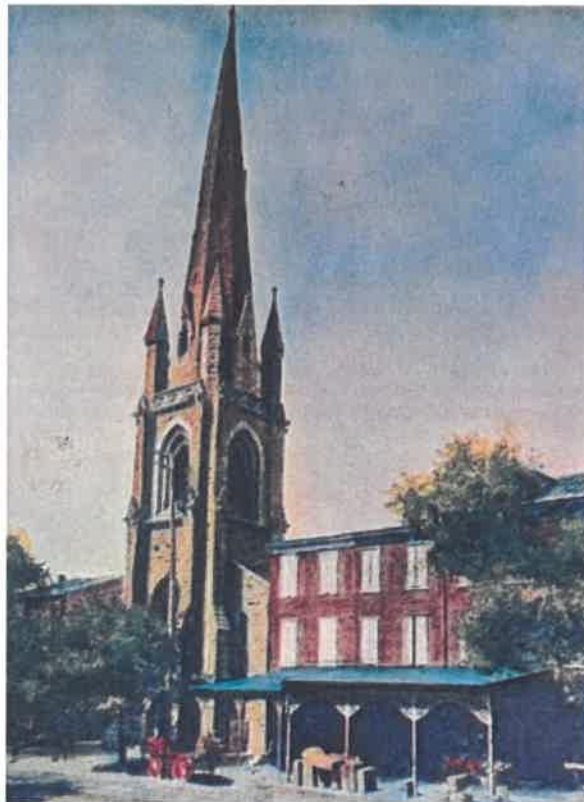


Christ Episcopal Church

Reading, Pennsylvania

Christ is All and in All



**The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Consecration Sunday**

May 5, 2024

8am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two (spoken)

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Today's Readings

The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 28.10-17

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

The New Testament Reading: Ephesians 2:17-22

So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:2; 7:24-28

Then Jesus began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house,

and it fell—and great was its fall!

Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching,

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.

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	Richard	Seth
Sally	Wyatt	Ellen
Barbara	Jim	Peter
Marjorie Harrison Thomas	Annie	Mary Ann
Jerry	Denise	Bob Kappenstein

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

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The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: We pray that Christ may be seen in the life of the Church, saying, Jesus, Lord of the Church, in your mercy, hear us.

Intercessor: You have called us into the family of those who are the children of God. May our love for our brothers and sisters be strengthened by your grace. We pray for Bryce, our rector, Kevin, our bishop, Michael, our presiding bishop, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil and St. Joseph's, Pen Argyl. Jesus, Lord of the Church, **in your mercy, hear us.**

You have called us to be a temple where the Holy Spirit can dwell. Give us clean hands and pure hearts, so that our lives will reflect your holiness. We pray for those who are celebrating this week: Mickey Getty, Ashley Hyneman, Britta Hyneman, Ellen Sunderman, Chip Karasin and Chris Spohn. Jesus, Lord of the Church, **in your mercy, hear us.**

You have called us to be a light to the world, so that those in darkness come to you. May our lives shine as a witness to the saving grace you have given for all. We pray for your light to shine on those living in fear and danger, especially for the people of Ukraine and the Holy Land. Jesus, Lord of the Church, **in your mercy, hear us.**

You have called us to be members of your body, so that when one suffers, all suffer together. We ask for your comfort and healing power to bring hope to those in distress. We pray for those on our prayer list printed in the bulletin and for any we name now... Jesus, Lord of the Church, **in your mercy, hear us.**

You have called us to be the Bride, where you, Lord, are the Bridegroom. Prepare us for the wedding feast, where we will be united with you for ever. We remember today Gail S. Braun. Jesus, Lord of the Church, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: We give you thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshiped in this place, and we pray that all who seek you here may find you, and be filled with you joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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8am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

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The Liturgy of the Word

Please stand

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

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

Celebrant: Let us go to God's dwelling place:

People: **let us fall upon our knees before his footstool.**

Celebrant: One hundred and ninety-eight years ago, on May 10, 1826, The Right Revd William White, first Bishop of Pennsylvania, consecrated this building as a place of worship to the glory of God. On that day the Diocesan Convention was in session at Christ Church, bringing together the clerical and lay delegates of the Diocese. Today we give thanks for those who laid stone upon stone in this place, for their faith and their dedication to following Christ. Their chief cornerstone remains ours still today and we rejoice that Christ is still proclaimed, in word and deed, in this place.

