

Christ Episcopal Church

Reading, Pennsylvania

Christ is All and in All



The First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024

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Today's Readings

The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

The New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Gospel Reading: Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Vestry	Ushers	Business
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)	Music	Stewardship Team
Pam Wheat (Grants)	Parish Choir	Planned Giving
Carolyn Handy (Communications)	Bell Ringers	Communications
Michael West (Worship)		Capital Campaign
Connie Fegley (Outreach)	Education	Security Committee
Chris Spohn (Property)	Adult Forum	
Anita Powell (Hospitality)	Library	Outreach
Diane Morris (Stewardship)	Children's Ministries	Outreach Committee
Ashleigh Hoelscher (Ed & Youth)	Education for Ministry	Opportunity House
		Rummage
Our Ministries	Pastoral Care	Mary's Shelter
Worship	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	Fellowship	Veterans Coalition
Vergers	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

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.

Cover image: "Christ in the Desert" by Ivan Kramskoi

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: We pray to the Lord for courage to give up other things and to give ourselves to him this Lent, saying, give us strength and hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Give your Church the courage to give up her preoccupation with herself and to give more time to your mission in the world. We pray for Bryce, our rector, Kevin, our bishop, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan and Good Shepherd, Scranton . May the blood and water flowing from the side of Jesus bring forgiveness to your people and help us to face the cost of proclaiming salvation. Lord, meet us in the silence, **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Give your world the courage to give up war, bitterness and hatred, and to seek peace. We pray for the end of the strife that continues in Ukraine and the Holy Land. May the shoulders of the risen Jesus, once scourged by soldiers, bear the burden of political and military conflict in our world. Lord, meet us in the silence, **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Give us the courage to give up our selfishness as we live for others, and to give time, care and comfort to the sick. We pray for those on our prayer list in the bulletin and for those we name now... May the wounded hands of Jesus bring his healing touch, and the light of his presence fill their rooms. We also pray for those celebrating this week: Russell Richie. Lord, meet us in the silence, **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Give us the courage to give up our fear of death and to rejoice with those who have died in faith. We especially remember William Pflum, Joseph Powell and Charles L. Davis. May the feet of the risen Lord Jesus, once nailed to the cross, walk alongside the dying and bereaved in their agony, and walk with us and all your Church through death to the gate of glory. Lord, meet us in the silence, **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Creator of all, you brought this world into being and sent your Son into it to redeem it. May we, who in this holy season commemorate his sufferings for us, be brought to understand something of the depth of your love, from which not one of us can be separated, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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8am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

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The Liturgy of the Word

Please stand

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

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

Celebrant: This is love, not that we loved God,

People: **but that he loved us and sent his Son.**

Celebrant: He is the sacrifice for our sins,

People: **that we might live through him.**

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:

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 9:8-17 (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 25: 1-9 (read responsively by whole verse)

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.

Let none who look to you be put to shame;

let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord,

and teach me your paths.

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.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,

for they are from everlasting.

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.

Gracious and upright is the Lord;

therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right

and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness

to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

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Please stand

The Gospel Reading: Mark 1:9-15 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

Before the reading

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

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

After the reading

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord:

People: **Praise be to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated

The Homily

Please stand

The Nicene Creed 358

The Prayers of the People (page 4 of this bulletin)

Intercessor: Lord, meet us in the silence

People: **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Confession of Sin 360

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 A, page 361)

The Sanctus 362

The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 362

The Lord's Prayer and Breaking of the Bread

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The Invitation to Communion and Communion

The Post-Communion Prayers

The Celebrant first prays the following:

Celebrant: Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Then all pray together on page 365.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Taking up your cross, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Blessing

8:00 AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist

The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Communion Assistants

Ellen Sunderman and Cynthia Pipkin

Lector and Intercessor

Rick Wolf

Altar Guild

Victoria Wilson (captain), Doris Schilpp, Helen Peemoeller and Sally Wilcox

Usher

Terry Rowles



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.

2024 Easter Memorial Flower Order Form



Please use this form to place your order for Easter Flowers and/or contribute to:
The Christ Church Courtyard Fund or Safe Berks.

