

Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

IN the city. WITH our neighbors. FOR everyone.



The Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025

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Today's Readings—The Second Sunday in Lent

The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The New Testament Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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** please talk to one of the ushers or Fr Bryce after the service. Please stay with us after the service in our **Fellowship Hall** to get to know us better. The most readily accessible **restrooms** are at the front of the fellowship hall to the left (men's) and just past the elevator (women's). **Parking** is available for free on the street on Sundays and in the M&T parking lot behind the church on the corner of

For those in need of our prayers....			
Runette	Kristin	Wyatt	Beverly
Connie	Randall	Dane	Polly
Mary	Carol	Lois	Kate
Max	Jason	Jeri	Bob
Doug and Dia	Eric	Shana	Riley
Nat	Hunter	Josephine	Judy
Shepherd & family	Mother Dolores	Stephanie	Joshua
Angelica	Scott	Jeff	Lori
Nate	Riley	Hunter	Suzi

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.

Cover image: *Abraham on the Road to Canaan (1614)* by Pieter Lastman (1583–1633)

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: With confidence and trust let us pray to our Lenten Lord, taking up our cross and saying, in your mercy hear us.

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, for Bryce, our rector, Kevin, our bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop, The Church of the Province of Central Africa, St. Andrew's, Nanticoke and St. Anne's, Trexlertown. Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

For those preparing for baptism and confirmation throughout your church, and for their teachers and sponsors. Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

For peace in the world, especially for the people of Ukraine and the Holy Land, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples. Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer, especially for those on our prayer list printed in the bulletin and for those we name aloud now...; for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected. Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, praying especially for those celebrating this week, Danny Hinnershitz, David Feick and Heather Boggs. Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

In communion with all those who have walked in the way of holiness, remembering Marie A. Riddell and Russell W. Riddell. Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

Celebrant: God our Father, in your love and goodness you have taught us to come close to you in penitence with prayer, fasting and generosity; accept our Lenten discipline, and when we fall by our weakness, raise us up by your unfailing mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Reading, PA
8am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

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.**

Celebrant: This is love, not that we loved God,

People: **but that he loved us and sent his Son.**

Celebrant: He is the sacrifice for our sins,

People: **that we might live through him.**

The Summary of the Law

Celebrant: Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All Lord, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name. 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, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 15:1-12,17-18 (full text on page 2)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 27 (*the Psalm is read responsively by whole verse*)

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?

**When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who
stumbled and fell.**

Though an army should encamp against me,
yet my heart shall not be afraid;

And though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

One thing have I asked of the Lord;

one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

**To behold the fair beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple.**

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; he shall hide me in
the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation

with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."

Your face, Lord, will I seek.

Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

You have been my helper;

cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Though my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord will sustain me.

Show me your way, O Lord; lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries,

for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living!

**O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your
heart; wait patiently for the Lord.**

The New Testament Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1 (full text on page 2)

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People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

The Holy Gospel: Luke 13:31-35 (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

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

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The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

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The Post-Communion Prayers

Celebrant: Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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: Taking up your cross, 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

Chris Spohn

Altar Guild

Linda Jones (Captain),
Linda Lacey, Brittany Underkofler
and Armani Rodriguez

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 (Prayer E from *Common Worship*)

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.**

Celebrant: It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again. Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart. Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendor of your love. As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels for ever praising you and saying:

(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.**

Celebrant: We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Celebrant: Christ is the bread of life:
All **When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
 we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
 until you come in glory.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favor on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with Blessed Mary all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People **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

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Prayer of Humble Access

All: We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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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Christ Church (Episcopal)
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10am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prelude

Great is thy faithfulness

Hannah Arant

Opening Hymn 401

The God of Abraham praise

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
 2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
 3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
 4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
 5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
 2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
 3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
 4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!
 5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
 3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
 5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

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All **Lord, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name. Amen.**

The Kyrie

Healy Willan

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #91

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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

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People: **And also with you.**

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At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Hymn 620 *Jerusalem my happy home*

1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when
 2 Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they
 3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as
 4 Our La - dy sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with
 5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God

1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
 2 see God face to face; they tri - umph still, they
 3 mas - ter of the choir: ten thou - sand times would
 4 tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed mar - tyrs'
 5 grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and

1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
 2 still re - jice in that most hap - py place.
 3 one be blest who might this mu - sic hear.
 4 har - mo - ny doth ring in ev - ery street.
 5 of the same par - ta - ker ev - er be!

