

# Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

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



**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**March 30, 2025**

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

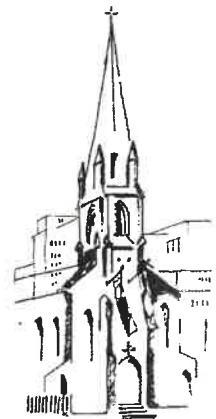
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## Today's Readings—The Fourth Sunday in Lent

**The Old Testament Reading:** Joshua 5: 9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

**The New Testament Reading:** 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**The Holy Gospel:** Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--

and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

### 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 Washington Street and Madison Ave.

#### 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
Stella	Mike	Glen	Rosie
Nate	Riley	Hunter	Angelica
Elizabeth	Lisa	Lola and Family	Sandi
M.S.	Kevin	Amaya	Lauren
Bruce	Jena	Suzy	Gregg

*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.*

### **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, Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo and St. Gabriel's, Douglassville. 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, Glenn Sillhart, Kyle Brady, Kathryn Smith Joseph Corona and Robert Kappenstein. Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

In communion with all those who have walked in the way of holiness, remembering Mr. and Mrs. Matthias Roland and Mr. and Mrs. Solan Parkes. 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.**

Cover image: *"The Prodigal Son in the arms of his Father"* by Gustave Dore (1832–1883)

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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.**

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:

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**The Old Testament Reading:** Joshua 5: 9-12 (full text on page 2)

*At the end of the reading*

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 32** (*the Psalm is read responsively by whole verse*)

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,  
and whose sin is put away!

**Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,  
because of my groaning all day long.

**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and did not conceal my guilt.

**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."**

**Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

**You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me  
with shouts of deliverance.**

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;

I will guide you with my eye.

**Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be  
fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."**

Great are the tribulations of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

**Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

**The New Testament Reading:** 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (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 15:1-3, 11b-32 (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** (see page 4)

Intercessor: Lord of compassion,  
People: **in your mercy hear us.**

**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 E from *Common Worship*, page 10)

**The Sanctus** (page 11)

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

**The Prayer of Humble Access and Invitation to Communion** (page 12)

*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: Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame: give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; 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*

The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

*Communion Assistant*

Chris Spohn

*Homilist and Gospeller*

Chris Spohn

*Altar Guild*

Charlotte Hoare (Captain), Christine  
Keeler, Josephine Lawson and  
Mary Jane Androne

*Lector and Intercessor*

Dane Miller

*Usher*

Ellen Sunderman



### **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**

All: 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**

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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10am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prelude

*Children of God/Marching to Zion*

Suzanne Arandt

Opening Hymn 474

*When I survey the wondrous cross*

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: Rockingham, from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1970; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807).

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### The Kyrie

Healy Willan

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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*Please be seated*

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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 671**

*Amazing grace*

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
3 word my hope se - cures; he will shield and  
4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, from *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; compiled by Richard Broaddus and Andrew Broaddus. Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony* 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921); harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (b. 1919). Harmonization Copyright © 1974 by Abingdon Press.

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*Please stand*

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**The Peace**

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People: **And also with you.**

**Announcements and Children's Message**

**The Offertory Anthem** 676 *There is a Balm*

William Dawson

**Presentation Hymn** *The glory of these forty days*

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "I The glo - ry of these for - ty days we". The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: "I ce - le - brate with songs of praise: for Christ, through whom all". The third staff concludes the phrase with lyrics: "I things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed." The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests.

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



## The Holy Communion

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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts:

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

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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.

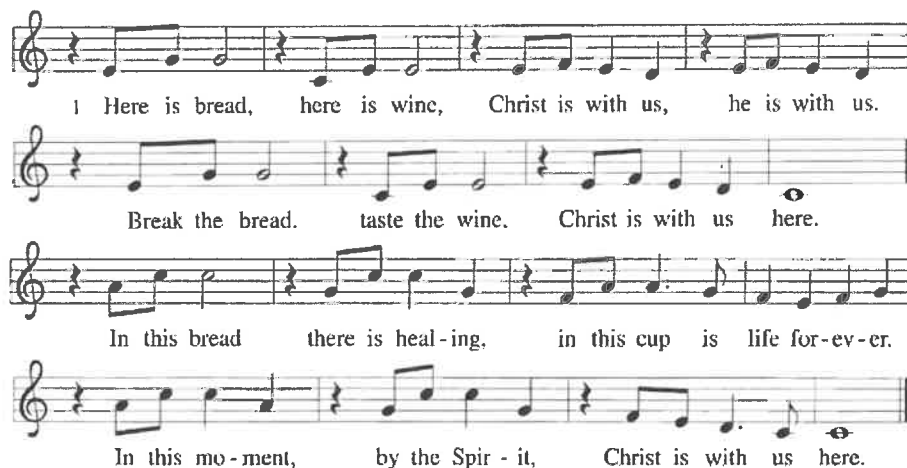
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### **The Lord's Prayer** (page 12)

