

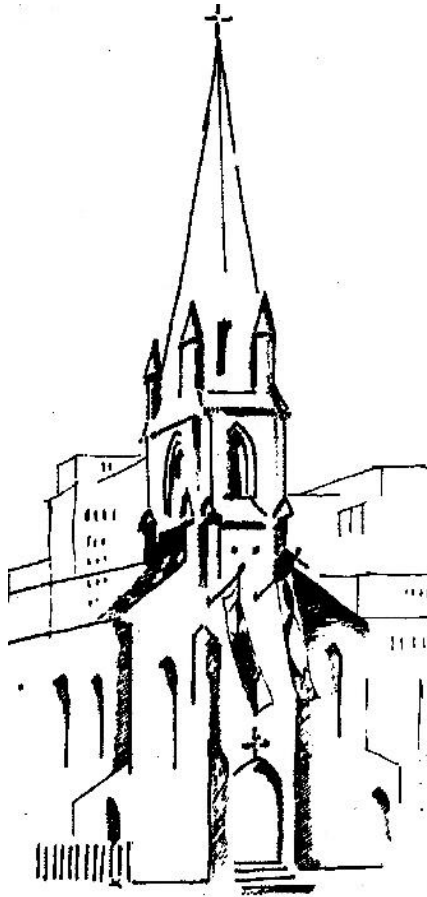
# Christ Church Episcopal

*Reading, Pennsylvania*

*Christ Is All and In All*

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost**

**July 3, 2022**



## VESTRY

**Senior Warden:** Rick Wolf, **Junior Warden:** Wayne Fanning, **Secretary:** Carolyn Hand. Mary Boggs, Connie Fegley, Ashleigh Hoelscher, Diane Morris, Chris Spohn, Terry Rowles, June Tull, Michael West, and Pam Wheat.

## **Morning Prayer**

**Prelude: Prelude on Lonesome Valley**

*Francis Jackson*

**Processional Hymn: 535**

*Paderborn*

*The Officiant says to the people*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
*Philippians 1:2*

**Confession of Sin**

*The Officiant says to the people*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Officiant and People together*

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 Officiant says*

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

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

# The Invitatory (Hymnal S 35)

*Venite*

## Psalm 66:1-8

- 1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; \*  
sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise.
- 2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! \*  
because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.
- 3 All the earth bows down before you, \*  
sings to you, sings out your Name."
- 4 Come now and see the works of God, \*  
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.
- 5 He turned the sea into dry land,  
so that they went through the water on foot, \*  
and there we rejoiced in him.
- 6 In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; \*  
let no rebel rise up against him.
- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, \*  
and will not allow our feet to slip.

## Isaiah 66:10-14

Thus says the Lord: "Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her--that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. For thus says the Lord: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies."

The Word of the Lord.

## **Canticle 10: The Second Song of Isaiah**

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \*  
    call upon him when he draws near.  
Let the wicked forsake their ways \*  
    and the evil ones their thoughts;  
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \*  
    and to our God, for he will richly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \*  
    nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \*  
    so are my ways higher than your ways,  
    and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \*  
    and return not again, but water the earth,  
Bringing forth life and giving growth, \*  
    seed for sowing and bread for eating,  
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \*  
    it will not return to me empty;  
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \*  
    and prosper in that for which I sent it.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **Galatians 6:1-16**

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then,

whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised-- only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Hymn: 539**

*Tidings*

**Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on

snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

The Word of the Lord.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**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. Amen.

### **Suffrages**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**R. And grant us your salvation.**  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**R. Let your people sing with joy.**  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**R. For only in you can we live in safety.**  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
**R. Your saving health among all nations.**  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

### *The Collect of the Day*

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### *A Collect for Sundays*

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Collect for Guidance*

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Collect for Mission*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*A Prayer for the Nation*

Almighty God, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes drawn to our land from many nations and languages. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, sustain us with your grace; all this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God

*Silence*

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work:

***People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who***



***are alone.***

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

***People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

***People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

Leader: For your guidance to the search committee and vestry as they seek our next rector,

***People: That we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for, and equip us for our ministries.***

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

***People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

***People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We remember those on our prayer list [names read] as well as those whom we name silently or aloud.

Hear us, Lord;

***People: For your mercy is great.***

Leader: We pray for all who have died; remembering especially George and Barbara Houghton Meyers and their Loyal Son, Bradford. and those whom we may now name silently or aloud (long pause); Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

***People: Who put their trust in you.***

## **The General Thanksgiving**

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up ourselves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make  
our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your  
well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name  
you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and  
petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your  
truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship  
of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

**Closing Hymn 718**

*National Hymn*

**Postlude: God of our Fathers**

*arr: Robert Hughes*

**Liturgical Ministers**

**Officiant:** David Emes

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

**Postulant:** Michael Molina

**Lectors/Prayers of the People:** Cynthia Pipkin, Anita Powell

**Ushers:** Dale Goodyear, Ellen Sunderman

**Altar Guild Team:** Victoria Wilson (captain) Janet Koller, Vicky Guthrie,  
Sabra Lantz

**Altar Candle Memorials for July** to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of: **Charline Allen** by Faith McKoy; **Lois Feick** by David & Judy Feick, **Paul and Alice Swain and Arthur and Mary Hoare** by Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hoare; 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 George and Barbara Houghton Meyers, the most wonderful parents in the world and their loyal son, Bradford.** **Lectern Flowers** are given to the **Glory of God and to Father John Francis with Thanks for all the Love he has shown us by** Dan and Dale Goodyear.

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**Weekday Worship Services**

**Zoom Bible Study**, Wednesday @ 8 am; **Zoom Centering Prayer sessions**, Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 A.M.; **Morning Prayer**, Thursday @ **11:00 am** at Red Bridge Park (led by David Emes)

**We pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week, especially:**

Carolyn Baird (7/1) Jonathan Day (7/2), Tina Kistler (7/4), Marinelly Rivera-Ovbando (7/4), Nancy Shelly (7/4), Bonnie Goetz (7/5), Daniel Lawson (7/5), Melvin Morlaes (7/5), Mary Boggs (7/7), John Francis (7/8), and Mary Jane Androne (7/9) with joy, gratefulness and thanksgiving for your gifts of unconditional love and the life given.

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