

Christ Episcopal Church

Reading, Pennsylvania

Christ is All and in All



Easter Day

March 31, 2024

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Today's Readings

The First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The Gospel: John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Lord of life and salvation, we pray that filled with the joy of your Son's rising, we would proclaim your love to the world, saying, hear our prayer.

That our risen Saviour may fill us and all of your people with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection. We pray especially for Bryce, our rector, Kevin our bishop, Michael our presiding bishop, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, The Church in the Province of the West Indies, and for St. Brigid's, Nazareth and St. Clement & St. Peter's, Wilkes-Barre; Jesus, Lord of life: **hear our prayer.**

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter; Jesus, Lord of life: **hear our prayer.**

That God may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love. We pray especially for those celebrating this week, for Kyle Brady, Kathryn Smith and Robert Kappenstein; Jesus, Lord of life: **hear our prayer.**

That he may provide for those who lack food, work or shelter; Jesus, Lord of life: **hear our prayer.**

That by his power war and famine may cease through all the world, we pray especially for the people of Ukraine and the Holy Land; Jesus, Lord of life: **hear our prayer.**

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them, we pray especially for those on our prayer list and any we name now; Jesus, Lord of life: **hear our prayer.**

That, according to his promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day, remembering especially Professor Benjamin Brown; Jesus, Lord of life: **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Lord of life everlasting, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through 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.

Gather 24 – May 4, 2024 - Gather is the Diocese of Bethlehem's annual formation event. Gather 24 is May 4, 2024, at PNC Field (just south of Scranton), home of the RailRiders, a Triple-A baseball team. All are invited to attend this fun and interactive day of formation and fellowship. The day begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at dinner. There are a variety of sessions for you to attend during the day, an address from Bishop Kevin, lunch, a scavenger hunt, closing worship, and much more. Please email officemgr@rdgchristchurch.org to indicate if you would like to attend this event.

Christ Church Reading will be featured in Partners for Sacred Places first National Convening in Philadelphia on April 4th and 5th. The National Convening will bring together leaders from philanthropy, government, city planning and architecture, the arts, human services, academia, the media, and religion from across the U.S. to engage in a full day of conversation and strategizing. Christ Church is delighted to be recognized by Partners and asked to contribute to this important event. Fr Bryce and two representatives from Christ Church will join a panel discussion on April 5th after its video case study which was produced by Partners for Sacred Places is presented. You can watch the video today! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zxOJ9WNZBns>

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Opening Hymn 207 *Jesus Christ is risen today*

The Liturgy of the Word

Please Stand

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant : Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **He has given us new life and hope.
He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

Celebrant: God has claimed us as his own.

People: **He has brought us out of darkness.
He has made us light to the world.**

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People: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.

Christ our Passover

(tune: Sine Nomine)

1. God's Paschal Lamb, is sacrificed for us
therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast;
forsaking sin we share the bread of truth; Alleluia, Alleluia.

2. Now Christ is raised and will not die again;
death has no more dominion over him;
through him we die to sin and live to God; Alleluia, Alleluia.

3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead;
though Adam's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in Christ's new life shall all be made alive, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; 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 First Reading: Acts 10: 34-43 (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 118:1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.

**Let Israel now proclaim,
"His mercy endures for ever."**

The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.

**There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:**

"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

**I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.**

The Lord has punished me sorely,
but he did not hand me over to death.

**Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them;**

I will offer thanks to the Lord.

"This is the gate of the Lord;
he who is righteous may enter."

**I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.**

The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

**This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

On this day the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

The Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11(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.**

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The Holy Gospel: John 20:1-18 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

Before the reading

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

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 358

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

Intercessor: Jesus, Lord of life,

People: **hear our prayer**

Confession of Sin 360

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn 182 *Christ is alive*

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B, page 367)

The Sanctus 368

The Lord's Prayer and Breaking of the Bread 364

The Invitation to Communion and Communion

The Post-Communion Prayer 365

The Blessing

The Easter Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia! Alleluia! Go forth in the name of our risen Lord.

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

Celebrant and Homilist

The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Musician

John Painter

Lector and Intercessor

Beverly Flatt

Altar Guild Team

Victoria Wilson, Sally Wilcox,
Helen Peemoeler and Doris Schilpp

Usher

Ellen Sunderman

Communion Assistant

Ellen Sunderman



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). Refreshments will be on sale before the concert begins. This concert is made possible through funds provided by the Cynthia Phillips Concert Fund. No tickets are needed so please come and enjoy this free concert!

