

# Christ Episcopal Church

Reading, Pennsylvania

Christ is All and in All



**The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Mother's Day**

**May 12, 2024**

**8am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two (spoken)**

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## Today's Readings

### **The First Reading:** Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

### **The Epistle:** 1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

### **The Gospel Reading:** John 17:6-19

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified

in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

For those in need of our prayers....

Steve	Gigi	Craig
Penny	Kristin	Frank
Beverly	Lisa	Liza
Rose Marie Innocent	Nick	Beth
Stacey	Polly	Barb
Joe	Sally	Seth
Sally	Wyatt	Ellen
Barbara	Jim	Peter
Marjorie Harrison Thomas	Annie	Mary Ann
Jerry	Liz	Bob Kappenstein
Cindy	Denise	

Prayer List is updated monthly. Kindly email Kim with your requests.

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## The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: As children of a loving God who always listens to our needs and desires, let us pray to our Father in heaven saying, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: God of love and kindness, you taught us to love our neighbor, and to care for those in need as if we were caring for you. Give us strength to be the light and love that so many around us need; we pray especially for Bryce, our rector, Kevin, our bishop, Michael, our presiding bishop, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, The Anglican Church of Burundi and St. Luke's, Scranton. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, be close to those who are ill or afraid. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light; we pray especially for those on our prayer list printed in the bulletin and for those we name now...; God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we thank you for the opportunity to rejoice and give thanks. Today we give thanks for everyone who has shown us tender, loving, motherly care in our lives. We also pray for those celebrating the gift of life this week, Maggie Boggs, Cynthia Pipkin, Demarco Lundy, Emiliana Lundy and Michele Uhrich. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

God of peace, we pray for those who are facing war, conflict and displacements, especially the people of Ukraine and the Holy Land. We place all your precious children into your hands. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of Life, in your mercy bring hope to the dying and comfort those who mourn. We remember today Ruth and William Maier and Patricia K.J. Mathews-Davis. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Loving God, accept our prayers; through them transform us and all creation until you are in all and through all, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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**Reading, PA**  
**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: How often have I desired to gather your children together:

People: **as a hen gathers her brood under her wings.** (Luke 13:34)

Celebrant: Keep me as the apple of the eye

People: **Hide me in the shadow of Your wings.** (Psalm 17:8)

**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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

**The First Reading:** Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26 (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 1** (read responsively by whole verse)

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;  
everything they do shall prosper.

**It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked is doomed..**

**The Epistle:** 1 John 5:9-13

(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 Gospel Reading:** John 17:6-19 (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 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**

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

Celebrant: God of love,

People: **hear our prayer.**

**Confession of Sin**

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**The Peace**

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

People: **And also with you.**

**The Holy Communion**

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

**The Sanctus**

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*The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 368*

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

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**The Invitation to Communion and 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 Post-Communion Prayers**

*The Celebrant first prays the following:*

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children, you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Then all pray together on page 365.*

**The Blessing**

**The Dismissal**

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

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

## 8:00 AM Service Participants

### *Celebrant and Homilist*

The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

### *Communion Assistants*

Ellen Sunderman and Rick Wolf

### *Lector and Intercessor*

Chris Spohn

### *Altar Guild*

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

### *Ushers*

Ellen Sunderman and Chris Spohn

## Welcome to Christ 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.

**Gardeners needed!** Do you have a passion for beautifying outdoor spaces? Do you want to encourage the neighborhood to share in the peace and beauty of Christ Church courtyard? Then, let your passion be your ministry! The courtyard has served the local community with decorations for the Advent, Christmas, Lenten, and Easter seasons. It is also a wonderful location for our neighbors who live and work in the area to enjoy a quiet moment during a busy day. Your gifts of time and talent can be used to make the courtyard inviting and welcoming. Please let Father Bryce or Chris Spohn know if you want to be part of this ministry.



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**10am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

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**Prelude**

*Pastorale*

César Franck

*Please stand*

**Processional Hymn 494** *Crown him with many crowns*

**The Liturgy of the Word**

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

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

Celebrant: How often have I desired to gather your children together:

People: **as a hen gathers her brood under her wings.** (Luke 13:34)

Celebrant: Keep me as the apple of the eye

People: **Hide me in the shadow of Your wings.** (Psalm 17:8)

**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.**

**Kyrie**

David Thorne

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 2/2. The tempo is marked 'Andante'. The first staff begins with a dynamic of 'mf' and contains the lyrics 'Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy,'. The second staff starts at measure 7 with a dynamic of 'f' and contains the lyrics 'Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy.'. The third staff starts at measure 11 with a dynamic of 'mf' and contains the lyrics 'Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.'. The score concludes with a double bar line.

**The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**The First Reading:** Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26 (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** 482 *Lord of all hopefulness*

**The Holy Gospel:** John 17:6-19 (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**

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

Celebrant: God of love,

People: **hear our prayer.**

**Confession of Sin**

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### The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

### Announcements and Children's Message

**The Offertory Anthem** *I Will Lift Up My Eyes*

Leo Sowerby

Dail Richie, soloist

(see page 779 of The Book of Common Prayer)

### Presentation Hymn

Tune: Rustington (278)

Mothers, call upon the Maker, who will nurture and provide.

