Christ Episcopal Church

Reading, Pennsylvania Christ is All and in All



The Day of Pentecost May 19, 2024

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Today's Readings

The First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

The Epistle: Romans 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The Gospel Reading: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going? But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

For the	se 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	

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The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Lord of inspiration, we thank you for all the blessings that we receive at your hand. Refresh us with your Spirit as we pray, saying, and fill us with your Spirit.

Generous God, we thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit. We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better. We pray for Bryce, our rector, Kevin, our bishop, Michael, our presiding bishop, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, The Anglican Church of Canada and St. Mark's & St. John's, Jim Thorpe; Lord, come to bless us, and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to make us wise to understand your will. Lord, come to bless us; and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the peace of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to keep us confident of your love wherever you call us. Be with those living in fear and danger, especially the people of Ukraine and the Holy Land. Lord, come to bless us; and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness where there is division, sickness and sorrow, especially for those on our prayer list printed in the bulletin and for those we name now...; Lord, come to bless us; and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us. Lord, come to bless us; and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus. We pray especially for those celebrating this week; Wayne Fanning; Lord, come to bless us, and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the breath of your Holy Spirit, given us by the risen Lord. We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed, in the joy of eternal life, remembering Almeta Feick, Frances Hartman and Janet Moyer; Lord, come to bless us, and fill us with your Spirit.

Celebrant: Lord of Pentecost, when we are tired or careworn, inspire us again with the excitement of the life of your Spirit, that we may love you, praise you and proclaim your truth in the words of pardon, peace and hope, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Christ Episcopal Church 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: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people:

People: and kindle in them the fire of your love. 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.

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, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Acts 2:1-21 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord: People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 132:1-9 (read responsively by whole verse)

O Lord, how manifold are your works! in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great.

There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, which you have made for the sport of it.

All of them look to you

to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

You hide your face, and they are terrified;

you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;

and so you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in all his works.

He looks at the earth and it trembles;

he touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine please him;

I will rejoice in the Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!

The Epistle: Romans 8:22-27 (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 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 (full text on page 3 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 358

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

Celebrant: Lord, come to bless us,

People: and fill us with your Spirit.

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 C, page 369)

The Sanctus 371

The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 371

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:

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Then all pray together on page 365.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia! Filled with the Spirit, 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
Chris Spohn and Rick Wolf

Lector and Intercessor Rick Wolf

Altar Guild
Charlotte Hoare (Captain), Christine
Keeler, Josephine Lawson, and Mary
Jane Androne

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Prelude

Choral varié on "Veni creator spiritus" (see Hymn 502)

Maurice Duruflé

Please stand

Processional Hymn 686 Come, thou fount of every blessing

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: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people:

People: and kindle in them the fire of your love. 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.

The Gloria Tune: Woodlands



 Alone, O Christ, you only are the Lord, At God's right hand in majesty most high: Who with the Spirit worshiped and adored; With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

Words: Edwin Le Grice; Music: Walter Greatorex (1877-1949), Descant: Richard Lloyd

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you: People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray:

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

Please be seated

The First Reading: Acts 2:1-21(full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord: People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Hymn 516 Come down, O love divine

The Holy Gospel: John 15: 26-27; 16:4b-15 (full text on page 3 of this bulletin)

Before the reading

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel or 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.**

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Please stand

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People: And also with you.

Announcements and Children's Message

The Offertory Anthem Cantique de Jean Racine

Gabriel Fauré

Our sole hope of salvation, Eternal light of the earth and the sky, We kneel in adoration, O Savior, turn on us Thy loving eye.

Send down on us the fire of Thy grace all consuming, Whose wondrous might dispersed the powers of hell, And rouse our slumbering souls with Thy radiance, That they may waken Thy mercy to tell!

O Christ bestow Thy blessing on us, we implore Thee, Who here are gathered on penitent knee. Accept the hymns we chant to Thine eternal glory, And these Thy gifts we return unto Thee!

Presentation Hymn Praise God from whom all blessings flow (Hymn 380, vs 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer C page 369)

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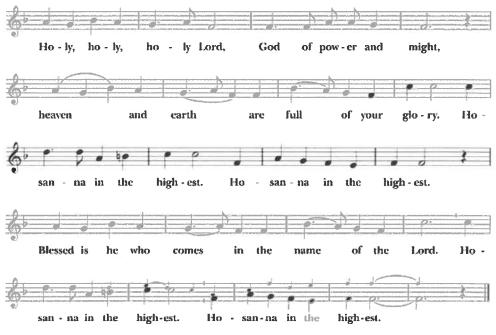
Celebrant: The Lord be with you:
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts:
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God: People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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The Sanctus Richard Proulx

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #125



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The Celebrant concludes The Great Thanksgiving on page 371

The Lord's Prayer

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Agnus Dei

Healy Willan

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #158



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

The Communion Hymns 8 Morning has broken and 711 Seek ye first

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.

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The Blessing

The Closing Hymn 537 Christ for the world we sing!