_____ I wish to donate # _____ Easter Flowers @ \$10.00 each for a Total of \$ _____

_____ I wish to donate to The Christ Church Courtyard Fund or Safe Berks
(Please circle which charity you are choosing) \$ _____

Total Donation: \$ _____

Those donating a plant may take it home following the 10:00 AM Easter Day worship service. Plants remaining will continue to decorate our church throughout most of the Easter Season. Those donating to the Garden Fund will help to beautify the Courtyard with dressing and mulching of the beds.

Please **PRINT NAMES CLEARLY** in the spaces below for accurate listing in the Easter Worship Bulletins. **Monies/forms are due to the office by 3/17/24.**

My gift is given

In Memory of (if in Heaven) _____

In Honor of (if living) _____

Thanksgiving for: _____

Please make checks payable to "Christ Church" (Easter Flowers on text line) and mail to: Post Office Box 1094 no later than Sunday, March 17, 2023, or place in the collection plate. Thank You!

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

CHRIST CHURCH, P.O. BOX 1094, READING, PA 19603-1094

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10am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

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Prelude *Gospel prelude on "Sweet Hour of Prayer"* William Bolcom

Please stand

Processional Hymn 480 *When Jesus left his Father's throne*

The Liturgy of the Word

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

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

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People: **but that he loved us and sent his Son.**

Celebrant: He is the sacrifice for our sins,

People: **that we might live through him.**

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The Kyrie (see page 11 of this bulletin)

Healey Willan

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #91

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

Please be seated

The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Hymn 142 *Lord, throughout these forty days*

The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:9-15 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

Before the reading

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

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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Intercessor: Lord, meet us in the silence

People: **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Confession of Sin 360

The Peace

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People: **And also with you.**

Announcements and Children's Message

The Offertory Anthem *Hide not thou thy face*

Richard Farrant

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord,
and cast not off thy servant in thy displeasure;
for we confess our sins unto thee
and hide not our unrighteousness.
For thy mercy's sake,
deliver us from all our sins.

Presentation Hymn 143 (vs 1)

The glory of these forty days
we celebrate with songs of praise;
for Christ, through whom all things were made,
himself has fasted and has prayed.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A page 361)

S120

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 361

The Sanctus S130 (at the front of the hymnal)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 362

The Lord's Prayer

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The Fraction Anthem

Here is bread

Graham Kendrick

Capo 5 G D Em B⁷ C G D Em G D

1. Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.

C G Am E⁷ F C G C⁷
G D Em B⁷ C G D G⁷

Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.

F Em Am⁷ Dm⁷ G⁷ B^b
C Refrain Bm Em⁷ Am⁷ D⁷ F

In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for e - ver.

Fmaj⁷ F[#]dim Em⁷ Am⁷ Dm⁷ G⁷ C
Cmaj⁷ C[#]dim Bm⁷ Em⁷ Am⁷ D⁷ G

In this mo - ment, by the Spi - rit, Christ is with us here.

The Prayer of Humble Access

All: We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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

Music: Ronald Arnatt (b. 1930)

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
world: have mer-cy on us. — Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Communion Hymn

Lord Jesus Christ (see page 16 of this bulletin)

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 Prayers

The Celebrant first prays the following:

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Then all pray together on page 365.

Unison

1. Lord Je - sus Christ, you have come to us,
 you are one with us, Ma - ry's Son. Cleans-ing our souls from
 all their sin, pour-ing your love and good-ness in, Je - sus, our love for
 you we sing, liv - ing Lord. Lord.

2. Lord Jesus Christ
 Now and every day
 Teach us how to pray,
 Son of God.
 You have commanded us to do
 This in remembrance, Lord, of you.
 Into our lives your power breaks through,
 Living Lord.

3. Lord Jesus Christ,
 You have come to us,
 Born as one of us,
 Mary's Son.
 Led out to die on Calvary,
 Risen from death to set us free,
 Living Lord Jesus, help us see
 You are Lord.

4. Lord Jesus Christ,
 I would come to you,
 Live my life for you,
 Son of God.
 All your commands I know are true,
 Your many gifts will make me new,
 Into my life your power breaks through,
 Living Lord.

