary Jane Androne, Linda Jones **Offering Counters:** Fran Graeff, Jack Lacey

**Healing Team:** The Rev. Dr. Midge Pendergast, Mickey Getty, Terry Rowles, Penny and June Tull,

*supported in prayer by:* Connie Fegley, Beverly Flatt, Danny Hinnershit, Garrett Hyneman,

Valerie McCleaf, Doris Schilpp, Michele Uhrich and Victoria Wilson.

**Altar Guild Team:** Charlotte Hoare (*captain*), Mary Jane Androne, Christine Keeler, Josephine Lawson

**Coffee Hour** today is hosted by **Frank & Mary Arguelles** and **Andrea Griffith** to celebrate her birthday today with a cake! Please consider signing up to host coffee hour (or joining with others) for this very important ministry of fellowship. Sign-up sheet is posted near the Parish Hall kitchen. Thanks!

**Saturday ad sponsors are needed:** This week's ad was sponsored by **Janet Koller**. Please consider supporting this ministry (for \$25/ad). Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside Parish Hall.

**Adult Forum today** (9 am): Parish Nurse, **Doris Maurer-Budzik**, presents Health and Wellness Topics

## Future Adult Forum Topics

**3/22: Deacon Midge** presents Your Spiritual Friend (Anam Cara) during Lent

**3/29: Frank Arguelles** presents The History of the Roman Military



Each month, the **Veteran's Coalition of PA** gathers at City Park for their "Stand Down" event. At that time, disadvantaged vets are provided with a hot meal, non-perishable food, pet food, clothing needs, as well as referral information to various community agencies. We have been asked to help provide some of their many current needs:

- \* Men's **boxers** – Large and 2XL;
- \* Men's **T-shirts** - Medium, Large and 2XL
- \* **Winter Coats** – Medium through 2XL;
- \* **Sweatshirts** - Medium & Large;
- \* **Sweatpants** - Medium through 2XL
- \* Women's **underwear** - 6,7, & 9
- \* **Washcloths & Towels**

Any assistance you can offer will be greatly appreciated . A collection box is in the lobby. Thank you!

**\*\*\*\*\* ANNOUNCEMENTS \*\*\*\*\***

**Worship Opportunities and Upcoming Events:**

**Sunday Services**

Holy Eucharist at **8:00 am** and **10:15 am** (with music)

(*Healing services* customarily occur on the **third Sunday** of each month)

**Rise and Shine** for Young Families @ **8:45 am** (in the Chapel)

**Spanish Service** (Misa Española) @ **5:00 PM** (in the Chapel): (English Translations in bulletin)

**Staffed Nursery, Christian Education and Formation for all ages: 9:00 am** Sundays

Christ Church regularly conducts **Sunday Morning Bible Studies**. For more info: **Please see Fr. John.**

**Weekday Worship**

**Holy Eucharist** and **Healing** at **12:05 PM** on **Wednesdays** (in the Chapel)

**Centering Prayer** in the Chapel on **Tuesdays** at **9:00 am**, and **Tuesday Evenings** at **5PM**

**Thursdays** at **8:30 am**; **Sundays** at **2:00 PM** (upon request)

**Morning Prayer** on **Thursdays** at **9:30 am** (in the Chapel)

**Wednesday Breakfast and Bible Study: 7:15 am** at the Wyomissing Family Restaurant

1245 Penn Ave, Wyomissing, PA (610-373-3353)

**LENT SCHEDULE – 2020**

Sunday March 15

Saturday March 21

Saturday March 21

Saturday March 28

Saturday April 18

**CHORAL EVENSONG** at Christ Church –4 PM

**YOUTH DAY** at Christ Church – Third grade and up – 2 PM – 6:30 PM

**Celtic Service** – St. Patrick- His Journey and His Friends! – 5:30 PM

**COFFEE HOUSE** – in the Parish Hall – 6-8 PM

**Encounter with the SHROUD** – Sanctuary 2PM

**NEW Centering Prayer Group** (in the Chapel) on **Tuesday Evenings** at **5PM** through **March & April** (and ongoing) Come for 20 minutes and/or stay for the hour!!

**HOLY WEEK – Palm Sunday to Easter Day**

Sunday, April 5- Palm Sunday: Distribution of **Palms** and the **Passion**

Tuesday, April 8 – 5PM – **Centering Prayer** in the Chapel

Wednesday, April 9 - 7:30 AM **Bible Study** at Wyomissing Family Restaurant

12 Noon – **Eucharist with Healing**

Thursday, April 10 - **Maundy Thursday** – **Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing** – 7:30 PM

Friday, April 10 - Good Friday Service and Quiet Activities –

- 12:00 – 1:15 **Good Friday Noon Service** with Reserved Sacrament (followed by Stations of the Cross)
- 12:00 – 3:00 – **Labyrinth** in the Parish Hall

- 1:15 – 1:30 - (Immediately following the Service) **Stations of the Cross** follow the Service
- 6:00 – Fellowship and **Faith Family Holy Week Supper** with Heather Boggs

Saturday, April 11 – **Great Vigil of Easter** – begins in Courtyard – 7:30 PM

Sunday, April 12– **EASTER DAY** Services 8:00 AM (Spoken) Holy Eucharist;

- 8:45 AM – Rise and Shine – in the Chapel
- 10:15 AM – Holy Festal Eucharist with Brass
- 5 PM – Spanish Mass with Music in the Chapel



## CHORAL EVENSONG TODAY at Christ Church!

**Sunday, March 15, 2020**

### Ecumenical Service at 4:00 PM

Reception in the Parish Hall follows the service

*The Anglican service of Evensong dates from the 1549 Book of Common Prayer. As the beauty of the experience of Evensong has continued for centuries, it has fostered the creation of an immense body of music written solely for this service. Choral Evensong is sung daily in many cathedrals, collegiate chapels and parish churches throughout the Anglican Communion.*

*Please join us for this beautiful ceremony of worship!*



**Saturday at 5:30 PM**

Christ Church Reading

**Celtic Mass**

March 21, 2020

### Christ Church Ministries:

**Choir:** Our next rehearsal will be at **Christ Church** on Thursday, **TBA** @ 7:30 PM.

**Daughters of the King:** All meetings are open to any woman who would like to join us in prayer. Prayer requests must be kept *confidential*. Next meeting TODAY: **March 15** (bring your plastic bags)

**Episcopal Church Women:** Meetings customarily @ 6:30 PM on the first Monday of each month.

Next meeting: **May 4**. ECW appreciates clean, gently used donations of clothing, bedding, housewares and decorative items, but cannot accept books or glassware at this time.

