

Christ Episcopal Church

Reading, Pennsylvania

Christ is All and in All



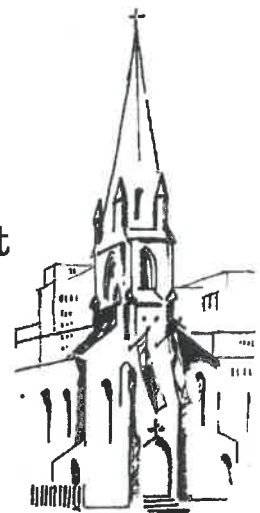
**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 17, 2023**

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Today's Readings

The First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Epistle: Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: We pray today that we may be forgiven as we forgive others, saying, Lord, graciously hear us.

High and holy God, robed in majesty, Lord of heaven and earth, we pray that you will bring justice, faith and salvation to all peoples. We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and all who need your mercy; Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

You chose us in Christ to be your people and to be the temple of your Holy Spirit; we pray that you will fill your Church with vision and hope. Especially we pray for Bryce our priest, Kevin our bishop, Michael our presiding bishop, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean and St. Luke's, Lebanon; Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

You bless us with your grace and give us reason to show gratitude on a daily basis. We pray for those who are celebrating this week, Dominic Arguelles, John Hyne- man, Sally Wilcox and Jeanne DeLancey; Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Your Spirit enables us to cry, 'Abba! Father!', affirms that we are fellow-heirs with Christ and pleads for us in our weakness; we pray for all who are in need or dis- tress. Especially we pray for [...]; Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

In the baptism and birth of Jesus, you have opened heaven to us and enabled us to share in your glory: the joy of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit from before the world was made. We remember Harold, Mary and Dan Lambert, Frank, Dorothy and Kay Laedlein, Anna Bard Frame and Emily Louisa Bard. May your whole Church, living and departed, come to a joyful resurrection in your city of light. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mer- cifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

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

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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:

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21(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 103:1-13(read responsively by whole verse)

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.**
He forgives all your sins
and heals all your infirmities;
**He redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;**
He satisfies you with good things,
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
**The Lord executes righteousness
and judgment for all who are oppressed.**
He made his ways known to Moses
and his works to the children of Israel.
**The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.**
He will not always accuse us,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
**He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
**As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our sins from us.**
As a father cares for his children,
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

Epistle: Romans 14:1-12 (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 18:21-35 (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: Lord, hear us.

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

**Confession of Sin
The Peace**

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

People: **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

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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

Cynthia Pipkin and Ellen Sunderman

Lector and Intercessor

Rick Wolf

Altar Guild

Linda Jones (captain), Doris Schilpp,

Helen Peemoeller and Patti Farrell

Usher

Chris Spohn

The Kyrie

David Thorne

Andante

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Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy,

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Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy.

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Organ Prelude

Largo

Joseph Haydn

The Liturgy of the Word

Please stand

Processional Hymn 665 *All my hope on God is founded*

'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)

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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.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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At the end of the reading

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People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Hymn 674 *Forgive our sins as we forgive*

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Before the reading

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

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

After the reading

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Announcements and Children's Message

The Offertory Anthem *Most Glorious Lord of Life*

William H. Harris

Most glorious Lord of Life, that on this day Didst triumph over death and sin,
And having harrowed hell, didst bring away Captivity thence captive us to win.
This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin, And grant that we for whom Thou
didest die, Being with Thy dear blood clean washed from sin, May live forever
in felicity: And that Thy love we weighing worthily, May likewise love Thee for
the same again; And for Thy sake, that all like dear didst buy, With love may
one another entertain. So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought; Love is the
lesson which the Lord us bought.

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.**

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The Sanctus

Mass of St. Thomas

David Thorne

Moderato *mf*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might,
 6 Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na
 11 in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the
 16 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

G C Am D , Bm Em
 Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and ne-ver be
 Dsus⁴ D , G D Em Bm ,
 hun - gry. Eat this bread, drink this cup,
 C D G *Fine*
 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

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Lamb of God, you
mf
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 516 *Come down O love divine*

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 Blessing

The Closing Hymn *Thy hand O God has guided* Tune: Thornbury (444)

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| 1. Thy hand, O God, has guided
thy flock, from age to age;
their wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
thy people owned thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness;
one Church, one Faith, one Lord. | 3. Through many a day of darkness,
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely,
to guard the nation's life.
Their gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, man restored,
was all in this enfolded:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord. |
| 2. Thy heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest as to least;
they bade men rise, and hasten
to share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one Church, one Faith, one Lord. | 4. And we, shall we be faithless?
shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
shall we evade the conflict,
and cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
some better thing is stored;
we will maintain, unflinching,
one Church, one Faith, one Lord. |
| 5. Thy mercy will not fail us,
nor leave thy work undone;
with thy right hand to help us,
thy victory shall be won;
and then, by all creation,
thy name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord. | |

[Words: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891)]

The Dismissal

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

March

Scotson Clark

10AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist

The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Communion Assistants

Kate Fanning and Milah Alison

Organist and Choir Director

James Wilson

Crucifer

Milah Allison

Vergers

Linda Jones

Acolytes

Derek Morris and Zoe Morris

Gospel Book Bearer

Caroline Wandrey

Intercessor

Mary Arguelles

Lector

Dale Goodyear

Altar Guild

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

Ushers

Garrett Hyneman, Joann Hyneman and
Walt Frankowski



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.

What's happening at CCR? Today at 9:05am all of us will have the chance to hear what is happening at Christ Church and what our future plans are looking like as well. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall as this session will take the place of Adult Forum this Sunday.

National Cathedral and Museum of the Bible bus trip. Tuesday, September 26. Bus leaves BOSCOV'S (east) parking lot @ 8:00 AM on 9/26, Tuesday. Snack and water on bus. You can bring other snacks and coffee if you choose. We tour the cathedral @ 11:30.(1hr) Box lunch on bus .Tour Museum of the Bible @ 2:00.(3 hrs) The Museum is two blocks away from the Mall if time permits. Bus leaves for home @ 5:00.

Boscovs 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.

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, the 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.

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.

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 **Loving Memory of Harold, Mary and Dan Lambert and Frank, Dorothy and Kay Laedlein** by Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Laedlein.

Lectern Flowers today are in **Loving Memory of her mother, Anna Bard Frame, and her aunt, Emily Louisa Bard** by Emily Bard Frame.

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.

Education for Ministry (EFM) group at St. Gabriel's: An EFM group will be meeting weekly at St. Gabriel's Douglassville on Wednesday afternoons from 1:00-3:30PM from Oct.4 to the end of May. There is still time to join if this Theology Course for Lay people is something you are interested in. Contact Cathy Bailey for more information - cathybaileynnp@gmail.com

This week at Christ Church

Sunday, September 17—The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)

9:00AM Sunday School

9:05AM What's happening at CCR?

10:00AM Holy Eucharist (sung)

11:00AM Fellowship Hour

Tuesday, September 19

9:30AM Zoom Centering Prayer

Wednesday, September 20

12:00PM Holy Eucharist

Thursday, September 21

9:30AM Zoom Centering Prayer

11:00AM Morning Prayer at Red Bridge Park

Sunday, September 24—The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)

9:00AM Sunday School

9:05AM Adult Forum

10:00AM Holy Eucharist (sung)

11:00AM Fellowship Hour

Upcoming Events

September 17 What's happening at CCR? 9:05AM

September 26 Bus trip to Washington DC.

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

Building Faith (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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