Words: F. B. P. (ca. 16th cent.), alt. Music: *Land of Rest*, American folk hymn, adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983). Harmony, Copyright © 1938 by J. Fischer & Bro, a division of Belwin-Mills Publishing Corp. Copyright renewed. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

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The Peace

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Announcements and Children’s Message

The Offertory Anthem *O Lord, my God, to thee*

Jacques Arcadelt

Presentation Hymn *The glory of these forty days*

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

Words: Latin, 6th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell (1862-1947), alt. By permission of Oxford University Press. Music: *Erhalt uns, Herr*, melody from *Geistliche Leiden*, 1543; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer E from *Common Worship*, page 10)

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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

Franz Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

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The Fraction Anthem

James E. Moore, Jr.

1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
Break the bread, taste the wine. Christ is with us here.
In this bread there is heal-ing, in this cup is life for-ev-er.
In this mo-ment, by the Spir-it, Christ is with us here.

Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950
Music: Graham Kendrick

HERE IS BREAD
3 3 4 4 3 3 5 and refrain

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The Invitation to Communion

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Agnus Dei

Healy Willan

O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
7 world, have mer - cy up - on us.
13 O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
18 world, grant us your peace.

The Communion Hymn 624 *Jerusalem the golden*

1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, with milk and hon - ey blest,
 2 They stand, those halls of Zi - on all ju - bi - lant with song,
 3 There is the throne of Da - vid; and there, from care re - leased,
 4 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try, the home of God's e - lect!

be - neath thy con - tem - pla - tion sink heart and voice op - pressed:
 and bright with man - yan an - gel, and all the mar - tyr throng;
 the shout of them that tri - umph, the song of them that feast;
 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try that ea - ger hearts ex - pect!

I know not, oh, I know not, what joys a - wait us there;
 the Prince is ev - er in them, the day - light is se - rene;
 and they who with their Lead - er have con - quered in the fight,
 Je - sus, in mer - cy bring us to that dear land of rest,

what ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, what bliss be - yond com - pare!
 the pas - tures of the bless - ed are decked in glo - rious sheen.
 for ev - er and for ev - er are clad in robes of white.
 who art with God the Fa - ther, and Spi - rit, ev - er blest.

Words: Bernard of Cluny (12th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866). alt. St. 4, *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861. Music: Ewing, Alexander Ewing (1830-1895).

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: Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 Closing Hymn 665 *All my hope on God is founded* (see page 21)

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Taking up your cross, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

10AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist

The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Organist and Choir Director

John Painter

Verger

Matt Hoelscher

Gospel Book Bearer

Milah Smith

Lector

Anita Powell

Intercessor

Diane Morris

Ushers

Walt Frankowski, Doris Schilpp and Linda Jones

Communion Assistants

Victoria Wilson and Richard Laedlein

Crucifer

Wayne Fanning

Acolytes

Josh West and Derek Morris

Altar Guild

Linda Jones (Captain),

Linda Lacey, Brittany Underkofler and Armani
Rodriguez



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
 2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
 3 God's great good-ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom
 * 4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on
 5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he
 2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we
 3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -
 4 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -
 5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es



1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
 2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
 3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - er -
 4 light - eth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth
 5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his son. Christ doth



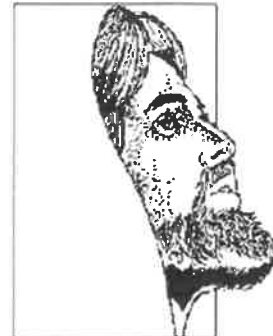
1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
 2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
 3 more from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.
 4 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.
 5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

Words: Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt., after Joachim Neander (1650-1680)
 Music: Michael, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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Jesus Weeps for Jerusalem

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The puzzle is based on Luke 13:31-35 (NIV).