### **The Fraction Anthem**

Graham Kendrick



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

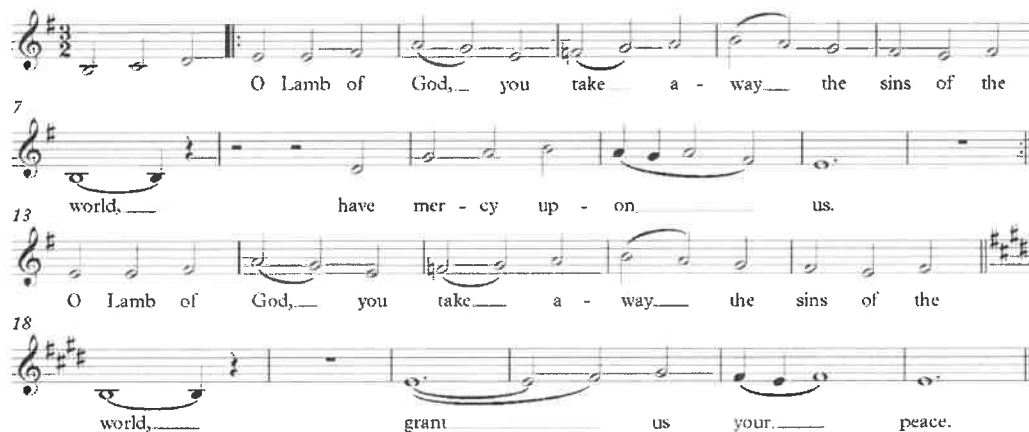
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### **Agnus Dei**

Healy Willan



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

**The Communion Hymn** 304 *I come with joy to meet my Lord*

*Unison or harmony*

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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*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: Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame: give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; 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** 492 *Sing ye faithful, sing with gladness*

**The Dismissal**

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**



1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,  
2 Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to  
3 So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man -  
4 Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's



sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior  
Beth - lehem's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,  
kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,  
throne the Son rules and guides the world he ran - somed,



let his house res - ound a - gain; him let all your  
bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with - in the  
Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the  
till the ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -



mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.  
gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.  
full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.  
newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

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## 10AM Service Participants

### *Celebrant*

The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

### *Homilist and Gospeller*

Chris Spohn

### *Organist and Choir Director*

John Painter

### *Verger*

Linda Jones

### *Gospel Book Bearer*

Ian Hoelscher

### *Lector*

Ashleigh Hoelscher

### *Intercessor*

Anita Powell

### *Ushers*

Walt Frankowski, Doris Schilpp and  
Linda Jones

### *Communion Assistants*

Terry Rowles and Andrea Griffith

### *Crucifer*

Benjamin Frymoyer

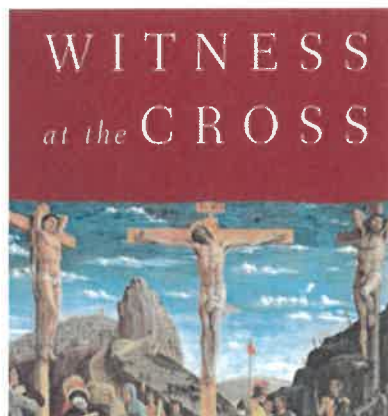
### *Acolytes*

Alex Brantman and Lauren Hoelscher

### *Altar Guild*

Charlotte Hoare (Captain), Christine  
Keeler, Josephine Lawson and  
Mary Jane Androne

The Diocese of Bethlehem is looking for volunteers to be **Peer-to-Peer Auditors** for church accounts. To save churches the financial burden of hiring an annual audit team we are trying to provide this to churches on a volunteer basis. If you have the expertise and would like to volunteer to be a peer-to-peer auditor (of, if you have any questions about this) please speak to Fr Bryce or Rick Wolf.



Our Adult Forum is focusing on "Witness at the Cross". Based in part upon the book by the same name by Amy-Jill Levine, we will be looking at those who witnessed Jesus' crucifixion: how did they see and react to Jesus' execution? How does their witness help us to be witnesses of Jesus' loving sacrifice? Join us at 9:05am in the Parlor on the Sundays in Lent.

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

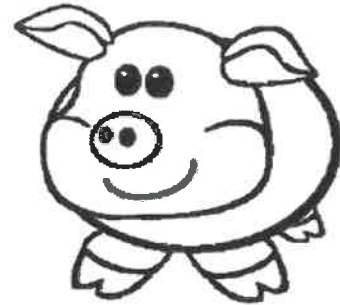
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# The Parable of the Lost Son



Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. Luke 15:23-24 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 15:11-32 (NIV).

