

Christ Church Episcopal

Reading, Pennsylvania

Christ Is All and In All

**The first Sunday of
Advent**

November 28, 2021



The Holy Eucharist

Services at 8:00 (spoken) and **10:15 am** (with music) following
The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) - the black book in the pew racks
Service music (preceded by "S") is located at the FRONT of The (blue)
Hymnal 1982

VESTRY

Senior Warden: Rick Wolf, **Junior Warden:** Wayne Fanning, **Secretary:** Carolyn Handy, **Treasurer:** Frank Arguelles, Mary Boggs, Connie Fegley, Ashleigh Hoelscher, Gerry Kennedy, Diane Morris, Chris Spohn, June Tull and Pam Wheat.

Prelude: (*A time for quiet reflection*)

Organ Prelude: Nun Komm Der Heiden Heiland BWV 660 *J.S. Bach*

Processional Hymn: 56 *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation **BCP p. 355**

Collect for Purity **BCP p. 355**

Gloria (*BCP p. 356 8 am only*) **S101** *Trisagion*

Collect of the Day

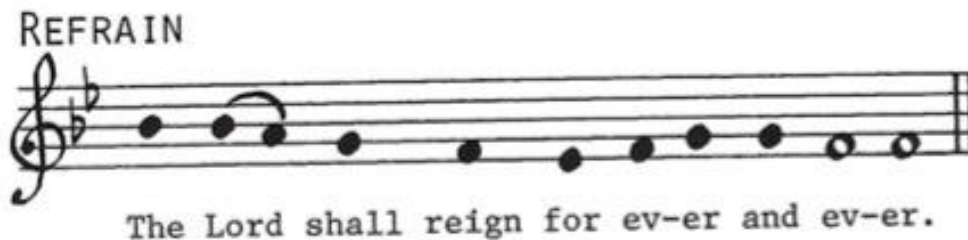
Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

First Reading **Jeremiah 33:14-16**

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to

spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called:
"The LORD is our righteousness."

Psalm 25:1-9



1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Refrain

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Refrain

3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.

Refrain

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

Refrain

5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

Refrain

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

Refrain

7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

Refrain

8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

Refrain

9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Refrain

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you

may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Gospel Anthem: “Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding” *Eric Thiman*

Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Homily

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People

Leader: 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.

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; Douglas, 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 Mary McCauley Potter and H. Sturgis Potter and those whom you now name silently or aloud.

Lord, hear us.

People: *Lord, graciously hear us.*

Leader: For ourselves, our families, and those we love, especially those whom we now name silently or aloud.

Lord, hear us.

People: *Lord, graciously hear us.*

Leader: For those who celebrate birthdays this week, especially: Linda Day, Mabel Krom, Ethan Robinson, Imanie Brockington, Scott Williams, and Nicole Lundy.

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, our God.*

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Confession and Absolution

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Peace

Announcements

Offertory Hymn 72 (10:15 only)

Richmond

Hymn at the Presentation 54 (vv. 1 &4) *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland*

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus (*spoken at 8:00 am*) **S-124**

Great Amen (*spoken at 8:00 am*) **S-146**

McNeil Robinson

Lord's Prayer (*BCP p.364 at 8:00 am*) **S-148**

Fraction Anthem (*BCP p.364 at 8:00 am*) **S-161**

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Hymns

Hymnal 61, 454

Post-communion Prayer

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Blessing

Recessional Hymn 57

Helmsley

Dismissal

Organ Postlude: In Dulci Jubilo

Paul Manz

Liturgical Ministers

Celebrant: The Rev. J. Douglas Moyer

Deacon: The Rev. Dr. Midge Pendergast

Organist: Conrad Smith

Choirmaster: James K. Wilson

Postulant: Michael Molina

Lectors

8:00 a.m.: Chris Spohn

10:15 a.m.: Linda Lacey

Prayers of the People

8:00 a.m.: Chris Spohn

10:15 a.m.: Victoria Wilson

Ushers

8:00 a.m.: Ellen Sunderman, Chris Spohn

10:15 a.m.: Linda Jones, Christine Keeler, Jack Lacey

Altar Guild Team: Charlotte Hoare *Captain*; Mary Jane Androne,
Christine Keeler, Josephine Lawson

Altar Candle Memorials for **November** are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of: **Paul and Alice Swain and Arthur and Mary Hoare** by Mr. and Mrs. Stephen 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 their parents, **Mary McCauley Potter and H. Sturgis Potter** by their children Pamela Potter Reeves, John Sturgis Potter and David Woodward Potter. **Altar Flowers** are also given in honor of **Regina Powell** on her 96th birthday, by her daughter, Anita Powell.

Anyone interested in sponsoring Altar Flowers, Columbarium Flowers, Lectern Flowers, or Altar Candle dedications should please contact Nancy Shelly @ **610-375-7925**. Thank you!

SURVEY

Did you take the survey? This is very important in the process for calling our new rector. The link for the survey is:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfjaEfSY779sh_TlQstq1D_FVuzNJ2jzb-u5VFCaLMBhl--UA/viewform

The survey is completely confidential.

If you do not have internet access, paper surveys are available at the church.

Food Drive for the Veterans Coalition of Pennsylvania

We are continuing to collect food items for our veterans. Items needed: Canned Goods: Fruit/canned meat/soups (canned veggies not needed). Dry Items: Pasta, Pasta sauce, crackers, pancake mix and syrup, cereals (Hot and Cold), Oatmeal and Snacks. Others: Peanut Butter and Jellies (strawberry)
Bathroom: Bar and Liquid soap, Washing liquids, shampoo.
Cash donations are always gratefully accepted.

Weekday Worship Services

Zoom Bible Study, Wednesday @ 8 am; **Zoom Centering Prayer sessions**, Thursday at 8:30 A.M.; **Morning Prayer**, Thursday @ **11:00 am** at Red Bridge Park (led by David Emes)

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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

The Christ Church Mission:

Sharing God's Love with All

Please visit us at 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.