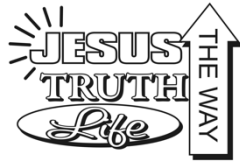


# Christ Is All and In All



*"You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."*

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 17

## **The Holy Eucharist**

Christ Church Episcopal  
Reading, Pennsylvania

**August 29, 2021**

**Services at 8:00** (spoken) and **10:15 am** (with music) followed by

*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 1982 (i.e. "S 280")

Prelude: (A time for quiet reflection)

**Organ Prelude:**

**"Elevation"** from Messe Basse op. 30

Louis Vierne

**Processional Hymn 372**

Leoni

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

*Everyone:* ***Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:  
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.***

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
 Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
 we worship you; we give you thanks; we praise you for your glory.  
 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.  
 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.*

**The Collect of the Day**

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*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name;  
 increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good  
 works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for  
 ever and ever. *Amen.*

**Old Testament**

*(Please be seated):*

*Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9*

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy:

Moses said: *So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so  
 that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is  
 giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything  
 from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.*

*You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who,  
 when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning  
 people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is  
 whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as  
 this entire law that I am setting before you today?*

*But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor  
 to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children  
 and your children's children.*

The Word of the Lord

*People: Thanks be to God.*

**The Psalm**

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The right - eous shall a-bide up-on God's ho-ly hill.

1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
*who may abide upon your holy hill?*

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
*who speaks the truth from his heart.*

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3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; \*  
*he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.*

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
*but he honors those who fear the LORD.*

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5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
*and does not take back his word.*

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
*nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.*

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7 Whoever does these things \* *shall never be overthrown.*

REFRAIN

**The Epistle***(Please remain seated):**James 1:17-27*

A Reading from The Letter of James:

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose, he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore, rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

**Gospel Anthem:****It Is Well with My Soul***Horatio Spafford****Runette Gabrielle, Soprano***

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
It is well with my soul.*

*Though satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, And has shed His own blood for my soul.  
It is well with my soul.*

*My sin— oh, the bliss of this glorious thought— My sin—not in part, but the whole—  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
It is well with my soul.*

*And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend, "Even so"— it is well with my soul.  
It is well with my soul.*

## The Gospel

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

*Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

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

*People:           **Glory to you, Lord Christ***

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “*Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?*”

He said to them, “*Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,*

*‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;  
in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’*

*You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”*

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “*Listen to me, all of you, and understand:*

*There is nothing outside a person, that by going in, can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”*

*Celebrant:           The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

## The Sermon

*The Rev. James Rinehart*

## 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.***

# The Prayers of the People

*(Please remain standing or kneel)*

*Celebrant or Deacon:*

The Spirit of God aids us in our weakness and empowers us to pray. In the love of the Spirit, let us offer prayers to God for the needs, concerns, and hopes of all the world.

*Deacon or Leader:* For peace from on high and for our salvation.

Lord, hear us.

*People:* ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

*Leader:* For this parish family of Christ Church, Reading, that we will faithfully bear witness to the risen Christ in word and deed.

Lord, hear us.

*People:* ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

*Leader:* For the justice and peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all.

Lord, hear us.

*People:* ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

*Leader:* For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith, reverence and love of God.

Lord, hear us.

*People:* ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

*Leader:* For Michael, our presiding Bishop; Kevin, our Bishop; James, our interim Priest; Jack, our retired Bishop; Midge, our Deacon; Michael, our Postulant for Holy Orders; Alan, Pastor of our Covenant Partner, Trinity Lutheran Church, and all who minister in Christ for the holy people of God.

Lord, hear us.

*People:* ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

*Leader:* For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people, and all who are elected to represent them in government.

Lord, hear us.

*People:* ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

*Leader:* For all those in need, the suffering, the oppressed and the refugees, travelers and prisoners, and the dying.

Lord, hear us.

*People:* ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

*Leader:* For those who have gone before us under the sign of faith, and for all the departed, especially Dale Shelly.

*[Additional names may be spoken aloud by the people].*

Lord, hear us.

*People:* ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

*Leader:* For ourselves, our families, and those we love, especially:

*[Names are read from the prayer list; additional names may be spoken aloud by the people].*

Lord, hear us.

