Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

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Transfiguration Sunday
August 4, 2024
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Today's Readings

The Old Testament Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The New Testament Reading: 2 Peter 1:13-21

I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to refresh your memory, since I know that my death will come soon, as indeed our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things. For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Cover image: "The Transfiguration" by Gustave Dore (1832-1883)

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Lord of light, we pray today for all people, that enlightened by the glory of your transfigured Son, we may bear your light to the world, saying, 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 all people be strengthened by your grace. We pray especially for Bryce, our rector, Kevin, our bishop, Michael, our presiding bishop, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, The Anglican Church of Kenya, and Trinity, Pottsville; 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 especially for those celebrating this week: David Wheat and Kate Fanning; 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. Be with those living in fear and danger, especially 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, especially those on the prayer list printed in the bulletin and any we name now...; Jesus, Lord of the Church, in your mercy hear us.

Jesus, Lord of the living and departed, you have called us into fellowship with all your saints. We unite our prayers with theirs and ask for grace to serve you with joy, remembering Clara, Jack and Frank Donnelly and Thelma and Chuck Rowles; Jesus, Lord of the Church, in your mercy hear us.

Celebrant: Lord of the mountaintop and valley, help us to see and follow you in times of light and darkness. Merciful Father,

All: accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. 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: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his

holy hill;

People: for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

The Collect for Purity

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, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

At the end of the reading

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

Psalm 99: 5-9 (The psalm is read responsively by whole verse)

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; he is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

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At the end of the reading

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

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The Holy Gospel: Luke 9:28-36 (full text on page 3 of this bulletin)

Before the reading

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

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: Jesus, Lord of life, People: in your mercy, hear us.

Confession of Sin 360

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Announcements and Blessing of Mary's Shelter Bookbags

All: Lord, whose Son came to serve and not to be served, who called and blessed the little children and who told us that, to enter the kingdom of God, we must be child like; bless these bookbags and the children who will use them, bless their families, their teachers and their schools; may these bags be a blessing to them and this coming year be a time of growth, strength and support; by the humble strength of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B, page 367)

The Sanctus 367

The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 368

The Lord's Prayer and Breaking of the Bread 364

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:

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** *Then all pray together on page 365.*

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in the light and peace of Christ to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

8:00 AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist
The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Communion Assistant Ellen Sunderman

Lector and Intercessor Chris Spohn

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

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For those in need of our prayers....

Stephanie

Runette

Rick

Penny

Gigi

Polly

Howdy

Kristin

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Prelude Chorale prelude on "Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten", BWV 647 J. S. Bach

Vacation Bible School children

Processional Hymn 137 O wondrous type! O vision fair

The Liturgy of the Word

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Gloria (see page 10)

David Thorne



The Collect of the Day

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The New Testament Reading: 2 Peter 1:13-21 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin) At the end of the reading

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Gospel Hymn 488 Be thou my vision

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The Offertory Anthem

A Child of the King

Samuel Phillips, soloist

text: Harriet E. Buell tune: BINGHAMTON

My Father is rich in houses and lands; He holdeth the wealth of the world in his hands! Of rubies and diamonds, of silver and gold, his coffers are full – He has riches untold! Refrain: I'm a child of the King, a child of the King! With Jesus, my Savior, I'm a child of the King!

My Father's own Son, the Savior of men, Once wandered o'er earth as the poorest of them; But now He is reigning forever on high, And will give me a home in heav'n by and by. *Refrain*

I once was an outcast stranger on earth,
A sinner by choice and an alien by birth.
But I've been adopted; my name's written down.
I'm heir to a mansion, a robe, and a crown.
Refrain

A tent or a cottage, why should I care? They're building a palace for me over there! Though exiled from home, yet still I may sing: "All glory to God, I'm a child of the King!" Refrain

Presentation Hymn

Come, let us join our cheerful songs (verse 1) Hymn 374
Come, let us join our cheerful songs
with angels round the throne;
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
but all their joys are one.

