

# Christ Episcopal Church

Reading, Pennsylvania

**Christ is All and in All**



**The Sunday of the Passion:**

**Palm Sunday**

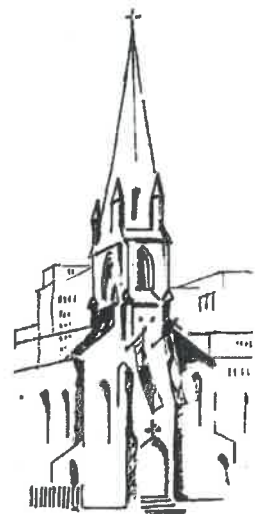
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## Today's Readings

### **The Palm Gospel:** Mark 11: 1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

### **Old Testament:** Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; she who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. Who will declare me guilty?

### **New Testament:** Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every

tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**The Passion Gospel : Mark 15:1-39**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' He answered him, 'You say so.' Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, 'Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.' But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, 'Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

**Sung verse** (*8am, Jesus remember me; 10am, Were you there?*)

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots;

then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.'

**Sung verse** (*8am, Jesus remember me; 10am, Were you there?*)

And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!' In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.' Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

**Sung verse** (*8am, Jesus remember me; 10am, Were you there?*)

Cover Image: *Christ's Entry into Jerusalem* by Albrecht Durer (1509/10)

### **The Prayers of the People**

Celebrant: God of all, we pray that we may know Christ's presence with us in times of suffering and in times of joy, in times of hope and in times of despair, saying, Lord have mercy.

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For Christian people, that through the suffering of disunity there may grow a rich union in Christ. We pray especially for Bryce, our rector, Kevin our bishop,

Michael our presiding bishop, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, for the Church of the Province of West Africa, for St. Andrew's, Nanticoke and St. Anne's, Trexlertown, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them, that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation, that they may find support and encouragement, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow, feel that God is far from them, we pray for those on our prayer list, and anyone that we name now; let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are following in the way of the cross and are supported by the love of God, especially for those celebrating this week: Joseph Corona, David Baird and Glenn Sillhart. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we, with those who have died in faith, may find mercy in the day of Christ, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: God of love, whose only Son took on himself the weight of all human suffering, that in our times of struggle we would know we are never alone, shine your light into our hearts, that in all our confusion we would know your guidance, in all our despair know your hope and in all our loneliness know your friendship, in the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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### 8am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

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## The Liturgy of the Palms

*Please Stand*

### The Acclamation and Response

Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord

People: **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest**

Celebrant: Let us pray

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Palm Gospel:** Mark 11: 1-11 (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.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Hosanna in the highest.**

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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Word of God**

*Please be seated*

**The Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-9a (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 31** (*said responsively by whole verse*)

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
and also my throat and my belly.

**For my life is wasted with grief,  
and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails me because of affliction,  
and my bones are consumed.**

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,  
a dismay to those of my acquaintance;

when they see me in the street they avoid me.

**I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind;  
I am as useless as a broken pot.**

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;  
fear is all around;

they put their heads together against me;  
they plot to take my life.

**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.**

**I have said, "You are my God.**

My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.

**Make your face to shine upon your servant,  
and in your loving-kindness save me. With him there is plenteous redemption,  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

**The New Testament Reading:** Philippians 2:5-11(text on page 2 of this bulletin)

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Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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*Please stand*

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*Please be seated*

**The Homily**



*Please stand*

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

Intercessor: Let us pray to the Lord

People: **Lord, have mercy**

**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**

*Please stand*

**The Great Thanksgiving** (Eucharistic Prayer A)

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**The Sanctus**

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

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**The Prayer of Humble Access** (page 14 of this bulletin)

**The Invitation to Communion and Communion**

**The Post-Communion Prayer**

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**The Blessing**

**The Dismissal**

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **8am Service Participants**

*Celebrant and Homilist*

The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

*Ushers*

Ellen Sunderman

*Lector and Intercessor*

Cynthia Pipkin

*Altar Guild Team*

Charlotte Hoare (captain)

Christine Keeler, Josephine Lawson and

Mary Jane Androne

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#### Organ Prelude

*Choral*

Louis Vierne

#### Sunday School Children

*Palms Palms Palms*

Mary Arguelles

1. Palms! Palms! Palms!  
The people lay them down.  
Palms! Palms! Palms!  
As we come into the town.

3. I bray and bray and bray all day  
As the people bow and pray.  
I praise the Lord in my own way  
Forever and a day.

2. I am a little donkey,  
but I carry Christ the King.  
As we enter near the city,  
The people start to sing.

4. Upon my back I feel your gown  
As we walk along the way  
Soon you'll wear a cross and crown  
Our sins and debts to pay.