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Organ Prelude *Adagio (Organ Symphony No. 5)* Charles-Marie Widor

The Liturgy of the Word

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Processional Hymn 207 *Jesus Christ is risen today*

The Acclamation and Response

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People: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **He has given us new life and hope.**

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Gospel Hymn 178 *Alleluia, alleluia*

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Announcements

The Offertory Anthem *Now Glad of Heart*

Sam Batt Owens

Now glad of heart be ev'ry one! The fight is fought, the day is won,

The Christ is set upon His throne. Who on the Rood was crucified, Who rose again,
as at this tide, In glory to His Father's side.

Now glad of heart be ev'ry one! The fight is fought, the day is won,

The Christ is set upon His throne. Who battled death and harrowed hell, And led
the souls that loved Him well All in the light of lights to dwell.

Then rise, all Christian folk, with me And carol forth the One in Three

That was, and is, and is to be.

Presentation Hymn 174 (vs 1)

At the Lamb's high feast we sing, praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide, flowing from his piercèd side;
praise we him, whose love divine, gives his sacred Blood for wine,
gives his Body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

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

Sanctus

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 continues with the Great Thanksgiving on page 368

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:
All: **We remember his death,**
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

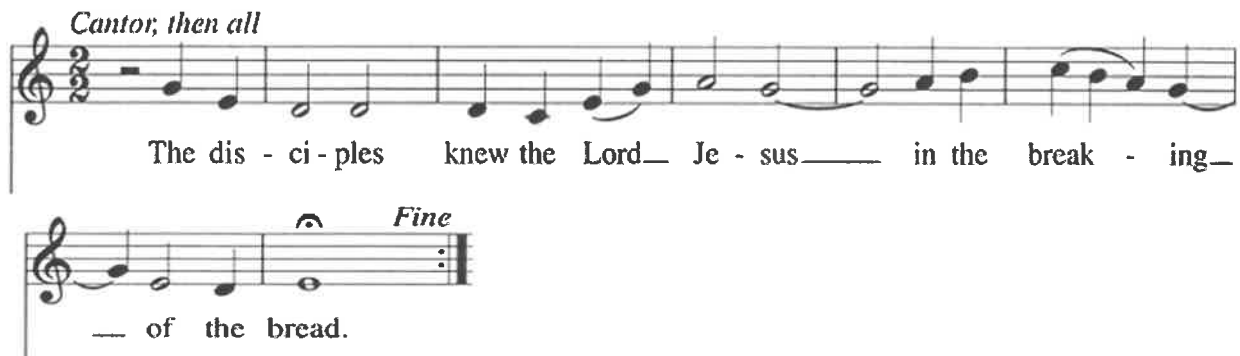
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The Lord's Prayer

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The Fraction Anthem

Cantor, then all



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord_ Je - sus_____ in the break - ing_

— of the bread. *Fine*

The Cantor sings the following verse and then all sing the Refrain again:
The bread which we break, Alleluia, Is the communion of the Body of Christ.

The Invitation to Communion

The Agnus Dei

Mass of St Thomas

David Thorne

mp
Lamb of God, you
mp
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

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 Communion Hymn 307 *Lord enthroned in heavenly splendor*
453 *As Jacob with travel was weary*

The Post-Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

The Closing Hymn 210 *The day of resurrection*

The Easter Dismissal

Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in the peace of the risen Christ!

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude: *Toccata (Organ Symphony No. 5)* Charles-Marie Widor

Don't forget our Easter Egg hunt after the 10:00AM service!

10AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist

The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Music Participants

Organist and Choir Director

John Painter

David Hemberger, *trumpet*

Dennis Coldren, *trumpet*

Scott Rhoads, *trombone*

Andrew Rhoads, *trombone*

Meghan Cramer, *timpani*

Altar Guild

Victoria Wilson, Sally Wilcox,
Helen Peemoeller and Doris Schilpp

Acolytes

Zoe Morris and Elizabeth West

Lector

James Wilson

Intercessor

Anita Powell

Communion Assistants

Milah Allison and Andrea Griffiith

Ushers

Walt Frankowski, Doris Schilpp and
David Thun

Crucifer

Emily Wandrey

Gospel Book Bearer

Caroline Wandrey

Vergers

Linda Jones



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Regular Christ Church Office hours:

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

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 March are given 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; and **For Blessings Received** by Susan Frankowski.

