

Christ Episcopal Church

Reading, Pennsylvania

Christ is All and in All



**The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
January 29, 2023**

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Today's Readings

Old Testament Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;

for the Lord has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;

and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,

and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you

but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

The Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (full text on page 3 of this bulletin)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12 (full text on page 3 of this bulletin)

Before the reading

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

After the reading

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Please be seated

The Homily

Please stand

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People (page 4 of this bulletin for special responses for this Sunday.)

Confession of Sin

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The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

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People: <i>Thanks be to God.</i>	

8am Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist
The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Lector
Cynthia Pipkin

Intercessor
Cynthia Pipkin

Altar Guild Team
Linda Jones (Captain), Linda Lacey, Sally Wilcox

Ushers
Rick Wolf, Ellen Sunderman

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10am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Page numbers on the right side of this bulletin are from "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 Hymnal 1982 (blue book).

Organ Prelude:

Aria

Paul Manz

The Liturgy of the Word

Please stand

Processional Hymn 371 *"Thou whose almighty word"*

The Acclamation and Response

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

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

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

People: *From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is proclaimed in all the world.*

The Collect for Purity (said together)

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, heav'nly 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.

Glory to God [Gloria in excelsis] Canticle 20, #900 from Wonder Love and Praise — Music: John Rutter (b. 1945). Copyright © Oxford University Press.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated

The Old Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 1 18-31 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand

Gospel Hymn 656 *"Blest are the pure in heart"*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12 (full text on page 3 of this bulletin)

Before the reading

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

After the reading

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Please be seated

The Homily

Please stand

The Nicene Creed

Tune: Hymn to Joy (376)

1. We believe in God the Father,
God almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being,
all created things began.

We believe in Christ the Savior,
Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary
upon whom the Spirit came.

2. Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
he descended to the dead.
We believe in Jesus risen,
heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended
till as judge he comes again.

3. We believe in God the Spirit;
in one Church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion,
one in holiness and love.

So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory
to the life that knows no end.

The Prayers of the People (page 4 of this bulletin for special responses this Sunday)

Confession of Sin

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The Peace

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Announcements and Children's Message

The Offertory Anthem

Prayer of St. Francis

Searle Wright

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace, where this is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, let there be faith; Where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. It is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; It is dying that we are born to eternal life.

Presentation Hymn

Tune: Old 100th (380)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

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The Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The Celebrant continues with the Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

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The Fraction Anthem

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness

The first system of musical notation for 'The Fraction Anthem' consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style. The lyrics 'Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness' are placed below the treble staff, with the words 'Taste' and 'see' aligned with the first and second measures of the treble staff respectively. The bass staff provides a simple accompaniment with chords and single notes.

of the Lord. O Taste and see. Taste and

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. It features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a long note for 'of the Lord.' followed by 'O Taste and see. Taste and'. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord. **Fine**

The third and final system of musical notation concludes the piece. It features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a long note for 'see the good - ness of the Lord,' followed by 'of the Lord.' and ends with a double bar line and the word 'Fine'. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

The Invitation to Communion

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The Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to receive. If you would prefer to receive a blessing please indicate this by crossing your arms while at the communion rail.

There will be two chalices for receiving: the first to drink from and the second chalice is for intinction (dipping the host instead of drinking).

The Communion Hymn 325 *“Let us break bread together”*

If Eucharistic Visitors are being sent forth today to take the Sacrament to people at home, the following prayer is said after Communion.

Celebrant: In the name of God, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.

All: *We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.*

The Post-Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

The Closing Hymn 525 *“The Church’s one foundation”*

The Dismissal

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The Postlude

Fanfare

Jacques Lemmens

10am Service Participants

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The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Organist

Mark E. O'Hearn, Organ

Lector

Victoria Wilson

Intercessor

Charlotte Hoare

Altar Guild Team

Linda Jones, (Captain) Linda Lacey, Sally Wilcox

Ushers

Linda Jones, Christine Keeler, Jack Lacey

Upcoming Events

January 29: Welcoming Sunday

8:00 Spoken Eucharist

10:00 Family Eucharist with Music

12:00 Reception for Father Bryce and Bishop Kevin

1:00 Welcoming/Induction Service

February 5: Annual Meeting

8:00 Spoken Eucharist

10:00 Family Eucharist

11:15 Annual Meeting

12:00 Luncheon

Tentative Business includes:

- *Distribution of the Annual Report*
- *Presentation of the 2023 Budget*
- *Election of delegates (4) to the Diocesan Convention*
- *Filling of open Vestry position*

Weekday Worship Services

Wednesdays: 12 noon Eucharist—and 5.30pm Eucharist - (The 5.30pm service will include the opportunity for healing and anointing.)

Zoom Centering Prayer sessions: Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 A.M.

Morning Prayer: Thursday @ 11:00 am at the church (led by David Emes)

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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:

Monday: 8:00 am - 2:00 PM; Tuesday 8:00AM-12:30PM Wednesday 8:00 am - 2:00 PM

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.

From the Property Team: There is a box outside the church doors in the Lobby that has been designated a receptacle for repair requests. Please put any noticed repairs needed on the slip next to the box and place in the box.

From the Altar Guild: There are two open Sundays for flower memorials: April 30th and July 16. Contact Nancy Shelly at (610) 375-7925 if you would like one of these dates.

Adult Forum Today at 9:00AM Part 2 of "Christianity in the Dark: A Trip to the Roman Catacombs" hosted by David Emes.

ECW Rummage sale is this week! Wednesday, February 1, Saturday, February 4th, and Wednesday, February 8. \$5.00 bag sale. Toys on sale as well, come see!

Please join us at 1:00PM for the "Welcoming" service for Father Bryce. Bishop Kevin will be presiding. There will be a reception preceding at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall.





Did you forget your checkbook this morning? Have you been wanting to set up a pledge but keep forgetting? Life just got a whole lot easier: scan the QR code on your phone and it will take you directly to our giving homepage.

Sunday School: 9:15 - 9:50

Catechesis (ages 3 - first grade): room A1 with Mary Arguelles and Kate Fanning. Come join us as we read and wonder about the Beatitudes and how they connect to our lives! Matthew 5:12 "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way, they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Building Faith (second grade - sixth grade): room A2 with Cynthia Pipkin. Join us in exploring the Epiphany season through stories and legos!

Nursery: 9:15 - 11:30

Infant - age 5: across from Parish Hall with Marcia Smith. The nursery is available from Sunday school to Coffee Hour for your convenience. Children are free to learn, play, and explore in a safe, child-friendly environment. The Nursery will be open during the annual meeting next Sunday as well.

Vestry	Centering Prayer	Business
Rick Wolf (Senior Warden)	Ushers	Property
Wayne Fanning (Junior Warden)	Morning Prayer	Columbarium
Terry Rowles (Pastoral Care)	Crucifers	Garden
June Tull (Guilds)	Thurifers	Plate Counters
Pam Wheat (Stewardship)	Kristallnacht Service	Stewardship
Carolyn Handy (Communications)	Music	Planned Giving
Michael West (Worship)	Parish Choir	Communications
Connie Fegley (Outreach)	Bell Ringers	Capital Campaign
Chris Spohn (Property)		Security Committee
Anita Powell (Hospitality)	Education	
Diane Morris (Children/Youth)	Adult Forum	Outreach
Ashleigh Hoelscher (Education)	Library	Outreach Committee
	Children's Ministries	Opportunity House
Our Ministries	Education for Ministry	Rummage
Worship		Mary's Shelter
Acolytes	Pastoral Care	Narcotics Anonymous
Altar Guild	Cards and notes	Berks Literacy for Citizenship
Chalice Bearers	Eucharistic Visitors	Daughters of the King
Lectors	Flower Delivery	Episcopal Church Women
Intercessors	Pastoral Visits	Helping Harvest
Verger		Veterans Coalition
Flower Guild	Fellowship	Angel Tree
Saturday Evening Services	Sunday Coffee Hour	Joyful Noise
Oblation Bearers	50+ Club	
Spirituality/Healing	Coffee House	
	Hospitality Comm.	