### The Liturgy of the Palms

*Please stand*

#### Opening Hymn 156

*Ride on, ride on in majesty* Tune: Winchester New

#### The Acclamation and Response

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People: **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest**

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Celebrant: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord  
People: **Hosannah in the highest**

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace  
People: **In the name of Christ. Amen**

**The Processional Hymn 155** *All glory laud and honor (vv.1-3)*

Celebrant: Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Processional Hymn 155** *All glory laud and honor (vv. 4-5)*

**The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:  
People: **And also with you.**  
Celebrant: Let us pray.

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## **The Word of God**

**The First Reading:** Philippians 2:5-11 (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 167** *There is a green hill far away*

**The Passion Gospel:** Mark 15: 1-39 (full text on page 3 of this bulletin)

**Sung verse** (Hymn 172)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

*Please be seated*

**The Homily**

*Please Stand*

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

Intercessor: Let us pray to the Lord

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## **Announcements and Children's Message**

### **The Offertory Anthem *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* arr. Gilbert Martin**

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.  
Forbid it Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the death of Christ, my God! Christ, my God!  
All vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.  
See, from His head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?  
Were the whole realms of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all Amen.

*Please stand*

### **Presentation Hymn**

(143 vs 1 only)

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 (Eucharistic Prayer A)**

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### **The Sanctus (S130)**

Franz Schubert

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 beginning on page 362*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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**The Fraction Anthem**

*Here is Bread*

Capo 5 G D Em B<sup>7</sup> C G D Em G D

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

C G Am E<sup>7</sup> F C G C<sup>7</sup>  
G D Em B<sup>7</sup> C G D G<sup>7</sup>

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

F Em Am<sup>7</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup> G<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup>  
C Refrain Bm Em<sup>7</sup> Am<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup> F

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

Fmaj<sup>7</sup> F<sup>#dim</sup> Em<sup>7</sup> Am<sup>7</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup> G<sup>7</sup> C  
Cmaj<sup>7</sup> C<sup>#dim</sup> Bm<sup>7</sup> Em<sup>7</sup> Am<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup> 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.

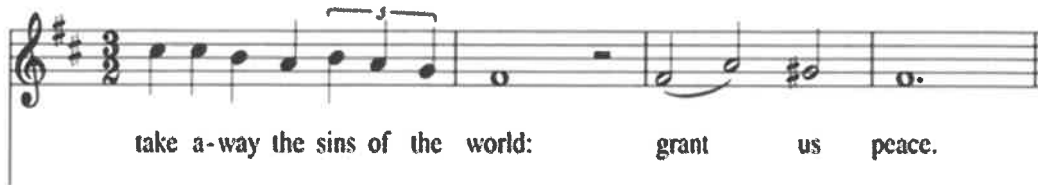
**The Invitation to Communion**

**The Agnus Dei**

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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

*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

*This is my body*



1. This is my bo - dy, bro - ken for you,  
 bring - ing you whole-ness, mak - ing you free. Take it and eat it,  
 and when you do, do it in love for me.

2. This is my blood, poured out for you,  
 bringing forgiveness, making you free.  
 Take it and drink it, and when you do,  
 do it in love for me.
3. Back to my Father soon I shall go.  
 Do not forget me; then you will see  
 I am still with you, and you will know  
 you're very close to me.
4. Filled with my Spirit, how you will grow!  
 You are my branches; I am the tree.  
 If you are faithful, others will know  
 you are alive in me.
5. Love one another; I have loved you,  
 and I have shown you how to be free;  
 serve one another, and when you do,  
 do it in love for me.

