

# Christ Episcopal Church

Reading, Pennsylvania

Christ is All and in All



**The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 24, 2023**

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## Today's Readings

### **The First Reading:** Jonah 3:10-4:11

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who their right hand do not know from their left, and also many animals?"

### **The Epistle:** Philippians 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them

this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

**The Gospel:** Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

## **The Prayers of the People**

Celebrant: God our creator, you teach us that our purpose is to serve one another as you have served us through your Son, hear our prayers as we strive to follow him, as we say, Hear us, good Lord.

Gracious God, fountain of all wisdom, we pray for all Christian people; for Bryce our priest, for Bishop Kevin, for Michael our presiding bishop, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, The Church of Ireland and St. Margaret's, Emmaus. May the word of Christ dwell richly in our hearts, and knit us together in the bond of your love. Hear us. **Hear us, good Lord.**

We pray for the leaders of the nations, and for those in authority under them. Give them the gift of your wisdom, and a right discernment in all things. Hear us. **Hear us, good Lord.**

We pray for our city of Reading; for those who live and work here, for those who visit this place and those who celebrate this week, Elizabeth Esposito, Robin Caccese, Bev Munsing, Ellie Weyandt, David Emes and Luke Weyandt. Speak your word of peace in our midst, and help us to serve one another as Christ has served us. Hear us. **Hear us, good Lord.**

We pray for those who do not have a place of worship, and yet who long to know you, the very Word of life. Open their ears to hear your voice, and open their hearts to the knowledge of your love in Christ. We also pray for all of our candidates for confirmation and reception into membership of The Episcopal Church. Hear us. **Hear us, good Lord.**

We pray for those bowed down with grief, fear or sickness, especially ... May your living Word bring comfort and healing to all those in need. Hear us. **Hear us, good Lord.**

We remember all those who have died in the faith of Christ, especially Charles, Sydne and Marshall Long, George and Alice Lacey and Patricia K.J. Mathews-Davis and Charles Davis and we rejoice with Blessed Mary all your saints, trusting in the promise of your word fulfilled. Hear us. **Hear us, good Lord.**

Celebrant: God of mercy, you know us and love us and hear our prayer: keep us in the eternal fellowship of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

**Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church:** We are happy to welcome you to our church and worship services. Here are some things that you may find helpful. If you would like to know more about us there are cards that you can fill out hanging in each pew. Please hand your completed card to an usher as you leave today. Please join us after the service in our Fellowship Hall (down the stairs near the front of the church and on your right at the bottom of the stairs) to get to know us better. The most readily accessible restroom is through the door near the front of the sanctuary. Once you go through that door turn right; the restroom is across from the elevator. Parking is available for free on the street on Sundays and in the M&T parking lot behind the church on the corner of Washington Street and Madison Ave.

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**8am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

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**The Liturgy of the Word**

*Please Stand*

**The Acclamation and Response**

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

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

**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.**

**The Kyrie**

Celebrant: Lord have mercy

People: **Christ have mercy**

Celebrant: Lord have mercy

**The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 First Reading:** Jonah 3:10-4:11 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.**

**Psalm :** 145:1-8 (read responsively by whole verse)

I will exalt you, O God my King,  
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

**Every day will I bless you  
and praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;  
there is no end to his greatness.

**One generation shall praise your works to another  
and shall declare your power.**

I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty  
and all your marvelous works.

**They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts,  
and I will tell of your greatness.**

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;  
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

**The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

**Epistle:** Philippians 1:21-30 (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*

**The Holy Gospel:** Matthew 20:1-16 (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)

Intercessor: Hear us.

People: **Hear us, good Lord.**

**Confession of Sin**

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**The Peace**

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

People: **And also with you.**

## **The Holy Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving** (Eucharistic Prayer B, page 367)

**The Sanctus** 367

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**The Lord's Prayer and Breaking of the Bread** 364

**The Invitation to Communion and Communion**

**The Post Communion Prayer** 365

**The Blessing**

**The Dismissal**

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

## **8:00 AM Service Participants**

*Celebrant and Homilist*  
The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

*Communion Assistants*  
Rick Wolf and Chris Spohn

*Lector and Intercessor*  
Chris Spohn

*Altar Guild*  
Linda Jones (captain), Doris Schilpp,  
Helen Peemoeller and Patti Farrell

*Usher*  
Ellen Sunderman

# The Kyrie

David Thorne

**Andante**

*mf*

Lord\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy, Lord\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy,

7

*f*

Christ\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy, Christ\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.