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn 455 *O love of God, how strong and true*

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Taking up your cross, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Fugue in C minor, BWV 546

J. S. Bach

For those in need of our prayers....

Guilfoyle Family	Daphne
Penny	Kristin
Beverly	Lisa
Gigi	MaryAnn
Helen	Sally
Joe	Nancy
Michael	Haia
Tim	Richard
Charlie	Wyatt
Carol	JaeMarie
Kristin	

Did you know..? **ECW collects Redner's sales receipts** to earn money for our missions. To take part register for a loyalty card at the customer service desk Bring your entire receipt to church and place it in the container across from the water fountain. Redner's reimburses us 1% of the total. Thank you!

10AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist
The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Organist and Choir Director
John Painter

Verger
Linda Jones

Gospel Book Bearer
Andrea Griffith

Lector
Runette Gabrielle

Intercessor
Mary Arguelles

Ushers
Wayne Fanning, Susan Doll, Dale
Goodyear and Larry Whalen

Communion Assistants
Kate Fanning and Milah Smith

Crucifer
Milah Smith

Acolytes
Lillian Arguelles and Emily Wandrey

Altar Guild
Victoria Wilson (captain), Doris Schilpp,
Helen Peemoeller and Sally Wilcox



The Berks Jazz Fest is coming to Christ Church! On Wednesday April 10th at 7pm we are hosting Jazz, Folk & Blues by Calli Graver (vocals), Chico Huff (bass), and David Cullen (guitar and vocals). Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased by scanning the QR code. Refreshments will be on sale before the concert begins. More information to come but be sure to get your tickets today!

"Soup-er" Bowl results!

Kansas City - \$91
San Francisco - \$53
I Don't Care - \$137
For a total of \$281

All proceeds will go to Helping Harvest Food Bank. Thanks for your support!

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-news and newsletters.

Altar Candle Memorials for February are given for **Blessings Received** by Susan Frankowski; **Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Paul and Alice Swain and Arthur and Mary Hoare** by Stephen and Mary Hoare; **Lois Feick** by David and Judy Feick.

Altar Flowers for today are to the **Glory of God and in Loving Memory of William Pflum** by Polly Pflum and Cynthia Pipkin.

Lectern Flowers for today are in **Loving Memory of her father** from Anita Powell.

Columbarium Flowers are to the **Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Charles S. Davis** from his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren

Adult Forum: Sunday, February 18th, the first Sunday in Lent, we will begin a new, four week focus in our Adult Forum on **Holy Moments: a handbook for the rest of your life** by Matthew Kelly. Free copies of the book will be available. Please join us at 9:05AM in the parlor.

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.

Lent is a journey and sometimes the journey is just as important as the destination. **Journeying in Lent** is our theme for our next Wednesday evening eucharist featuring musician David Cullen. Join us at 5.30pm on February 28th for this service.

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, February 18—The First Sunday in Lent

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School
9:05AM Ministry Fair
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
11AM Fellowship Hour
3PM Berks Youth Chorus rehearsals
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Monday, February 19

12PM—1PM NA meeting
5:30-6:30PM NA meeting

Tuesday, February 20

9AM Citizenship class
12PM—1PM NA meeting

Wednesday, February 21

11:30AM Stations of the Cross
12PM Holy Eucharist
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
5:30-6:30PM NA Meeting

Thursday, February 22

9AM Citizenship Class
11AM Morning Prayer in the Chapel
12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Friday, February 23

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, February 24

12PM—2PM NA Meeting

Sunday, February 25—The Second Sunday in Lent

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School
9:05AM Adult Forum
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
11AM Fellowship Hour
3PM Berks Youth Chorus rehearsals
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Upcoming Events

February 21 Stations of the Cross
11:30AM (every Wednesday in Lent)

February 27 Vestry Meeting at 6PM

February 28 Evening Eucharist with
David Cullen 5:30PM

March 2,6,9 ECW Rummage Sale
10AM-1PM

March 13 Taize service with David
Cullen at 5:30PM

April 10 Berks Jazz Fest concert at
Christ Church 7PM



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