Altar Flowers for today are given in **Loving Memory of our dear friend, Professor Benjamin Brown**, by David and Judy Feick

Thank you to everyone who helped with the window boxes and/or gave towards the Easter flowers or the Courtyard Fund. Please take the plant(s) you sponsored after the 10:00 am service on Easter Day. Any remaining plants will be used to beautify the Courtyard.

Adult Forum today at 9:05 in the Parlor will feature the series with David Emes on the Holy Land. Today's topic is "Life in the Holy Land at the Time of Jesus."

For those in need of our prayers....

Guilfoyle Family	Daphne	Craig
Penny	Kristin	Polly
Beverly	Lisa	Greg
Gigi	MaryAnn	
Linda	Carol	
Joe	Nancy	
Michael	Haia	
Tim	Richard	

Easter Flower Donations 2024

In Memory of

Ida Mae Emes, Bernard E. Emes and Pamela C. Graul by David Emes
Evelyn and Earl Faust, Naomi and Earl Naftzinger, Emma, Sarah, Irvin Faust,
Audrey Hentrich, Jason Ehrlich, Cynthia Phillips by Sherry Faust
Our daughter Sherry Feick Chandler and her husband Chuck by David and Judy
Feick
Richard Sheridan, Samuel Fenton, George and Noralie Fenton, Maryellen
Sheridan by Kathleen Sheridan and Archie Fenton
Jere L. Gabrielle by Runette Gabrielle
Deceased members of Flatt/Grimm family by Bev Flatt and Mary Grimm
Kip D. Frasso, missing you by Denise Frasso
Loved Ones by Priscilla and Jack Hirschenhofer
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yiengst, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar T. Weidner, The Rev. David T.
Weidner by Brian and Fianna Holt
My parents, Luther and Dorothy Kunkle by Linda Jones
Our Loved Ones by Robert and Christine Keeler
Mr. and Mrs. Matthias Roland and Mr. and Mrs. Solan Parkes by the Estate of
Charles and Grace Parkes
Joseph Powell, Chris Powell, Tom and Betty Buckwalter, Sandy, Nancy and
Todd Buckwalter by Anita Powell and Cliff Buckwalter
The deceased members of the Donnelly and Rowles Family by Terry and Michael
Rowles
Brad and Ryan Breneman and Family, Dick Schilpp and Family by Doris Schilpp
Ethel and Warren Skibbe and Virginia and Hesper Sillhart by Glenn and Judy
Sillhart
Richard Smith by Kathryn Smith
Sarah Bell, Charles Ohlinger, Michelle Omlor, Herm and Polly Sunderman, John
and Louise Tumolo and Michaela Williams by the Sunderman Family
Our dear mothers and grandmothers by Victoria and James Wilson

In Honor of

Marley and Scott Wong, Ben and Debbie Buckwalter, Leah and Isaac Mogajane
by Anita Powell and Cliff Buckwalter
Jake, Evan and Connor by Doris Schilpp

In Honor of

Emily Whalen Stuart and AJ Stuart, Charlotte Brown and Jackson Philip Stuart, James, Jessica and Eli Grace Whalen by Alison and Larry Whalen

In Thanksgiving for:

Elizabeth, David and Nate by Sherry Faust

Our Son and Daughter in Law, Brad and Stacy Feick by David and Judy Feick

Kathy, Britt, Kelsey, Abby and Freya by Walt Frankowski

Ryan, Gladine, Blake and Devin Frasso, much love by Denise Frasso

Blessings Received by Charlotte and Stephen Hoare

Porter William Holt and Dillon Prescott Holt by Brian and Fianna Holt

Our Grandchildren by Robert and Christine Keeler

Juliana, Lennon and Theo Wong, Otshepeng, Matthew and Micah Buckwalter,

Mila and Zoe Mogajane by Anita Powell and Cliff Buckwalter

Daughters, Sons-in-Law and Grandchildren of Terry and Michael Rowles

My Christ Church Family by Doris Schilpp

Nichole, Caroline and Emily Wandrey by Revd. Bryce Wandrey



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