Let us pray:

Creator God, we thank you for the glory of all you have made, and for the skill that has led people through all centuries to fashion things of beauty, as songs of praise in stone. As we give you thanks for the inspiration that countless people have found in this church, open our eyes again, we pray, that renewed in our own wonder for all that is around us, we may praise you in worship, in speaking words of gentleness and in deeds of love, through Jesus Christ, our rock and cornerstone. **Amen.**

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.**

The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 28.10-17 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

O Lord, remember in David's favour
all the hardships he endured;
how he swore to the Lord
and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,
**"I will not enter my house or get into my bed;
I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids,
until I find a place for the Lord,
a dwelling-place for the Mighty One of Jacob."**
We heard of it in Ephrathah;
we found it in the fields of Jaar.
"Let us go to his dwelling-place;
let us worship at his footstool."
**Rise up, O Lord, and go to your resting-place,
you and the ark of your might.
Let your priests be clothed with righteousness,
and let your faithful shout for joy.**

The New Testament Reading: Ephesians 2:17-22

(full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

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The Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:2; 7:24-28 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

Before the reading

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

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: Jesus, Lord of the Church

People: **in your mercy, hear us.**

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:

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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
Beverly Flatt

Altar Guild
Linda Jones (Captain), Linda Lacey
And Brittany Underkofler

Usher
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Prelude *Prélude (Organ Symphony No. 2)* Charles-Marie Widor

Please stand

Processional Hymn 518 *Christ is made the sure foundation*

The Liturgy of the Word

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

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

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Please be seated

The New Testament Reading: Ephesians 2:17-22 (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 709 *O God of Bethel*

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

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: Hear us, risen Lord

People: **in your mercy, hear us.**

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 Waited for the Lord* Felix Mendelssohn
Milah Smith and Alison Whalen, soloists

I waited for the Lord, he inclined unto me,
he heard my complaint.
O blest are they that hope and trust in him. (Psalm 40)

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 pierced 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) S120

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts:

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

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

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

The celebrant continues with the Great Thanksgiving on page 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

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.

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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

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 Hymn 525 *The Church's one foundation*

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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Then all pray together on page 365.

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn *We stand on Christ (see page 15)*

The Dismissal

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

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

Postlude *Organ Symphony No. 2)*

Charles-Marie Widor

We stand on Christ (For the Anniversary of the Consecration of a Church Building)



1 We stand on Christ the One for whom we're named;
 2 We stand on saints those an-cient ones that lead;
 3 We stand on those whose lives be --- fore us shone;
 4 We walk by faith in this place still to - day;
 5 We praise our God, for life giv'n to us all;



1 Christ is all and in all that's our re - frain;
 2 Their lives en -- bold --- en us through word and deed;
 3 It was their faith for us laid stone on stone;
 4 We give thanks for God's love and grace al - way;
 5 And to the Son who loves the great and small;



1 His life and death for us that's why He came;
 2 They show us how to live and al - ways heed;
 3 From stee - ple height to God's heav - en - ly throne;
 4 We serve and love in all we do and say;
 5 And to the Spir - it who will al - ways call;



— Al - le - lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Words: Bryce Wandrey

Music: Engelberg; Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

10AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist

The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Organist and Choir Director

John Painter

Verger

Jeff Morris

Gospel Book Bearer

Milah Smith

Lector

Dale Goodyear

Intercessor

Lor Lowden

Ushers

Wayne Fanning, Susan Doll,
Dale Goodyear and Larry Whalen

Communion Assistants

Victoria Wilson and Wayne Fanning

Crucifer

Andrea Griffith

Acolytes

Benjamin Frymoyer and
Lillian Arguelles

Altar Guild

Linda Jones (Captain), Linda Lacey
And Brittany Underkofler

On Sunday May 5th our Adult Forum (from 9:05 to 9:45am) will focus on **What's Happening @ CCR?** Please join us to learn about so many exciting things that are happening at Christ Church, including our new Taize service, Episcopal Youth Community and other new or possible upcoming endeavors. There will be plenty of time for questions.

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.

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.

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!

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

The ECW will be having their monthly meeting on Mon, May 6, 6:30 pm at Anita Powell's home, 1 Keppel Ave, West Lawn. Carpooling is suggested.

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 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 Gail S. Braun from her family.

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 5—The Sixth Sunday of Easter/Consecration Sunday
8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School
9:05AM Whats Happening @ CCR?
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
11AM Fellowship Hour
3PM Berks Youth Chorus rehearsals
4PM—5PM NA meeting

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

Tuesday, May 7
9AM Citizenship class
12PM—1PM NA meeting

Wednesday, May 8
9AM ESL Class
10AM-1PM Rummage Sale
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
5:30-6:30PM NA Meeting
5:30PM Taizé Service

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

Friday, May 10
12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, May 11
12PM—2PM NA Meeting

Sunday, May 12—The Seventh Sunday of Easter and Mother's Day
8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School
9:05AM Adult Forum
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
11AM Fellowship Hour
3PM Berks Youth Chorus rehearsals
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Upcoming Events

May 6 ECW meeting 6:30PM

May 8 ECW Rummage Sale 10AM-1PM

May 8 Taizé Service 5:30PM (No Noon service today)

May 9 Ascension of our Lord
Eucharist 12PM

May 12 The Seventh Sunday of Easter and Mother's Day

May 18 ALICE security training 1-5PM

May 26 Trinity and Memorial Sunday

June 2nd ECW Charity Sunday

June 5th Covenant Service at Trinity Lutheran, 7pm



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