11

*mf*

*mp*

Lord\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy, Lord\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.

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### **10am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

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**Organ Prelude**

*Organ Hymn*

Karl Piutti

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

*Please stand*

**Processional Hymn** 390

*Praise to the Lord, The Almighty*

#### **'The Acclamation and Response**

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

#### **The Collect for Purity (said together)**

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**The Kyrie (page 10 of this bulletin)**

David Thorne

#### **The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 First Reading:** Jonah 3:10-4:11 (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** 549 *Jesus calls us o'er the tumult*

**The Holy Gospel:** Matthew 20:1-16 (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**

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People: **Hear us, good Lord.**

**Confession of Sin**

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**The Peace**

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People: **And also with you.**

**Announcements and Children's Message**

**The Offertory Anthem**    *Bless the Lord, O my Soul*                      Ippolitoff- Ivanoff

Bless the Lord. O my soul, Blessed art Thou, O Lord; Bless the lord and forget not all his benefits. Bless the Lord, o my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name. He is gracious and plenteous in mercy. He crowneth thee with loving kindness. He will not always chide, nor keep His wrath, forever.

**Presentation Hymn**    362 (vs 1)    *Holy, holy, holy*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

**The Holy Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving** (Prayer B, page 367)

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Celebrant: 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.**

*The celebrant continues with the Great Thanksgiving on page 367*

# The Sanctus

Mass of St. Thomas

David Thorne

**Moderato** *mf*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might,

Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na

in the high - est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san-na, Ho- san-na, Ho - san-na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 368*

## The Lord's Prayer

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## The Fraction Anthem

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and ne-ver be

hun - gry. Eat this bread, drink this cup,

trust in him and you will not thirst.

### The Invitation to Communion

*Everyone is 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 Agnus Dei

### Mass of St Thomas

David Thorne

*mp* Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.  
*mp* Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world, grant us peace.

### The Communion Hymn 335 *I am the bread of life*

*If Eucharistic ministers 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**    541 *Come labor on*

**The Dismissal**

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

All:            **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

*Toccata in G minor*

Jean Pasquet

**On October 8th** Fr Bryce will be leading an Instructed Eucharist class in room A2. This will be a 30 minute class on what we are doing in our Sunday morning services and why. It will focus on the eucharist but will cover the service as a whole. While this is geared for children it is also appropriate for anyone who has wondered, "Why are we saying or doing that in our worship service?" The class begins at 9am. Please join us.

**On October 18th** at 5.30pm David Cullen is back with us on the guitar! Our service that evening will be focusing on Hope and Light. Our music will once again come from a variety of artists including The Beatles, Elton John and Taylor Swift. Don't miss it and invite a friend.

## 10AM Service Participants

*Celebrant and Homilist*  
The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

*Communion Assistants*  
Milah Allison and Andrea Griffith

*Organist and Choir Director*  
James Wilson

*Crucifer*  
Emily Wandrey

*Verger*  
Linda Jones

*Acolytes*  
Zoe Morris and Elizabeth West

*Gospel Book Bearer*  
Amelia Fanning

*Intercessor*  
Ashley Hoelscher

*Lector*  
Anita Powell

*Altar Guild*  
Victoria Wilson (Captain), Doris  
Schilpp, Helen Peemoeller and  
Patti Farrell

*Ushers*  
David Emes and Frank Arguelles



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.

**Inquirers Class** These classes continue today for all who are thinking about being confirmed or received into membership of the Episcopal Church on Sunday October 8th. We meet at 11.30am in the Parlor to discuss portions of the book "Episcopal Questions, Episcopal Answers." If you would like to join us please talk to Fr Bryce.

### **Fall Festival of the Arts.**

**Organ Concert:** October 1 at 4:00PM. Featuring 5 local organists (including our own James Wilson) will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church. Join us for a wonderful afternoon of music as we celebrate the tenth anniversary of Trinity's Patrick J. Murphy and Associates' Op. 58 pipe organ. Free Will Offering.