**Fifty-Plus Club:** Next Gathering: Celtic Mass, Dinner, then Kentucky Derby Day

**Library:** The church library is open **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday** from 10:00-12:00, between church services, and by appointment (610-763-4339). Books, magazines, and CDs may be signed out for three weeks in the notebook located on the small table just inside the door of the parlor. *We are looking for old (or new) magazines of any kind to be donated to the library.* They may be given to Michele, placed on the round table in the parlor, or placed on the small table by the stairs to the office. If there are any questions, please call Michele at 610-763-4339.

**Outreach/Inreach:** The Outreach/Inreach Ministry is slated to sponsor our next dinner at **Opportunity House**, which is scheduled for **Saturday, May 9** If you are interested in helping with this worthy ministry, please contact Anita Powell or Victoria Wilson. An **Angel List** is being formed from individuals who would like to serve or donate food at the shelter when needed. Please contact Vickie.

**Property Ministry:** Next meeting: **Wednesday, April 11**

**To all members of Christ Church:** If you discover *anything that needs repair or replacement*, please **write a note** explaining the problem and place it in the **"Fix it Box"** located on the table outside the sanctuary (Orrick area). Next Property Work Day: Saturday, **March 28:** 9:00- 2:00 PM

**Sons of the Queen Men's Group** meets **every Thursday morning** for an hour-long open men's group @ **7:00 am**.

Coffee and a light breakfast are available. Each meeting provides an *opportunity to share our feelings and personal issues in a loving, relaxed, encouraging, safe, confidential, non-defensive, and supportive environment.*

**Worship Ministry:** Next meeting: **May 24** in the Parlor, immediately after the 10:15 service

**Narcotics Anonymous meetings:** Sundays @ 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM; Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays @ 11:30 am – 2:00 PM; Thursdays @ Noon and 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM in the **Parish Hall.**

### **Christ Church Office:**

435 Court Street  
Reading, PA 19601

Write to us at: **P.O. Box 1094, Reading, PA 19603-1094**

**It's easy to join our mailing list! Just send your email address by text message:**

Text **BELLS** to 42828 to get started. (message and data rates may apply.)

**Regular Christ Church Office hours:** Tuesday through Thursday, 8:30 am - 2:30 PM **(610) 374-8269**

*Please contact the church office regarding prayer requests or e-blast sign-ups. Visit us at [www.rdgchristchurch.org](http://www.rdgchristchurch.org)*

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## **HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS**



### **What is coronavirus disease (COVID-19)?**

Coronavirus disease (also known as COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that leads to fever, cough, and shortness of breath.

### **What can I do to help stop the spread of coronavirus?**

Make sure to cover your mouth and nose when you sneeze and cough. Wash your hands frequently, or use sanitizer if soap and water aren't available, especially after you cough, sneeze, or use the restroom. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth, and try to avoid close contact with someone who is ill. If you suspect you may have contracted the coronavirus or other illness, seek medical attention right away and follow your doctor's recommendations.



### **How is the coronavirus spread?**

The coronavirus can be spread from person-to-person through respiratory droplets produced by coughing and sneezing, which can travel up to six feet. It may also potentially be spread by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it, and then touching your own mouth, nose, or eyes. People who are ill with the virus are likely most contagious when they are most symptomatic (when they already have a fever, cough, etc.)

### **What can my church do to help stop the spread of coronavirus?**

Those who take communion should avoid intinction, which is the practice of dipping communion bread or wafers into the wine. The virus is much more likely to be spread by transferring germs from hands (germs from the hands are transferred to the bread or wafer, and then into the wine) than by drinking from the common cup. Anyone who is concerned may choose to abstain from communion, or to take communion in one kind (just the bread). Those who are ill should be reminded to stay home from church to recuperate. Rather than shaking hands or hugging during the Peace, consider waving or using the peace sign. Everyone, especially clergy, should wash hands frequently and use hand sanitizer before communion.

# 2020 Easter Memorial Flower Order Form



Please use this form to place your order for Easter Flowers and/or contribute to:

The Christ Church Courtyard Fund.

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to donate # \_\_\_\_\_ Easter Flowers @ **\$8.00** each for a Total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to donate to The Christ Church Courtyard Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Donation:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Those donating a plant may take it home following the 10:15 am Easter Day worship service. Remaining plants will continue to decorate our church throughout most of the Easter Season. Courtyard Fund donations will help to beautify our Courtyard with dressing, mulching, repairs and outdoor projects.*



Please **PRINT NAMES CLEARLY** in the spaces below for accurate listing in the Easter Worship Bulletins.

*My gift is given:*

\_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of (if in Heaven): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ To Honor of (if living): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In Thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to "Christ Church" (Easter Flowers or Courtyard on text line),  
place in the collection plate or mail to: CHRIST CHURCH, P.O. BOX 1094, READING, PA 19603-1094 no later than*

**Sunday, April 5 2020 (Palm Sunday).** Thank You!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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