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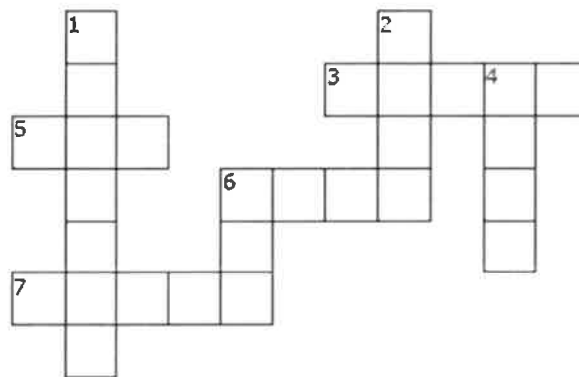
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heal	name	stone	Jerusalem	fox
today	house	kill	wings	Pharisees

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ACROSS

- 3. Feather-covered limbs a bird uses for flying.
- 5. An animal similar to a wolf or dog that has a long bushy tail.
- 6. To restore to health; to cure of illness.
- 7. An evil supernatural being; a devil.

DOWN

- 1. One who speaks for God.
- 2. To put to death.
- 4. The purpose or objective which one is trying to reach.
- 6. A female chicken.

fox	demon	kill	hen
heal	goal	prophet	wings

Would you like to make an impact on social and environmental justice in our community and country? Do you have a Franciscan heart? Consider becoming a member of the Reading Franciscan Justice Circle being formed by some Bernardine Franciscan Sisters and Secular Franciscans. Franciscan Justice Circles are a grassroots initiative promoted by Franciscan Action Network (FAN) to connect individuals in prayer, action, and advocacy in cities across the country. For further information, check out www.FranciscanJusticeCircles.org. We plan to meet once a month for an hour at the McGlinn Conference and Spirituality Center at 460 St. Bernardine Street, Reading, PA. Participants can attend in person or via Zoom. If you would like to attend an upcoming meeting to consider joining, please contact Sister Cara Garofalo at caralucilleg@gmail.com. Thank you.

Today we are having another session of "What's Happening @ CCR?" Ken Saul is back with us at 9:05am on this Sunday to give us updates on our building works. Please plan on attending.

On April 8th at 6pm we are hosting another **ESL Conversation and Dinner**. We offer these, in partnership with the organizations that lead our local ESL classes, to give students the opportunity to engage in conversational English. Please see the signup sheet on the table near the chapel for donating and/or attending to help with the conversations.



2025 Easter Memorial Flower Order Form



Please use this form to place your order for Easter Flowers and/or contribute to:

The Christ Church Courtyard Fund or Safe Berks.

All monies/forms are due in the office by April 6, 2025

_____ I wish to donate # _____ Easter Flowers @ \$10.00 each for a Total of \$ _____

_____ I wish to donate to The Christ Church Courtyard Fund or Safe Berks

(Please circle which charity you are choosing) \$ _____

Total Donation: \$ _____

Those donating a plant may take it home following the 10:00 AM Easter Day worship service. Plants remaining will continue to decorate our church throughout most of the Easter Season.

Those donating to the Garden Fund will help to beautify the Courtyard with dressing and mulching of the beds.

Please **PRINT NAMES CLEARLY** in the spaces below for accurate listing in the Easter Worship Bulletins.

My gift is given:

_____ In Memory of (if in Heaven)) _____

_____ In Honor of (if living) _____

_____ In Thanksgiving for: _____

***Please make checks payable to "Christ Church" (Easter Flowers on text line) and mail to:
Post Office Box 1094 no later than Sunday, April 6, 2025, or place in the collection plate. Thank You!***

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

CHRIST CHURCH, P.O. BOX 1094, READING, PA 19603-1094

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.



