

Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

IN the city. WITH our neighbors. FOR everyone.



**The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 16, 2025**

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Today's Readings—The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

The Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought, it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse— who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

The New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ— whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy,

for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets." "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

For those in need of our prayers...			
Runette	Kristin	Wyatt	Beverly
Connie	Randall	Glen	Terra
Betsy	Lola and family	Sandi	M.J.
Mary	Kay and Scott	Susan	Nancy
Penny	Joe	Duane	Kevin
Jena	Rosie	Brenda	Jonathan
Stacy			

Kindly submit any names you would to be added to the prayer list by emailing Kim @officemgr@rdgchristchurch.org or writing the name on the paper on the table inside the church.

Thank you to all who contributed to the Helping Harvest Souper Bowl. We raised \$95.00!

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.

Cover Image: "Jesus Preaching the Sermon on the Mount" by Gustave Dore (1832–1883)

Prayers of the People

Celebrant: God of our pilgrimage, as we turn with you and go where you lead, give us the strength to follow and, when we fall, graciously pick us up, as you never fail to hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith. Strengthen Fr Bryce, our rector, Kevin, our bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop, The Church of Bangladesh, Grace, Honesdale and all who serve in your Church, that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that we may honor one another and seek the common good. Bring your peace and freedom to the people of Ukraine and the Middle East. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbors, that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us. We pray especially for those celebrating this week, Chuck Brantman, David Kappenstein, Valerie McCleaf and Russell Richie. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for those printed on the prayer list in our bulletin and any we name now... Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ, especially William Pflum and Joseph Powell. According to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

All: **Eternal light, shine into our hearts, eternal goodness, deliver us from evil, eternal power, be our support, eternal wisdom, scatter our ignorance, eternal pity, have mercy upon us; that with all our heart and mind and soul and strength we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.**

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The Liturgy of the Word

The Acclamation and Response

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

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

Please stand

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 strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10 (full text on page 2)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1 (*the Psalm is 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.**

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People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

The Holy Gospel: Luke 6:17-26 (full text on page 2)

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 (page 9)

The Prayers of the People (page 4)

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Confession of Sin (page 9)

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B, page 10)

The Sanctus (page 11 of this bulletin)

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The Lord's Prayer and Breaking of the Bread (page 12)

The Invitation to Communion and Communion

Everyone is invited to receive. 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.) Gluten Free wafers are available; if you require gluten free please indicate this when receiving. If you would prefer to receive a blessing please indicate this by crossing your arms while at the communion rail.

The Post-Communion Prayers

Celebrant: Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and forever. **Amen.**

Then all pray together:

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food**

in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

8AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist

The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Communion Assistant

Ellen Sunderman

Lector and Intercessor

Rick Wolf

Altar Guild

Linda Jones (Captain),

Linda Lacey and Brittany Underkofler

Usher

Chris Spohn



The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant **Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in
eternal life.**

All **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

(8AM spoken, sung on page 18 at 10AM)

All **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
Celebrant and People
**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you O Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in your Christ and make them new, and bring us to that heavenly country where,

with Blessed Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

People And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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Prelude

Nocturne, Op. 19, no. 4

P. I. Tchaikowsky

Opening Hymn 599 *Lift every voice and sing*


Introduction



1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing till earth and hea - ven ring, ring with the
2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, thou who hast

har - mon - ies of lib - er - ty. Let our re - joic-ing rise
days when hope un - born had died; yet, with a stead - y beat,
brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might

high as the lis - tening skies; let it re - sound loud as the
have not our wea - ry feet come to the place for which our
led us in - to the light; keep us for ev - er in the



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roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has
 par - ents sighed? We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been
 path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we

taught us; sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
 wa - tered; we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
 met thee; lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for-

brought us; fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new
 slaugh - tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we
 get thee; sha-dowed be - neath thy hand may we for

day be - gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
 stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 ev - er stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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The Liturgy of the Word

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

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

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

David Thorne

The musical score for 'The Kyrie' is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 3/2. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with the tempo marking 'Andante' and the dynamic marking 'mf'. The lyrics 'Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy,' are written below the notes. The second staff starts with a measure rest of 7 measures, followed by the lyrics 'Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy.' with a dynamic marking of 'f'. The third staff starts with a measure rest of 11 measures, followed by the lyrics 'Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.' with a dynamic marking of 'mp'. The score ends 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 strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10 (full text on page 2)


