

# Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

*IN the city. WITH our neighbors. FOR everyone.*



**The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany**

**February 23, 2025**

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

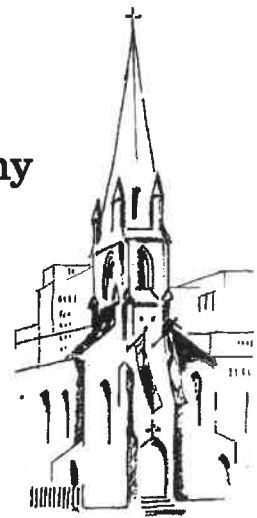
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## Today's Readings—The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

**The Old Testament Reading:** Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'" And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

**The New Testament Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot

inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

**The Holy Gospel: Luke 6:27-38**

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

### **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: "Joseph Makes Himself Known to His Brethren" 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, Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil, Holy Cross, Wilkes-Barre 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, Runette Gabrielle and Tracie Rowles-Weyandt. 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. According to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

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**The Liturgy of the Word**

*Please stand*

**The Acclamation and Response**

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**

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 Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**The Old Testament Reading:** Genesis 45:3-11, 15 (full text on page 2)

*At the end of the reading*

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 37: 1-12** (*the Psalm is read responsively by whole verse*)

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

**For they shall soon wither like the grass,  
and like the green grass fade away.**

Put your trust in the Lord and do good;  
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

**Take delight in the Lord,  
and he shall give you your heart's desire.**

Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him,  
and he will bring it to pass.

**He will make your righteousness as clear as the light  
and your just dealing as the noonday.**

Be still before the Lord  
and wait patiently for him.

**Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers,  
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.**

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;  
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

**For evildoers shall be cut off,  
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.**

In a little while the wicked shall be no more;  
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

**But the lowly shall possess the land;  
they will delight in abundance of peace.**

**The New Testament Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50 (full text on page 2)

*At the end of the reading*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**The Holy Gospel:** Luke 6:27-38 (full text on page 3)

*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: God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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*

The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

*Usher/Communion Assistant*

Ellen Sunderman

*Gospeller and Homilist*

Kate Schuler

*Altar Guild*

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

*Lector and Intercessor*

Dane Miller



### **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 17 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

*Impromptu*

Anton Arensky

Opening Hymn 535 *Ye servants of God*

1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,  
2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;  
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!  
4 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;  
and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.  
Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son,  
All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:  
The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,  
The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,  
and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.  
as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.  
fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Paderborn*, melody from *Catolisch-Paderbornisches Gesang-buch*, 1765; harm. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947).

## 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

Andante *mf*

Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy,

7 *f*

Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy.

11 *mf* *mp*

Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

The musical score is for 'The Kyrie' by David Thorne. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/2 time. The tempo is 'Andante'. The score consists of three staves of music. The first staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo is 'Andante' and the dynamic is 'mf'. The lyrics are 'Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy,'. The second staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The tempo is 'Andante' and the dynamic is 'f'. The lyrics are 'Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy.'. The third staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The tempo is 'Andante' and the dynamic is 'mf'. The lyrics are 'Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.'. 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 Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**The Old Testament Reading:** Genesis 45:3-11, 15 (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 526 *Let saints on earth*

1 Let saints on earth in con - cert sing with those whose work is done;  
2 One fam - i - ly we dwell in him, one Church, a - bove, be - neath,  
3 One ar - my of the liv - ing God, to his com - mand we bow;  
4 E'en now by faith we join our hands with those that went be - fore,  
5 Je - sus, be thou our con - stant Guide; then, when the word is given,

1 for all the ser - vants of our King in heaven and earth are one.  
2 though now di - vid - ed by the stream, the nar - row stream of death.  
3 part of the host have crossed the flood, and part are cross - ing now.  
4 and greet the ev - er - liv - ing hands on the e - ter - nal shore.  
5 bid Jor - dan's nar - row stream di - vide, and bring us safe to heaven.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and single notes. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff of each system. The first system has five lines of lyrics, and the second system has five lines of lyrics. The music ends with a double bar line.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Dundee*, melody from *The CL Psalmes of David*, 1615; harm. Thomas Ravenscroft (1592?-1635?), alt.

**The Holy Gospel: Luke 6:27-38 (full text on page 3)**

*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 and Children's Message**

### **The Offertory Anthem**

*Ave verum*

Edward Elgar

### **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)

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts:

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

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

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

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

*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 Communion Hymn 603 *Just as I am*

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy  
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - ya  
 \*3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,  
 4 Just as I am: thou wilt re - ceive; wilt wel - come,  
 5 Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - ken

1 blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me  
 2 con - flict, man - ya doubt; fight - ings and fears with -  
 3 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in  
 4 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve, be - cause thy prom - ise  
 5 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,

1 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 2 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 3 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 4 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 5 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am, of thy great love  
 the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
 here for a season, then above:  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871). Music: *Woodworth*, William Batchelder Bradbury (1816-1868).