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

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

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

**The Post-Communion Prayer**

**The Blessing**

**The Closing Hymn** *The royal banners forward go* (page 17 of this bulletin)

**The Dismissal**

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**The Postlude**

*Pièce Héroïque*

César Franck

**10am Service Participants**

*Celebrant and Homilist*

The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

*Gospel Book*  
Andrea Griffith

*Organist and Choir Director*

John Painter

*Verger*  
Jeff Morris

*Lector*

Victoria Wilson

*Acolytes*  
Benjamin Frymoyer and  
Ian Hoelscher

*Intercessor*

Charlotte Hoare

*Ushers*

*Passion Gospel Readers*  
Michael West and Diane Morris

Walt Frankowski, Richard Androne,  
Doris Schilpp and Linda Jones

*Communion Assistants*

Terry Rowles and Andrea Griffith

*Altar Guild Team*

Charlotte Hoare (captain)  
Christine Keeler, Josephine Lawson  
and Mary Jane Androne



Venantius Fortunatus (530-609)  
 trans. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) and others  
 GONFALON ROYAL LM

Percy Carter Buck (1871-1947)



1. The roy - al ban - ners for - ward go,  
 2. There whilst he hung, his sa - cred side  
 3. Ful - filled is now what Da - vid told  
 4. O tree of glo - ry, tree most fair,  
 5. To thee, e - ter - nal three in One,



1. the cross shines forth in my - stic glow,  
 2. by sol - dier's spear was o - pened wide,  
 3. in true pro - phe - tic song of old  
 4. or - dained those ho - ly limbs to bear,  
 5. let ho - mage meet by all be done



1. where he in flesh our flesh who made, our sen - tence bore, our  
 2. to cleanse us in the pre - cious flood, of wa - ter mingl - ed  
 3. how God the sin - ner's King should be, for God is reign - ing  
 4. how bright in pur - ple robe it stood, the pur - ple of a  
 5. as by the cross thou dost re - store, so rule and guide us



1. ran - som paid.  
 2. with his blood,  
 3. on the tree.  
 4. Sav - ior's blood.  
 5. ev - er - more. A ----- men.

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**Christ Church Office**  
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**Regular Christ Church Office hours:**

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

**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.

**Adult Forum** David Emes continues his talks on the Holy Land. Today's topic is  
"Jesus in the Passover Seder"

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.



**Altar Candle Memorials for March 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 Charlotte Hoare; **Lois Feick** by David  
and Judy Feick.

**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 Fellow-  
ship 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 re-  
stroom 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 availa-  
ble 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.

Today, our filled UTO boxes will be blessed. We continue our focus on gratitude today with white ribbons, writing upon them our gratitude for our world.

### **UTO Box Blessing**

All: Heavenly Father, whose Son Jesus Christ came to show us what it means to live out of love, and to reveal its price in this our broken world, strengthen us in our pilgrimage of life, that we may offer ourselves completely for others. Bless these gifts that we bring today. May they further the sharing of your love in our world. Amen.

### **For those in need of our prayers....**

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

### **Episcopal Youth Community**

**Senior EYC (13-18yo):** Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. We will be preparing our own meal of spaghetti and salad to kick off the evening. This will be followed by group activities and games as we enjoy spending time with one another and strengthening friendships.

**Junior EYC (8-12yo):** Friday April 26<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. We will enjoy pizza for dinner as we gather for the first time! Afterwards, we will explore “secret” parts of the church and play some games to get to know each other better!

## **This week at Christ Church**

### **Sunday, March 24—Palm/Passion Sunday**

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

### **Monday, March 25**

9AM ESL Class  
12PM-1PM NA Meeting  
5:30-6:30PM NA Meeting

### **Tuesday, March 26**

9AM Citizenship class  
9AM Centering Prayer  
12PM-1PM NA Meeting

### **Wednesday, March 27**

9AM ESL class  
11:30AM Stations of the Cross  
12PM Holy Eucharist  
12PM-1PM NA Meeting  
5:30PM-6:30PM NA Meeting

### **Thursday, March 28 Maundy Thursday**

9AM Zoom Centering Prayer  
9AM Citizenship Class  
11AM Morning Prayer in Chapel  
12PM-1PM NA Meeting  
7PM Holy Eucharist with feet washing

### **Friday, March 29 Good Friday**

12PM Good Friday Service  
12PM-1PM NA Meeting

### **Saturday, March 30 Holy Saturday**

12PM-2PM NA meeting  
7PM Easter Vigil Service

### **Sunday, March 31—Easter Day**

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)  
9AM Sunday School  
9:05AM Adult Forum  
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung) with an Easter Egg Hunt following.  
11AM Fellowship Hour  
4PM-5PM NA Meeting

## **Upcoming Events**

**April 10** Berks Jazz Fest Concert at Christ Church 7PM

**April 14** Worship Committee Meeting 11:30AM

**April 23** Vestry meeting 6PM

**April 24** Guitar Eucharist with David Cullen 5:30PM

**May 8** Taize Service 5:30PM

**May 12** Anniversary of Building Consecration at 8AM and 10AM