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:

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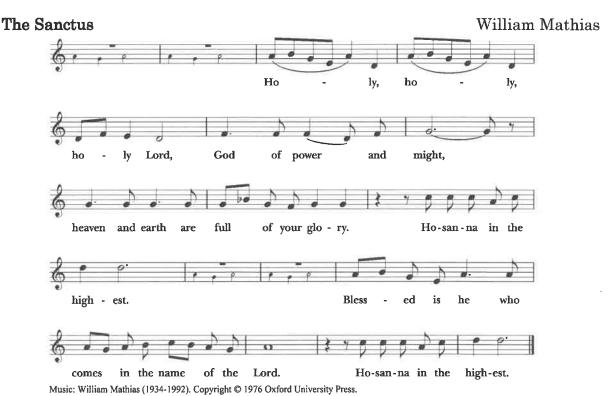
We lift them to the Lord.

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

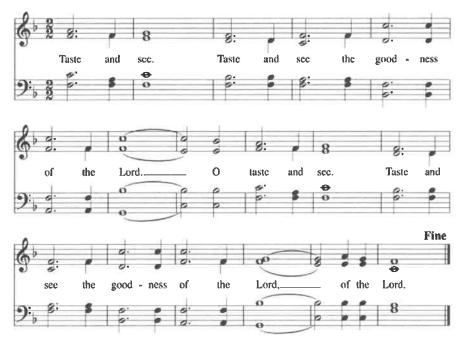


The Lord's Prayer

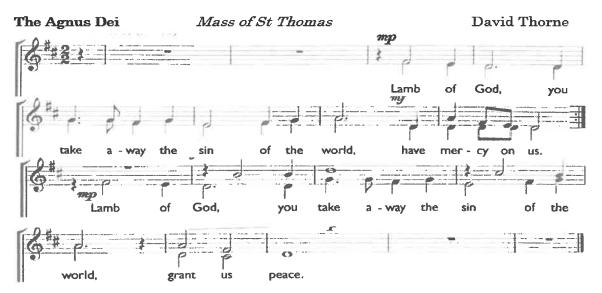
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The Fraction Anthem

James E. Moore, Jr.



The Invitation to Communion



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The Communion Hymn 490 I want to walk as a child of the light

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:

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Then all pray together on page 365.

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn 444 Blessed be the God of Israel

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in the light and peace of Christ to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Fanfare Nicholas-Jacques Lemmens

10AM Service Participants

 $\begin{array}{c} \textit{Celebrant and Homilist} \\ \textbf{The Reverend Bryce Wandrey} \end{array}$

Organist and Choir Director
John Painter

Gospel Book Bearer Emily Wandrey

> Lector Anita Powell

Intercessor Ashleigh Hoelscher Ushers
David Emes, Garrett Hyneman, Joann
Hyneman and Jack Lacey

Communion Assistants
Victoria Wilson and Richard Laedlein

Acolytes
Ian Hoelscher

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

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.



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.

Diocesan Convention. The 153rd Diocesan Convention will take place on October 18 and 19, 2024 at the Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center, State College. Resolutions to be considered at Diocesan Convention are due by August 15th. Find more information (including resolution format), on the Diocesan Convention web page: https://diobeth.org/diocesan-convention/. Nominations for clergy and lay people to serve on the Commission on Ministry, Diocesan Council, and the Standing Committee are also due by August 15th. Find more information about positions to be elected on the website.

Our **Bible Study** will begin on Thursday August 29th at 9am in the Library on the 2nd floor. We will begin by studying the letter of James. Bring your own bibles or use one provided in the library. Please note that street parking isn't available on Thursday mornings on Court Street. Please enter via our Courtyard door by ringing the doorbell. I look forward to joining you in this wonderful time of studying God's Word. Sincerely, Fr Bryce

Along with submitting names for our prayer list printed in the bulletin you may also now write names on the prayer list which you will find on the Orrick Table. Kim will add the names that you write down each week to the bulletin.