*People:* ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

*Leader:* For those who celebrate birthdays this week, especially:

Pasquale Esposito (8/31) and Kara Jackson (9/4).

Lord, hear us.

*People:* ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

*Leader:* Remembering Mary, the God-bearer, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

*People:* **To you, O Lord.**

*Celebrant:*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you transform our lives and make us new: Hear our prayers, which we offer in confidence and breathe upon us with your Holy Spirit. Glory to you for ever and ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant 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.**

## 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 acknowledge one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Announcements

**Offertory Hymn: WLP 778**

*Nyland*

**Hymn at the Presentation: 380 (vs. 3)**

*Old 100th*

## The Holy Communion

**The Great Thanksgiving** (*Adapted from Enriching Our Worship*)

*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 God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues:*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You fill us and all creation with your blessing and feed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit, you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

*Celebrant and People:*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord: Hymn S 129**

*(Spoken only at 8:00 am)*

*Sanctus*

<p>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.</p>
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*The Celebrant continues:*

Blessed are you gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah, you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave to his friends, and said: *“Take eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”*

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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 say together:*

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

*The Celebrant continues:*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

*Amen*

**Amen S 146**

*McNeil Robinson*

*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:

*People and Celebrant:* (Spoken only at 8:00 am)

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as 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.  
Amen.***

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. (A period of silence is kept.) Then may be said (8:00) or sung S163:*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!***

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**Fraction Anthem: S 163**

*Agnus Dei*

*The Celebrant then says:*

We lift the Bread and raise the Cup.

May we who share these gifts  
be found in Christ  
and Christ in us.

### **The Communion of the People**

*(The priest will distribute wafers and you may receive wine cups if you did not bring your own.)*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

#### **The Prayer of Spiritual Reception of the Sacrament**

*(For those who do not wish to receive the physical elements)*

*Celebrant and People:*

***Lord Jesus Christ,***

***I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.***

### **Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant and People:*

***Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.***

**Closing Hymn: 556**

*Marion*

### **Blessing and Dismissal:**

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

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

**Organ Postlude:** Praise my Soul the King of Heaven

*John Goss, Arr. Don Wyrzt*



## Liturgical Ministers

**Celebrant:** The Rev. James Rinehart

**Organist:** Conrad Smith

**Lectors: (8:00)** Bev Flatt

**Prayers of the People: (8:00)** Ellen Sunderman

**Ushers: (8:00):** Terry Rowles, Chris Spohn

**Postulant:** Michael Molina

**Altar Guild Team:** Linda Jones *Captain*, Linda Lacey, Sally Wilcox

**Choirmaster:** James K. Wilson

**Cantors:** Alison Whalen, Victoria Wilson

**(10:15)** Kate Fanning

**(10:15)** Anita Powell

**(10:15)** Dick Androne, Dale Goodyear, Sally Wilcox

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

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

**Lois Feick** by David & Judy Feick; and

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

**Altar Flowers for today** are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of:

**Dale Shelly**

From his wife, Nancy Shelly



Anyone interested in sponsoring (or sharing)  
Altar Flowers, Columbarium Flowers, Lectern Flowers, or Altar  
Candle dedications should please contact Nancy Shelly @  
610-375-7925.

Thank you!

## **Coffee Hour**

***Un-sponsored*** at 8:00 am

Sponsored by **Anita Powell** at 10:15 AM.

There are several open Sundays coming up; please consider signing up (or joining with others) for this very important ministry of fellowship. Sign-up sheet is posted near the Parish Hall kitchen. Thank you.

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

## **Opportunity House Dinner**

will be hosted by the *Episcopal Church Women*

**September 11, 2021**

At this point, we are continuing to drop off the food rather than serving it.

However, the shelter's Volunteer Coordinators are very grateful for our unwavering support over the recent months and over the years.