At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Hymn *The church of Christ in every age*



1. The church of Christ in every age, be set by
 2. A cross the world, a cross the street, the vic-tims
 3. Then let the ser-vant church a-rise. A car-ing
 4. For Christ a-lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5. We have no mis-sion but to serve in full o-

change but spir-it led, must claim and test its her-j-
 of in-jus-tice cry for shel-ter and for bread to
 church that longs to be a part-ner in Christ's sac-ri-
 fe-ver in our blood. And teach us how to share our
 be-dience to our Lord: to care for all with-out re-

lage and keep on n-sing from the dead.
 eat and nev-er live un-til they die.
 fice, and clothed in Christ's hu-man-i-ty.
 bread and feed the starv-ing mul-ti-tude
 serve And spread Christ's lib-er-a-ting word.

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The Holy Gospel: Luke 6: 17-26 (full text on page 2)

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The Prayers of the People (page 4)

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Confession of Sin (page 9)

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 *Sing Praise to Christ*

J. S. Bach

Sing praise to Christ, the Lord, sing praises.

Sing praise to Christ, the Lord: Alleluia!

Adore Him forever, and worship His Name.

Presentation Hymn 380 *From all the dwell below the skies (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 B page 10)

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 10

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 11

The Lord's Prayer (page 12)

The Fraction Anthem

James E. Moore, Jr.

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness
of the Lord. O taste and see. Taste and
see the good - ness of the Lord. of the Lord. **Fine**

Agnus Dei

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 Invitation to Communion

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The Communion Hymn *All who hunger gather gladly*

All who hunger gather gladly

Wonder Love and Praise, #761

1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na
2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a
3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is

is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.

Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were
Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who

days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food,
lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood,
from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal,
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal,
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.

Taste and see that God is good,
Taste and see that God is good,
Taste and see that God is good.

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.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and forever. **Amen.**

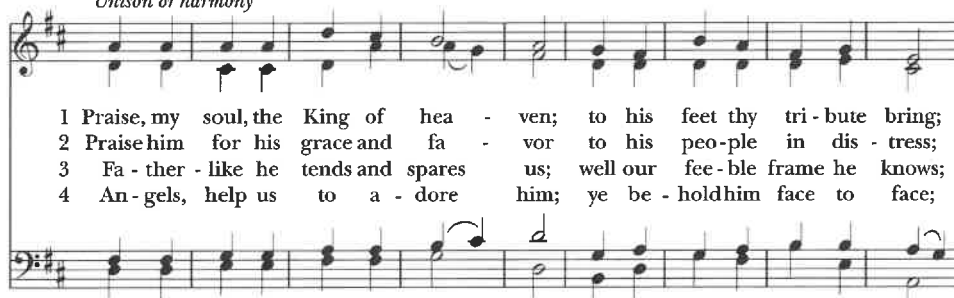
Then all pray together:

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

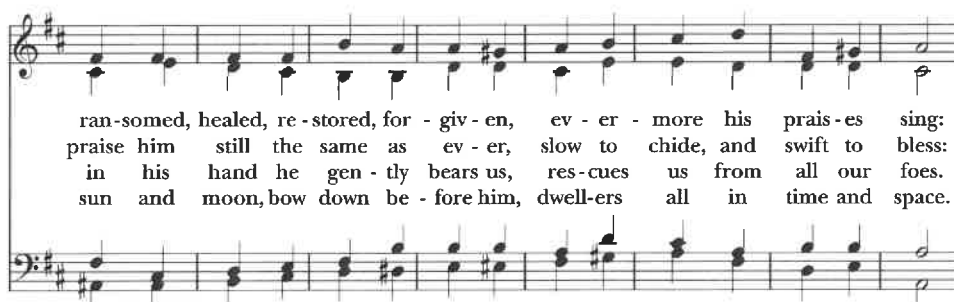
The Blessing

The Closing Hymn 655 *Praise my soul*

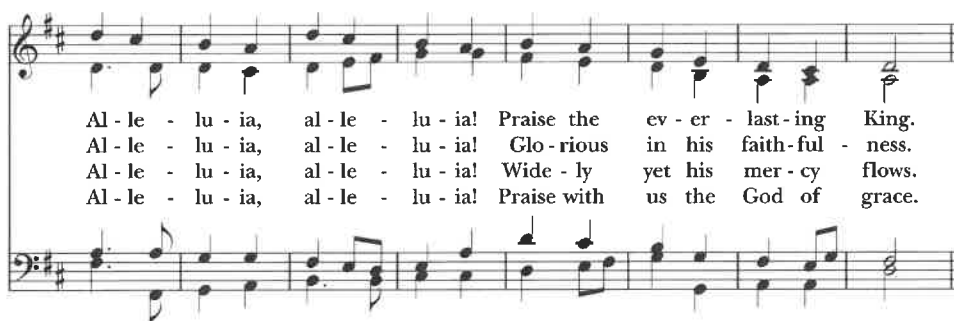
Unison or harmony



1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
 3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;

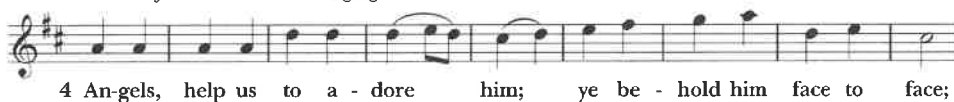


ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing:
 praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
 in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.

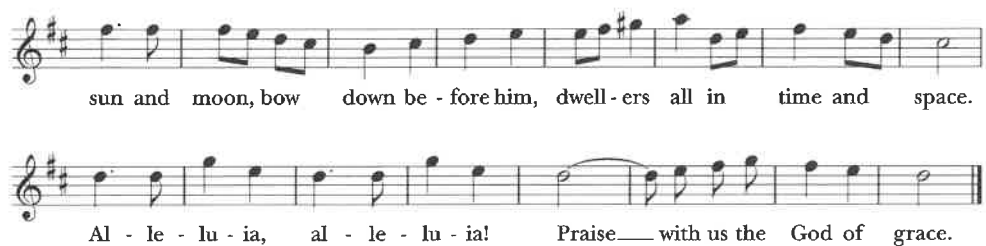


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Descant for use with unison singing



4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;



Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847). Music: *Lauda anima*, John Goss (1800-1880); desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971).
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The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God**

10AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist
 The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Ushers
 Susan Doll, Christine Keeler and Larry Whalen

Organist and Choir Director
 John Painter

Communion Assistants
 Terry Rowles and Andrea Griffith

Verger
 Linda Jones

Crucifer
 Andrea Griffith

Gospel Book Bearer
 Terry Rowles

Acolytes
 Julieanna and Jae Marie Gonzalez

Lector
 Charlotte Hoare

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

Intercessor
 Victoria Wilson



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The Sermon on the Plain

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The puzzle is based on Luke 6:17-26 (NIV).



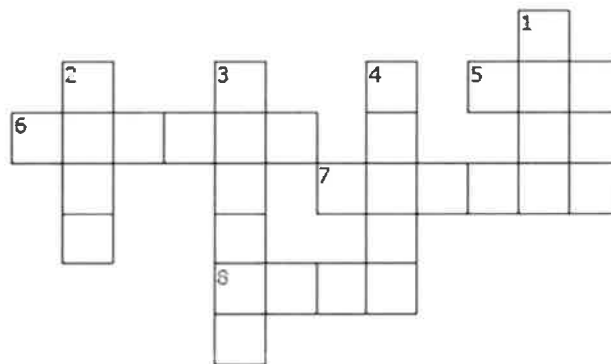
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blessed	exclude	evil	insult	comfort
reject	joy	satisfied	hunger	woe
reward	rich	great	kingdom	hate
weep	poor	rejoice	mourn	laugh

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ACROSS

5. A feeling of great happiness
6. The home of God, the angels, and those who have been saved
7. To have a desire or need for food
8. Having a great amount of money

DOWN

1. Having very little money or few possessions
2. To shed tears
3. Something given or received in return for good behavior
4. The sound which expresses happiness or delight

joy	poor	rich	weep
reward	hungry	laugh	heaven

Regular Christ Church Office hours:

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

Wednesday 8:00 am - 2:00 PM

IN the city. WITH our neighbors. FOR everyone.

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.