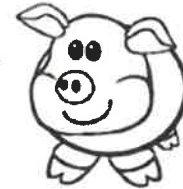
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WEALTH	ESTATE	COUNTRY	PIGS	FOOD
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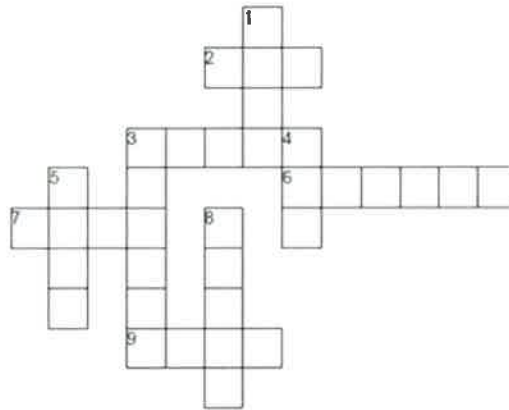


# The Parable of the Lost Son

So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. Luke 15:20 (NLT)



The puzzle is based on Luke 15:11-32



## ACROSS

2. Farm animals with pink, brown, or black skin, short legs, and a flat nose.
3. A large special meal to celebrate something or honor someone.
6. A large amount of money and other valuable possessions.
7. To not be able to be found. (I \_\_\_\_ my dog.)
9. A piece of jewelry, generally made of precious metal and worn on the finger.

## DOWN

1. To touch or press your lips against another person as a greeting or to express love.
3. A male parent.
4. The number that is equal to one plus one.
5. Your male children.
8. When something which was lost has been relocated. (I \_\_\_\_ my dog).

TWO	KISS	RING	WEALTH	FATHER
FEAST	FOUND	LOST	PIG	SONS

**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.**

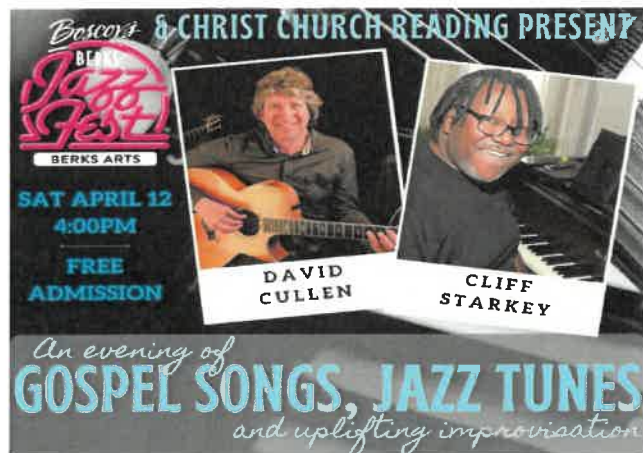
We are grounded in the values of love, service and faithful stewardship. Firmly rooted in compassionate collaboration, we welcome partnerships that nurture our neighbors and address pressing issues in our community. We endeavor to be a cornerstone for the city of Reading, enabling all that come through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

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.

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



<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Vestry</b></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)          Matt Hoelscher (Community Ministries)          Michelle Rowles-Cranmer (Daycare/Nursery Initiatives)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Our Ministries</b></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><u>Education</u>          Adult Forum          Library          Children's Ministries          Education For Ministry          Bible Study          EYC</p> <p><u>Pastoral Care</u>          Cards and notes          Prayer Lists          Eucharistic Visitors          Flower Delivery          Pastoral Visits</p> <p><u>Fellowship</u>          Sunday Fellowship Hour          50+ Club          Hospitality Committee</p> <p><u>Business</u>          Property          Churchyard          Maintenance          Stewardship Team          Planned Giving          Communications          Capital Campaign          Security Task Force</p> <p><u>Community Outreach</u>          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 for the Glory of God and in Loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Matthias Roland and Mr. and Mrs. Solan Parkes** by the estates of Charles and Grace Parkes.

Due to a confusion in scheduling, we will NOT be hosting an **ESL Conversation and Dinner** on April 8th but we WILL be on **Tuesday May 13th at 6pm**. A new sign up sheet is hanging on the wall near the chapel.

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](http://www.FranciscanJusticeCircles.org). 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 [caralucille@gmail.com](mailto:caralucille@gmail.com).

**This Week at Christ Church**  
**Sunday, March 30—The Fourth Sunday**  
**in Lent**

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

**Monday, March 31**

9AM ESL class  
12PM—1PM NA meeting

**Tuesday, April 1**

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

**Wednesday, April 2**

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  
7PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, April 3**

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, April 4**

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

**Saturday, April 5**

12PM-2PM NA meeting

**Sunday, April 6—The Fifth 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**

**April 2, 5 and 9 ECW Rummage Sale**  
10AM –1PM

**April 12 Youth Mission Trip Training** 9AM-11AM

**April 12 Berks Jazz Fest Concert** 4PM

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

**April 17 Maundy Thursday service with**  
**Foot Washing** 7PM

**April 18 Good Friday Solemn Service** 12PM

**April 19 Easter Vigil Service** 7PM

**April 20 Easter Day (The Resurrection of**  
**our Lord) Services at 8AM and 10AM**