*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: God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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**

The Closing Hymn 470 *There's a wideness in God's mercy*

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;  
 2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;  
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.  
 there is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.  
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;  
 There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed;  
 If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
 there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.  
 and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt. Music: *Beecher*, John Zundel (1815-1882), alt.

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## 10AM Service Participants

### *Celebrant*

The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

### *Intercessor*

Mary Arguelles

### *Gospeller and Homilist*

Kate Schuler

### *Ushers*

Walt Frankowski, Doris Schilpp, Linda Jones

### *Organist and Choir Director*

John Painter

### *Communion Assistants*

Victoria Wilson and Richard Laedlein

### *Verger*

Matt Hoelscher

### *Crucifer*

Benjamin Frymoyer

### *Gospel Book Bearer*

Ian Hoelscher

### *Acolytes*

Alex Brantman and Derek Morris

### *Lector*

Runette Gabrielle

### *Altar Guild*

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



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.

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	Mary	Barbara	Denise
Zach	Shana	Eric J.	Linda G.
Angelica C	Anna	Jim	Liza
Liz	Hannah	Robin	Linda
Diane	Baby Zavala	Polly	

*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.*

**Boscor's BERKS Jazz Fest!**  
BERKS ARTS

**SAT APRIL 12**  
**4:00PM**

**FREE**  
**ADMISSION**

**DAVID CULLEN**

**CLIFF STARKEY**

*An evening of*  
**GOSPEL SONGS, JAZZ TUNES**  
*and uplifting improvisation*



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Do to others as you would have them do to you. Luke 6:31 (NIV)

The activity is based on words found in Luke 6:27-38

*Find the hidden words. The words have been placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. When you locate a word, draw a circle around it.*

G	A	L	I	M	E	R	C	I	F	U	L	P	P	A
B	Q	M	R	C	E	D	H	S	I	N	N	E	R	S
H	A	N	Y	I	U	I	B	S	A	R	X	I	M	F
G	H	D	C	T	L	O	V	E	C	E	I	M	I	A
B	B	U	J	S	A	T	O	Y	A	W	N	C	S	T
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V	N	U	C	K					G	R	E	A	T	
C	E	O	K	C					Z	A	P	T	C	
N	M	F	E	X	O	Z	Q	C	B	E	S	C	D	E
V	I	A	D	V	W	M	J	U	L	H	A	T	E	Q
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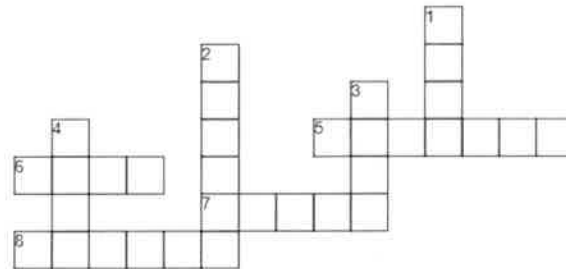




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- Persons you know and like very much
- Something that is pleasing; morally upright
- Any person or group that is opposed to you
- Something good received in return for good behavior

### VERTICAL

- Persons you know and like very much
- Something that is pleasing; morally upright
- Any person or group that is opposed to you
- Something good received in return for good behavior

ENEMY  
WICKED

LOVE  
HATE

FRIENDS  
GOOD

REWARD  
PRAY



**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](mailto:brycepwandrey@gmail.com)).

Today is **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.*

### **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 in Honor of Runette Gabrielle by Larry and Alison Whalen**

Our preacher today is Kate Schuler. Kate has been with us for over a year now. She attended Lancaster Theological Seminary and served as the Director of Lay Ministry at an ELCA affiliated church for several years. During that time she pursued training to become an EfM mentor and led the first non-Episcopal EfM group in the ELCA's Lower Susquehanna Synod. She currently participates in an EfM group at St. Gabriel's in Douglasville. We are delighted to have Kate preaching today.

Our EYC, through the Chili sale and donations, have raised \$1430 so far for their summer mission trip! Thank you to everyone who has supported them so far. There is another opportunity on Tuesday March 4th at 5:30pm at our Shrove Tuesday dinner to not only enjoy great food but support our summer mission trip too.

## **This Week at Christ Church**

### **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  
3-5:30PM BYC Practice  
4-5PM NA meeting

### **Monday, February 24**

12PM—1PM NA meeting

### **Tuesday, February 25**

9:30AM Centering Prayer (in chapel)  
12PM—1PM NA meeting  
9AM Citizenship Class  
6PM Vestry Meeting

### **Wednesday, February 26**

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

### **Thursday, February 27**

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

### **Friday, February 28**

12PM—1PM NA Meeting  
6PM Junior EYC

### **Saturday, March 1**

12PM-2PM NA meeting

### **Sunday, March 2—The Last Sunday after the Epiphany**

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

## **Upcoming Events**

**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

**March 9** Adult Confirmation Classes begin at 11:00AM.

**April 12** Berks Jazz Fest Concert 5:30PM



**Christ Episcopal Church**  
Christ is all and in all