*If anyone would like to help us in this valuable ministry, please contact Vickie Wilson, Meals Coordinator.*

***Opportunity House Community Garden Dinner***  
**Thursday September 9,**  
**6-8 pm**

Beech Street between North Second & Pear Streets

**Please RSVP by 8/31 to** [sperlaki@opphouse.org](mailto:sperlaki@opphouse.org)

Music by Renato Sanabria

Meal courtesy of the love & labor of the Penn State Master Gardeners of Berks County & St. Peter's Thomas UCC,  
Reading

Kid's craft table by Emerging Leaders United,  
United Way of Berks County

If you are interested, RSVP to the shelter and **please let Vickie Wilson** know for a Christ Church head count.

**All are welcomed!!**

*Celebrate our shelter's harvest  
with a meal, music and more!*

**Worship Opportunities**

**Sunday Services (held in-person at the church):**

**8:00 am** (spoken):

Service begins on pg. 355 of the Book of Common Prayer.

**9:15 am**

Rise and Shine for Young Families, (please note the time change)

**10:15 am** (with music) and Livestreamed on Facebook. Service begins on pg. 355 of the Book of Common Prayer.

*Please, if you so choose, prepare a small piece of bread or cracker for each person in your home, and a small portion of wine or juice in a cup for each person as well, for the time of the Sacrament of the Holy Communion in Christ.*

**Weekday Services**

**Zoom Bible Study** on Wednesdays at 8 am

**Zoom Centering Prayer sessions** on Thursdays at 8:30 A.M.

**Morning Prayer** on Thursdays at **11:00 am** @ at Red Bridge Park: PLEASE NOTE the time change.  
(led by David Emes, Diocesan Licensed Worship Leader)

**Spanish remote Holy Eucharist** will not be held until further notice.

*You can still watch the stream without an account. Learn how to do that below:*

<https://diobeth.org/how-to-view-facebook-livestreams-without-an-account>

*For all the zoom programs, kindly email the church office to ask for an email invite:*

[officemgr@rdgchristchurch.org](mailto:officemgr@rdgchristchurch.org) for any specific zoom program we offer.

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

**Regular Christ Church Office hours:**

Monday: 8:00 am - 12:00 PM

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 8:00 am - 2:00 PM

Closed Friday

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**The Christ Church Mission:**

**Sharing God's Love With All**

Please visit us at [www.rdgchristchurch.org](http://www.rdgchristchurch.org). The Diocesan and church staff members are listed, as well as a calendar of events. You may use this website to send in prayer requests. You may also request to be added to the list for e-blasts and newsletters.

**Centering Prayer (Mindfulness Meditation)**

- 1) Choose a sacred word or image as the symbol of your intention to consent to God's presence and action within.
- 2) Sitting comfortably and with eyes closed, settle briefly and silently introduce the sacred word or image.
- 3) When engaged with thoughts, return to the sacred word or image.
- 4) At the end of the prayer period, remain in silence with eyes closed for a couple of minutes.

**Sacred Ground Discussion Series**

The Sacred Ground discussion series is definitely coming to Christ Church this fall! So far, we have a core group of participants and leaders planning to meet every other week beginning in September. We would love to add to this group and/or start a second group to meet at the participants' convenience.

Please read below and contact **Cynthia Pipkin** at **610 451-3526** or [capsew59@comcast.net](mailto:capsew59@comcast.net) by August 25 if you are interested.

- Sacred Ground is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity.
- The 10-part series is built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories.
- Sacred Ground is part of Becoming Beloved Community, The Episcopal Church's long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society. This series is open to all. Participants are invited to peel away the layers that have contributed to the challenges and divides of the present day – all while grounded in our call to faith, hope and love.
- Sacred Ground is a sensitive, prayerful resource that creates space for difficult but respectful and transformative dialogue on race and racism.

- It invites participants to walk back through history in order to peel away the layers that brought us to today, reflecting on family histories and stories, as well as important narratives that shape the collective American story.
- It holds as a guiding star the vision of beloved community – where all people are honored and protected and nurtured as beloved children of God, where we weep at one another’s pain and seek one another’s flourishing.

The dialogue series developer and author is Katrina Browne, producer/director of the documentary *Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North*. Browne is a lifelong Episcopalian who is dedicated to racial justice and healing. Browne engaged a diverse group of advisors and reviewers to guide the process

[Read more at https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/](https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/)

