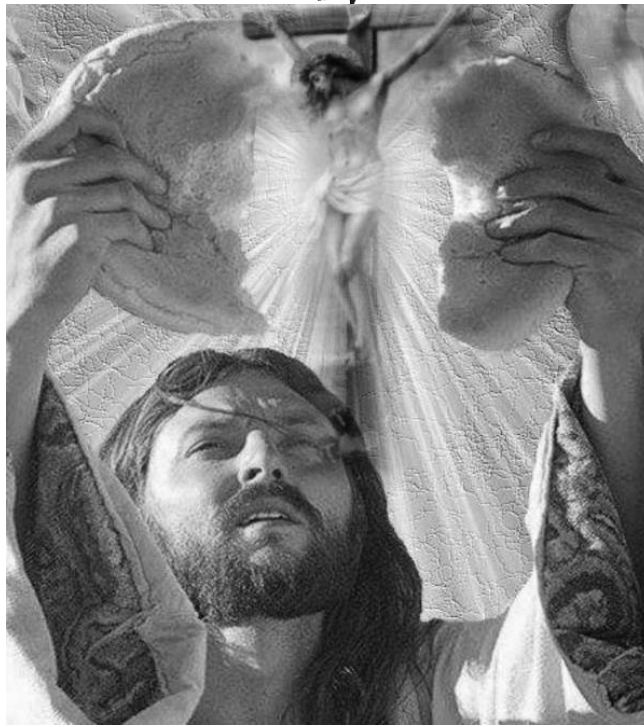


Christ Is All and In All



*I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever;  
and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."*

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 14

## **The Holy Eucharist**

Christ Church Episcopal  
Reading, Pennsylvania

**August 8, 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:** "Adagio" Movement II from Trio Sonata III in d minor BWV 527

*J.S. Bach*

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## **Processional Hymn 51**

*Decatur Place*

*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: S 280

(Spoken only at 8:00 am; BCP Page 356)

*Gloria in excelsis*

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

*Page 225 BCP*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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):*

*2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33*

A reading from the Second Book of Samuel:

The king, David, ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, “*Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.*” And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David.

Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.

And ten young men, Joab’s armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, “*Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.*” The king said to the Cushite, “*Is it well with the young man Absalom?*” The Cushite answered, “*May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.*”

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, “*O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!*”

The Word of the Lord

*People: Thanks be to God.*

## The Psalm



### **Psalm 130**

*Read responsively by half-verse at 8:00 service only*

***De profundis***

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice; \*  
*let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.*

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2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, \*  
*O Lord, who could stand?*

3 For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
*therefore you shall be feared.*

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4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; \*  
*in his word is my hope.*

5 My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
*more than watchmen for the morning.*

REFRAIN

6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, \*  
*for with the LORD there is mercy;*

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, \*  
*and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.*

REFRAIN

## **The Epistle**

*(Please remain seated):*

*Ephesians 4:25-5:2*

A Reading from The Letter to the Ephesians:

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

## Gospel Anthem:

Ave Maria (Annwyl Faria)

Richard Vaughan

(Sung in Welsh)

**Katherine Aregood-Crusi., Soprano**

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.*

*Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for our sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

## The Gospel

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

John 6:35, 41-51

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

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

Jesus said, *"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."*

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, *"I am the bread that came down from heaven."* They were saying, *"Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?"* Jesus answered them, *"Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."*

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 the newly baptized illumined by the light of Christ.

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 Mr & Mrs. Paul H. Perreten.  
[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:  
Kate Fanning (8/8), Peter Pendergast (8/9), Dail Richie (8/11), Nathanael Faust-Shucker (8/12),  
Fernando Corona (8/13), Robert D. Keeler (8/14) and Stephen Meyer (8/14).  
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: 335**

*I Am the Bread of Life*

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

*Old 100th*

## 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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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 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 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.

*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*

*(Spoken only at 8:00 am)*

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

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. <i>Amen.</i>
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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 said (8:00) or sung S165:*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
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**Fraction Anthem: S 163**

*Agnus Dei*

*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 take communion cups containing hosts and wine if you did not bring your own.)*

### **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: 593**

*Dickinson College*

### **Blessing and Dismissal:**

*Celebrant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*Everyone* **Thanks be to God.**

**Organ Postlude:** Prelude and Fugue in c minor BWV 549

*J.S. Bach*



## Liturgical Ministers

**Celebrant:** The Rev. James Rinehart

**Organist:** Conrad Smith

**Lectors: (8:00)** Chris Spohn

**Prayers of the People: (8:00)** Chris Spohn

**Ushers: (8:00):** Ellen Sunderman; Rick Wolf

**Postulant:** Michael Molina

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

**Choirmaster:** James K. Wilson

**Cantors:** James K. Wilson, Victoria Wilson

**(10:15)** Joann Hyneman

**(10:15)** Victoria Wilson

**(10:15)** Andrea Griffith, Wayne Fanning, 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:

**Mr. & Mrs. Paul H. Perreten**

From their children, Sabra P. Lantz and Paul F. Perreten



Anyone interested in sponsoring (or sharing)  
Altar Flowers, Columbarium Flowers, Lectern Flowers, or Altar  
Candle dedications should please contact Nancy Shelly,  
Charlotte Hoare, or  
Linda Lacey @ 610-777-6132.  
Thank you!

## **Coffee Hour**

at

8:00 am and 10:15 AM are each **unsponsored**.

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 **unsponsored**. 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 *Property Committee*

**August 14, 2021**

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

However, the shelter's Dinner Coordinators are very grateful for our unwavering support over the years

**Thank you, Property Committee!**

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



## **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 Fr. John to ask for an email invite:*

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

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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.

And Jesus said unto them,

*I* am the  
*Bread*  
of *Life*  
he that  
cometh to me shall  
*never hunger.*

John 6:35