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

The ECW is once again participating in **United Thank Offering** during this season of Lent. The collection boxes for coins are in a basket outside the chapel; there are children's boxes and adult boxes as well as envelopes if you don't want to use a box. You can also grab a lovely Gratitude Calendar that will point out many, many ways to show gratitude. Thank you!

Please join us at 5:30pm on Wednesday March 26th for our **Lenten Taize Service**. This is a candlelit service with dimmed lights and meditative music from the Taize tradition. We offer this special service during the Lenten season and hope that you can attend.

Lenten "Compunction" by Martin L. Smith

Compunction is utterly different from remorse. There is no room in true compunction for self-loathing and the indulgence of lashing ourselves with blame. Compunction always arises from the knowledge that one is loved and forgiven, and the piercing (that is what the Latin root means) is of our complacency and self-justification. We know how far our conversion still has to go before we have an all-embracing love like God's... Compunction does not keep us raking over the failures of the past, fascinated by our sins. The Spirit turns us to the future, a future in which our hearts will be transformed so as to be as hospitable as the heart of God.

(Martin L. Smith is an Episcopal priest and well-known preacher, chaplain and retreat leader. He lives in Washington D.C.)

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Vestry</u></p> <p>Diane Morris (Senior Warden/Stewardship) Chuck Brantman (Junior Warden/Property) Anita Powell (Pastoral Care) Pam Wheat (Grants) Carolyn Handy (Hospitality) Rick Wolf (Finances) Bob Kappenstein (Worship) Kim Alarcon (Security Task Force) Mary Arguelles (Children/Youth) Jill Braun (Community Ministries) Bob Barkley (Community Ministries) Michelle Rowles-Cranmer (Daycare/Nursery Initiatives)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Our Ministries</u></p> <p><u>Worship</u> Acolytes Altar Guild Eucharistic Ministers Lectors and Intercessors Vergers Guitar and Taizé Services Healing Team Centering Prayer Morning Prayer Ushers Kristallnacht Service</p> <p><u>Music</u> Parish Choir Bell Ringers Children's Choir Fall Festival of Arts</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Education</u></p> <p>Adult Forum Library Children's Ministries Education For Ministry Bible Study EYC</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Pastoral Care</u></p> <p>Cards and notes Prayer Lists Eucharistic Visitors Flower Delivery Pastoral Visits</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Fellowship</u></p> <p>Sunday Fellowship Hour 50+ Club Hospitality Committee</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Business</u></p> <p>Property Churchyard Maintenance Stewardship Team Planned Giving Communications Capital Campaign Security Task Force</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Community Outreach</u></p> <p>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</p>
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Altar Candle Memorials for March 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 are given today to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Marie A. Riddell and Russell W. Riddell by their children, Victoria and James Wilson.

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



This Week at Christ Church
Sunday, March 16—The Second Sunday
in Lent

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School
9AM Youth Confirmation Class
9:05AM What's happening at CCR?
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
11AM Adult Confirmation Class
11:15AM Children's Choir Practice
3-5:30PM BYC Practice
4-5PM NA meeting

Monday, March 17

9AM ESL class
12PM—1PM NA meeting

Tuesday, March 18

9AM Citizenship Class
9:30AM Zoom Centering Prayer
12PM—1PM NA meeting

Wednesday, March 19

8:30AM Staff Meeting
9AM ESL class
11:30AM Stations of the Cross
12PM Noon Eucharist
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
5:30-7PM NA Meeting

Thursday, March 20

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, March 21

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, March 22

12PM-2PM NA meeting

Sunday, March 23—The Third Sunday in Lent

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

Upcoming Events

March 26 Lenten Taize Service with David Cullen at 5:30pm

March 28 Jr. EYC 6-8PM

April 8 ESL conversation and Dinner 6PM

April 12 Youth Mission Trip Training 9AM-11AM

April 12 Berks Jazz Fest Concert 5:30PM

April 13 Passion/Palm Sunday services 8AM and 10AM

April 17 Maundy Thursday service with Foot Washing 7PM

April 18 Good Friday Solemn Service 12 noon



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