Our Thursday morning **Bible Study** continues at 9am in the Library. Prior attendance is not required; please join us.

Lenten House Eucharists: This wonderful opportunity to travel the Lenten journey together returns. There are six opportunities for people to host one of these relaxed evenings of prayer, food and fellowship. Please see the possible evenings on the signup sheet in the hallway between the chapel and fellowship hall for you to host a house eucharist. Full details of how these meals are structured are available by emailing or talking with Fr Bryce (brycepwandrey@gmail.com).

On February 23 we will have our **Ministries Fair** at both 9AM and 11AM. Join us in the parlor to learn about the many ministries at Christ Church. There will be representatives on hand to answer your questions and help you to join a ministry if you choose to do so.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC): On February 28th at 6pm our Junior EYC meets (age 7-12). These are always great times of fun, fellowship and food. Please invite your friends.

On Sunday May 18th, Bishop Kevin will be with us at our 10am service. We are now planning our Youth and Adult **Confirmation classes** (these will also be our Reception into Membership of the Episcopal Church classes) in preparation for that Sunday. Please email or speak to Fr Bryce today if you want to be part of these classes or if you have any questions. *Classes will begin for our youth, 6th graders or older, on Sunday March 2 at 9AM with Chris Spohn. Adult classes are meeting on Sundays at 11AM beginning March 9.*

On March 4th, we will be having our annual **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** at 5:30PM to get ready for the season of Lent. This supper will also be the first opportunity for our Youth to raise funds for their summer mission trip.

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)

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

Music

Parish Choir
Bell Ringers
Children's Choir
Fall Festival of Arts

Education

Adult Forum
Library
Children's Ministries
Education for Ministry
Bible Study
EYC

Pastoral Care

Cards and notes
Prayer Lists

Eucharistic Visitors
Flower Delivery
Pastoral Visits

Fellowship

Sunday Fellowship Hour
50+ Club
Hospitality Committee

Business

Property
Churchyard Cleanup Team
Stewardship Team
Planned Giving
Communications
Capital Campaign
Security Taskforce

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 Youth Chorus
Sunday Service
Livestream
Berks County Community Foundation

Altar Candle Memorials for February 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 given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of William Pflum, by Polly Pflum and Cynthia Pipkin. Lectern Flowers are in Loving Memory of her father by Anita Powell.

Adult Forum

Who are the Christians? Please join us at 9:05am in the Parlor as we explore the history of Christianity. Come with your questions, assumptions and personal stories to contribute to this study. *DISCLAIMER! This is not a "getting lost in the weeds" history of Christianity. This is a fun (hopefully) dash through our history by story, people and "Where did that church come from?" approach. Attention to getting every date correct and every term academically vetted isn't the goal. So, let's have as much fun as we can as we wander the many halls of Christianity.*

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, February 16—The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School
9:05AM Adult Forum
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
11AM Fellowship hour
11:15 Children's Choir Practice
3-5:30 BYC Practice
4-5PM NA meeting

Monday, February 17

12PM—1PM NA meeting

Tuesday, February 18

9:30AM Centering Prayer (in chapel)
12PM—1PM NA meeting
9AM Citizenship Class

Wednesday, February 19

8:30AM Staff Meeting
12PM Holy Eucharist
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
5:30-7PM NA Meeting
7PM-8:30PM Parish Choir Practice

Thursday, February 20

9AM Bible Study
9AM Citizenship Class
9:30AM Zoom Centering Prayer
11AM Morning Prayer in the Chapel
11:30AM-1PM BCCF Meeting
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
5PM-6:30PM NA Meeting

Friday, February 21

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, February 22

9AM-11AM Youth Mission Training Day
12PM-2PM NA meeting

Sunday, February 23—The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School
9AM Ministries Fair
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
11AM Ministries Fair
11:15 Children's Choir Practice
3-5:30 BYC Practice
4-5PM NA meeting

Upcoming Events

February 22 Youth Mission Training Day 9
-11AM

February 23 Ministries Fair at 9AM and
11AM

February 25 Vestry meeting at 6PM

February 28 Junior EYC at 6PM

March 2 Youth Confirmation Classes begin
at 9AM

March 4 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
5:30PM

March 5 Ash Wednesday Services at
12 noon and 7PM



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