Cling to God, just as our children seek protection at our side.

For the Lord is like a mother; God gave all the world its birth.

Mothers, praise the great Creator everywhere, throughout the earth.

### The Holy Communion

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

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts:

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

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

### The Sanctus

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

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*Cantor, then all*

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord— Je - sus—— in the break - ing—  
— of the bread.

*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

*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

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

**The Communion Hymn 416** *For the beauty of the earth*

*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 Prayers**

*The Celebrant first prays the following:*

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children, you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Then all pray together on page 365.*

**The Blessing**

**The Closing Hymn 450** *All hail the power of Jesus' name* (omit verses 4 and 5)

**The Dismissal**

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

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

**Postlude** *Final*

César Franck

*A Song of St Anselm*

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you;  
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.  
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness;  
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.  
Your warmth gives life to the dead,  
your touch makes sinners righteous.  
Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us;  
in your love and tenderness remake us.  
In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness,  
for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us.



Anselm (1109)

## 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*  
Joann Hyneman

*Intercessor*  
Diane Morris

*Ushers*  
Walt Frankowski, Richard Androne,  
Doris Schilpp and Linda Jones

*Communion Assistants*  
Kate Fanning and Milah Smith

*Crucifer*  
Amelia Fanning

*Acolytes*  
Zoe Morris and Elizabeth West

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

**On Sunday May 12th our Adult Forum** (from 9:05 to 9:45am) will focus on all of the work that we have been exploring and accomplishing with Partners for Sacred Places. We will reflect upon our Asset Mapping, watch the wonderful video produced by Partners and hear what our Strategic Visioning Team has been doing over the past few months. Please join us.

On Sunday May 19th, Bob Conklin from **Muhlenberg Green Architects** will be with us to present a report on The Facilities Assessment of Christ Church. Please join us at 9:05am in the Parlor.

Beginning on **Sunday May, 26th** we begin our first six-week **Pilgrim Course**. This is an innovative and inspiring program for people of all stages along the road of following Jesus. We will be exploring **The Lord's Prayer** by looking at each powerful line of this prayer, week by week. We meet in the Parlor from 9:05 to 9:45am and we will begin with "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name." Please join us in this course for the Christian journey.

Starting May 16, **Morning Prayer** will again meet at Red Bridge Park. Call the office for directions and information.

Last year **The Revd Ross Tortora** visited us in May. This coming Saturday, May 18, Ross will be ordained to the priesthood at Grace Church Cathedral, Charleston, SC. Please keep Ross in your your prayers.

**Regular Christ Church Office hours:**

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

Wednesday 8:00 am - 2:00 PM

**The Christ Church Mission**

Sharing God's Love with All

Please visit us at [www.rdgchristchurch.org](http://www.rdgchristchurch.org). The Diocesan and church staff members are listed, as well as a calendar of events. You may use this website to send in prayer requests. You may also request to be added to the list for e-news and newsletters.

**Altar Candle Memorials for May** 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; **Sherry Feick Chandler** by David and Judy Feick.

**Altar Flowers for today** are to the **Glory of God and in Loving Memory of her parents, Ruth and William Maier** from Bruce and Ruth Anne Bengtson.

**Columbarium Flowers for today** are to the **Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Patricia K.J. Mathews-Davis** from her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**Junior and Senior EYC:** Friday, May 24th 6-8pm. BOTH EYC groups will come together for a summer kickoff event! Hamburgers and hot dogs, lawn games, and more as we celebrate our accomplishments this school year and look forward to summer!

**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.



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.

## **This Week at Christ Church**

**Sunday, May 12**—The Seventh Sunday of Easter and Mother's Day  
8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)  
9AM Sunday School  
9:05AM Sacred Places Report  
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)  
11AM Fellowship Hour  
4PM—5PM NA meeting

### **Monday, May 13**

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

### **Tuesday, May 14**

9AM Citizenship class  
12PM—1PM NA meeting

### **Wednesday, May 15**

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

### **Thursday, May 16**

9AM Citizenship Class  
11AM Morning Prayer at Red Bridge Park  
12PM—1PM NA Meeting  
7PM—Choir Rehearsal

### **Friday, May 17**

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

### **Saturday, May 18**

1230PM-5PM ALICE training

**Sunday, May 19**—The Sunday of Pentecost

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)  
9AM Sunday School  
9:05AM Architect Report  
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)  
11AM Fellowship Hour  
4PM—5PM NA meeting

## **Upcoming Events**

**May 18** ALICE security training 12:30-5PM

**May 19** Pentecost Sunday

**May 26** Trinity and Memorial Sunday

**May 29** Evening Eucharist with David Cullen featuring the music of Bob Marley

**June 2** ECW Charity Sunday

**June 5, 8 and 12** ECW Rummage Sale  
10AM– 1PM

**June 5** Covenant Service at Trinity Lutheran, 7pm

**June 30** Independence Sunday



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