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia! Filled with the spirit, go in peace to love and serve the

Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude Final (Organ Symphony No. 1) Alexandre Guilmant

10AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist
The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Organist and Choir Director
John Painter

Verger Kat Brantman

Gospel Book Bearer Andrea Griffith

Lector Charlotte Hoare

Intercessor Victoria Wilson Ushers
David Emes, Garrett Hyneman,
Joann Hyneman and Jack Lacey

Communion Assistants
Victoria Wilson and Andrea Griffith

Crucifer Emily Wandrey

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Altar Guild Charlotte Hoare (Captain), Christine Keeler, Josephine Lawson, and Mary Jane Androne Last Sunday our Adult Forum focused on updating our work with **Partners for Sacred Places**. Over the past six months Rick Wolf, Pam Wheat, Chris Spohn, Jeff Morris, Ashleigh Hoelscher, and Fr Bryce along with representatives from Sacred Places and our local community have been meeting to discuss our Mission and Vision. Part of this process has resulted in a new Mission Statement for Christ Church. We presented this last Sunday and it will be considered by the Vestry for official approval over the coming months. Please find copies of this new statement on the table near the Orrick Door and on page 18 of this bulletin. Please talk to any of the team members with your thoughts and feedback.

Wednesday May 29th at 5:30pm will be our last **Evening Eucharist with David Cullen** for the first half of this year. We will be returning to the wonderful music of Bob Marley this evening. Please check the bulletins over the summer for upcoming Wednesday evening service dates and times.

Our Covenant Service with Trinity Lutheran was originally scheduled for June but, due to various issues, we are now looking at a date in early September for this service. It will be held at Trinity Lutheran while we will be hosting a Christmas Carol Concert in December. Stay tuned!

On Sunday June 2nd, at our 10am service, we will be **celebrating our Episcopal Church Women (ECW)** and the charities they support. Representatives from many of the charities will be on hand to receive their donation from our ECW. Please join us. After the service, there will be a luncheon and a fashion show you won't want to miss! All are welcome!

Today, 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.

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 pursue this ministry. On June 1, from 9-11 we will meet (weather permitting) to plant, sand, paint and refurbish!

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!

The Ascension and Pentecost Ode IX

Holy gift, surpassing comprehension!
Wond'rous mystery of each fiery tongue!
Christ made good His Promise in Ascension:
O'er the Twelve the cloven flames have hung!

Spake the Lord, or ere He left the Eleven:
"Here in Salem wait the Gift I send:
Till the Paraclete come down from Heaven:
Everlasting Guide and Guard and Friend."

O that shame, now ended in that glory!
Pain untold, now lost in joy unknown!
Tell it out with praise, the whole glad story,
Human nature at the Father's Throne!

John Mason Neale 1818-1866

Vestry Wayne Fanning (Senior Warden) Diane Morris (Junior Warden) Terry Rowles (Pastoral Care) Pam Wheat (Grants) Carolyn Handy (Stewardship) Michael West (Finances) Connie Fegley (Worship) Anita Powell (Hospitality) Kim Alarcon (Outreach) Mary Arguelles (Children/Youth) Chuck Brantman (Security/Property)	Music Parish Choir Bell Ringers Children's Choir Fall Festival of Arts Education Adult Forum Library Children's Ministries Education for Ministry Pastoral Care Cards and notes Prayer Lists Eucharistic Visitors	Outreach Opportunity House Rummage Mary's Shelter Narcotics Anonymous Literacy Council of Reading Berks ESL Dinners Daughters of the King Episcopal Church Women Helping Harvest Veterans Coalition of PA Angel Tree Berks Community Health Center
Our Ministries Worship Acolytes Altar Guild Eucharistic Ministers Lectors and Intercessors Vergers Guitar and Taizé Services Healing Team Centering Prayer Morning Prayer Ushers Kristallnacht Service	Fellowship Sunday Coffee Hour 50+ Club Hospitality Committee Business Property Ministry Church Maintenance Days Stewardship Team Planned Giving Communications Capital Campaign Security Taskforce	Berks Youth Chorus

A proposed new mission statement for Christ Church

IN the city. WITH our neighbors. FOR everyone. For more than 260 years, Christ Church Reading has been grounded in the values of love, service, and faithful stewardship throughout Berks County. Being firmly rooted in compassionate collaboration, we welcome partnerships that nurture our neighbors and address pressing issues in our community. We will always endeavor to be a cornerstone for the city of Reading, enabling all who walk through our doors to experience the dignity, purpose, and opportunities that God desires for everyone.

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 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 Charlotte Hoare; Sherry Feick Chandler by David and Judy Feick.

Altar Flowers for today are to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Almeta Feick, Frances Hartman and Janet Moyer from David and Judy Feick.

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

Monday, May 20 9AM ESL Class 12PM—1PM NA meeting 5:30-6:30PM NA meeting

Tuesday, May 21 9AM Citizenship class 12PM—1PM NA meeting

Wednesday, May 22 9AM ESL Class 12PM Holy Eucharist 12PM—1PM NA Meeting 5:30-6:30PM NA Meeting

Thursday, May 23
9AM Citizenship Class
11AM Morning Prayer in the Chapel
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
7PM—Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 24 12PM—1PM NA Meeting 6PM-8PM EYC

Saturday, May 25 12PM—2PM NA Meeting Sunday, May 26— Trinity and Memorial Sunday 8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken) 9AM Sunday School 9:05AM Adult Forum/Pilgrim course 10AM Holy Eucharist (sung) 11AM Fellowship Hour 4PM—5PM NA meeting

Upcoming Events

May 24 EYC 6-8pm

May 26 Trinity and Memorial Sunday

May 29 Evening Eucharist featuring the music of Bob Marley, 5:30PM

June 2 ECW Charity Sunday

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

June 8 Opportunity House Dinner

June 16 Father's Day

June 17-21 BYC Summer Sing at Christ Church

June 30 Independence Sunday