**Flamenco:** October 8 at 4:00PM. WCR Center for the Arts. Pasion y Arte is a company of groundbreaking feminist Flamenco that also respects the ancient traditions of the southern Spanish masters. By integrating other dance forms and experimenting in narration and storytelling, they expand the art form beyond its strict conventions and gender stereotyping. The company will also give us a short lesson in Flamenco as a prelude to their program. This is a ticketed event: \$20.00/adult; \$10.00 students.

### **Boscov's Annual Friends Helping Friends**

On **October 18**, all Boscov's stores will hold this event. Buy a ticket from any ECW member for \$5.00 and you will be eligible for 25% off most items (some restrictions apply, see the ticket for more information.) This is a great way to get started on your Holiday shopping while supporting the efforts and charities of the ECW.

This Sunday's Adult Forum is **Living Life to Its Fullest: Define Success and Failure**. This will be held in the parlor at 9:05AM and led by Father Bryce.

**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](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.

**Altar Candle Memorials for September** are given for **Blessings Received** by Susan Frankowski; 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

**Altar Flowers for today** are given in **Honor of their wedding anniversary and to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Charles, Sydne and Marshall Long and George and Alice Lacey** by Linda and Jack Lacey.

**Columbarium Flowers today** given to the **Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Patricia K.J. Mathews-Davis and Charles L. Davis** from their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

If you would like to dedicate flowers for a Sunday service in memory of loved one or in celebration of a life event, please call Nancy Shelley at 610-375-7925.

On **October 8th**, at 10am, Bishop Kevin will be with us to confirm or receive into membership of The Episcopal Church our candidates. We have a great group who are currently in our Inquirers Class and this service will be a wonderful time to celebrate our community. Later that same Sunday, at 4pm, we will have our Blessing of the Pets service in the church. This is a short service of song and prayer as we give thanks for all of God's gifts to us. After the service we will move to the courtyard for light snacks and allow our pets to get some fresh air.

## **This week at Christ Church**

### **Sunday, September 24—The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)  
9AM Sunday School  
9:05AM Adult Forum  
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)  
11:00AM Fellowship Hour  
11:30AM Inquirer's Class  
3PM—5:30PM Berk's Youth Chorus practice  
4PM—5PM NA meeting

### **Monday, September 25**

12PM—1PM NA meeting  
6PM Vestry Meeting  
7PM FFA Play practice

### **Tuesday, September 26**

8:30AM—12PM Citizenship Class  
9:30AM Zoom Centering Prayer  
12PM—1PM NA meeting  
7PM FFA Play practice

### **Wednesday, September 27**

12PM Holy Eucharist  
12PM—1PM NA Meeting  
5:30PM NA Meeting  
7PM FFA Play Practice

### **Thursday, September 28**

8:30AM—12PM Citizenship Class  
9:30AM Zoom Centering Prayer  
11:00AM Morning Prayer at Red Bridge Park  
12PM—1PM NA Meeting

### **Friday, September 29**

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

### **Saturday, September 30**

12PM—2PM NA Meeting

### **Next Sunday, October 1—St. Michael and all the Angels.**

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)  
9AM Sunday School  
9:05AM Adult Forum  
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)  
11:00AM Fellowship Hour  
11:30AM Inquirer's Class  
3PM—5:30PM Berk's Youth Chorus practice  
4PM—5PM NA meeting

## **Upcoming Events**

**September 26** Bus trip to Washington DC.

**October 4, 7, 11** ECW rummage sale

**October 8** Confirmation with Bishop Kevin 10:00AM

**October 8** Blessing of the Pets (with Trinity Lutheran) 4:00PM

**October 18** David Cullen Service at 5:30PM

**October 29** Blessing of the Costumes at 10:00AM.

**Sunday School:** 9:00 - 9:50

Catechesis (pre-school - first grade): room A1

Joyful Path (second grade - sixth grade): room A2

Live and Learn- a weekly class for middle and high school students. Room A3

Nursery: 9:00 - 11:30

Infant to preschool across from Parish Hall. The nursery is available from Sunday school to Coffee Hour for ages infant to age 5. Children are free to learn, play, and explore in a safe, child-friendly environment.



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