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 Flower Delivery Pastoral Visits	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 Berks Youth Chorus
Our Ministries Worship Acolytes Altar Guild Eucharistic Ministers	Fellowship Sunday Coffee Hour 50+ Club Hospitality Committee	
Lectors and Intercessors Vergers Guitar and Taizé Services Healing Team Centering Prayer Morning Prayer Ushers Kristallnacht Service	Business Property Ministry Church Maintenance Days Stewardship Team Planned Giving Communications Capital Campaign Security Taskforce	

Regular Christ Church Office hours:

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

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We are grounded in the values of love, service and faithful stewardship. Firmly rooted in compassionate collaboration, we welcome partnerships that nurture our neighbors and address pressing issues in our community. We endeavor to be a cornerstone for the city of Reading, enabling all that come through our doors to experience the dignity, purpose and opportunities that God desires for everyone.

Please visit us at www.rdgchristchurch.org. The 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 August are given for Blessings Received by Susan Frankowski; 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 Clara, Jack and Frank Donnelly and Thelma and Chuck Rowles by Terry Rowles.

We are continuing our six-week **Pilgrim Course today** on the Eucharist. This is an innovative and inspiring program for people of all stages along the road of following Jesus. We meet in the Parlor from 9:05 to 9:45am. Please join us in this course for the Christian journey.

Upcoming Courtyard Clean up Dates: August 31 9-11AM and September 28 9-11AM. Three cheers for everyone who has pitched in with love and gusto in sprucing up our courtyard.

The preparations for our **Bicentennial Celebrations** are underway for May 10. 2026. Our committee has met a few times and we are now asking for volunteers to join three subcommittees: Archives, Merchandise and Events. The archives team will help us go through our historical documents and items and prepare them for display; the merchandise team will work on creating fun items to sell in order to help us celebrate; the events team will help in planning and executing the celebratory events. Please email brycepwandrey@gmail.com today to volunteer to be one of the subcommittees.

On Sunday, August 18th at our 10AM service we will be **blessing our children's bookbags** for the new school year. This is a wonderful chance to send our children back to school with God's blessing and a Christ Church carabiner!

September 1st is our **Blessing of the Football teams Sunday**. Every team needs a blessing for the upcoming season (some more than others). This is a great day to wear and/or bring in your favorite football team's jerseys and memorabilia to be blessed (NFL or CFB). And, invite a friend who would enjoy being with us on this festive Sunday.

On September 8th we will take some time at both 8AM and 10AM to remember the tragedy of 9/11 and the sacrifices made that day. Please plan to be with us as we remember.

On Sunday September 15th, after our 10am service, we will have our annual **Service Participants training day**. This training is available to all of our vergers, crucifers, gospel book bearers and acolytes. This is also the perfect time to sign up your children to join our wonderful acolyting team (there is a sign up on the table near the Orrick Door). There will be a **pizza party** for all of our service participants as well!

ECW thanks all who so generously donate their clothing and household items to our rummage sale. We would like to remind you that we are unable to accept any items that are stained or damaged in any way. There will be no rummage sale in August. We will see you in September.

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, August 4 —Transfiguration Sunday 8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken) 9:05AM Adult Forum/Pilgrim course 10AM Holy Eucharist (sung) 11AM Fellowship Hour 4PM—5PM NA meeting

Monday, August 5 12PM—1PM NA meeting

Tuesday, August 6 9AM Citizenship class 12:30AM Centering Prayer 12PM—1PM NA meeting

Wednesday, August 7 12PM Holy Eucharist 12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Thursday, August 8 9:30AM Centering Prayer 11AM Morning Prayer Red Bridge Park 12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Friday, August 9 12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, August 10 12PM—2PM NA Meeting Sunday, August 11—St. Mary, Mother of our Lord 8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken) 9:05AM Adult Forum/Pilgrim course 10AM Holy Eucharist (sung) 11AM Fellowship Hour 4PM—5PM NA meeting

Upcoming Events

August 11 St. Mary, Mother of our Lord

August 18 Blessing of the Bookbags

August 21 Taize service at 6PM

August 29 Bible Study begins at 9AM

August 31 9 AM-11AM Courtyard Clean-up

September 1 Blessing of Football Teams

September 8 9/11 Remembrance at 8AM and 10AM services

September 15 Service Participants training day with Pizza Party

September 18 Evening Guitar Eucharist at 6PM

September 22 Rabbi Brian Michelson guest preacher and teacher

