

Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

IN the city. WITH our neighbors. FOR everyone.



The First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

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Today's Readings—The First Sunday in Lent

The Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

The New Testament Reading: Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The Holy Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the

devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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.

Cover image: *The Temptation of Christ by the Devil (1860)* by Félix Joseph Barrias

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: We pray to the Lord for courage to give up other things and to give ourselves to him this Lent, saying, give us strength and hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Give your Church the courage to give up her preoccupation with herself and to give more time to your mission in the world. We pray for Bryce, our rector, Kevin, our bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop, The Anglican Church of Canada, St. Alban's, Sinking Spring and St. Andrew's, Allentown. May the blood and water flowing from the side of Jesus bring forgiveness to your people and help us to face the cost of proclaiming salvation. Lord, meet us in the silence, **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Give your world the courage to give up war, bitterness and hatred, and to seek peace. We pray for peace and justice for the people of Ukraine and the Holy Land. May the shoulders of the risen Jesus, once scourged by soldiers, bear the burden of political and military conflict in our world. Lord, meet us in the silence, **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Give us the courage to give up our selfishness as we live for others, and to give time, care and comfort to the sick. We pray for those on our prayer list in the bulletin and for those we name now... May the wounded hands of Jesus bring his healing touch, and the light of his presence fill their rooms. We also pray for those celebrating this week: Willard Kennedy, Olivia West, Garrett Hyneman, Judy Sillhart, Morna Traffas and Andrea Griffith. Lord, meet us in the silence, **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Give us the courage to give up our fear of death and to rejoice with those who have died in faith. We especially remember the loved ones of the Hirschenhofer family, Joan George and Marie Helwig. May the feet of the risen Lord Jesus, once nailed to the cross, walk alongside the dying and bereaved in their agony, and walk with us and all your Church through death to the gate of glory. Lord, meet us in the silence, **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Creator of all, you brought this world into being and sent your Son into it to redeem it. May we, who in this holy season commemorate his sufferings for us, be brought to understand something of the depth of your love, from which not one of us can be separated, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Christ Church (Episcopal)
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:

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (full text on page 2)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (*the Psalm is read responsively by whole verse*)

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High,
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

He shall say to the Lord,

**"You are my refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust."**

Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

**There shall no evil happen to you,
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.**

For he shall give his angels charge over you,
to keep you in all your ways.

**They shall bear you in their hands,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

You shall tread upon the lion and adder;
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

**Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him;**

I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;

I am with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

**With long life will I satisfy him,
and show him my salvation.**

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People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

The Holy Gospel: Luke 4:1-13 (full text on page 2)

Before the reading

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

People: **Glory be to you, Lord Christ.**

After the reading

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord:

People: **Praise be to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated

The Homily

Please stand

The Nicene Creed (page 9)

The Prayers of the People (page 4)

Intercessor: Lord, meet us in the silence,

People: **give us strength and 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 E from Common Worship p. 10)

The Sanctus (page 11 of this bulletin)

The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 11

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: Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love; teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; 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

Chris Spohn

Lector and Intercessor

Chris Spohn

Altar Guild

June Tull (Captain),
Priscilla Hirschenhofer, Andrea Griffith
and Kim Alarcon

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

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

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

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.

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	
Shepherd & family	Mother Dolores	Stephanie	

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.

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10am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prelude

Adagio e sostenuto

Friedrich Kuhlau

Opening Hymn 455 *O God of love, how strong, how true*

1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal
 2 O wide-em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee
 3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for
 4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the

and yet ev - er new; un-com-pre - hend - ed and un -
 in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -
 us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on
 dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion

bought, be - yond all know-ledge and all thought.
 low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.
 high, our life to live, our death to die.
 light we read the full - ness of thy might.

Alternative tune: *de Tar*, 456.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)
 Music: *Dunedin*, Vernon Griffiths (b. 1894)

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The Liturgy of the Word

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

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

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

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

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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*. Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

The Collect of the Day

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The Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (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 142 *Lord, who throughout these forty days*

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,
2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, and didst the vic - tory win,
3 As thou didst hun - ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra - cious Lord,
4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas - sion - tide,
5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,

1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con - quer sin.
3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.
4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.
5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

Words: Claudia Frances Hemanan (1838-1898). Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901).

The Holy Gospel: Luke 4:1-13 (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

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Please be seated

The Homily

Please stand

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Intercessor: Lord, meet us in the silence,

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Confession of Sin (page 9)

The Peace

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People: **And also with you.**

Announcements and Children's Message

The Offertory Anthem

O Taste and see

R.V. Williams

Presentation Hymn

1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.

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)

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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

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.

The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 11

The Lord's Prayer (page 12)

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
 33 44 33 5 and refrain

Agnus Dei

Healy Willan

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #158

O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up -
 on us. O Lamb of God, that
 ta-kest a - way the sins of the world, have
 mer-cy up - on us. O Lamb of
 God, that ta-kest a - way the sins of the
 world, grant us thy peace.

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The Invitation to Communion


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The Communion Hymn 439 *What wondrous love*

Unison




1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll



caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

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, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; 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 478 *Jesus our mighty lord*

1 Je - sus, our might - y Lord, our strength in sad - ness, —
2 Good shep-herd of your sheep, your own de - fend - ing, —
3 Glo - rious their life who sing, with glad thanks-giv - ing, —

the Fa - ther's con - quering Word, true source of glad - ness; —
in love your chil - dren keep to life un - end - ing. —
true hymns to Christ the King in all their liv - ing: —

your Name we glo - ri - fy, O Je - sus, throned on high;
You are your - self the Way: lead us then day by day
all who con - fess his Name, come then with hearts a - flame;

you gave your - self to die for our sal - va - tion.
in your own steps, we pray, O Lord most ho - ly.
the God of peace ac - claim as Lord and Sa - vior.

Words: St. Clement of Alexandria (ca. 170-ca. 220); para. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev. Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: *Monk's Gate*, Sussex folk melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

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

Linda Jones

Gospel Book Bearer

Emily Wandrey

Lector

Kate Fanning

Intercessor

Kathleen Brantman

Ushers

Susan Doll, Christine Keeler and
Larry Whalen

Communion Assistants

Terry Rowles and Victoria Wilson

Crucifer

Ian Hoelscher

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Lauren Hoelscher and Alex Brantman

Altar Guild

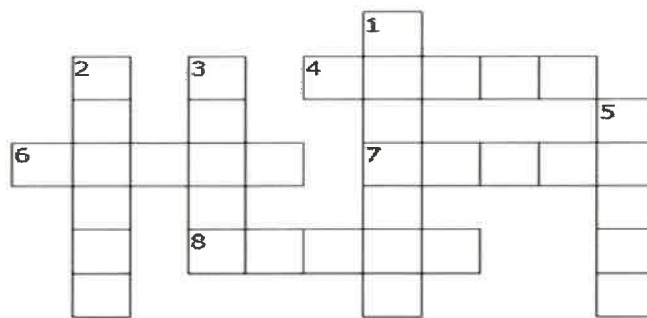
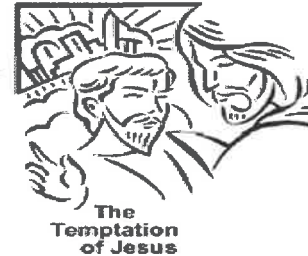
June Tull (Captain),
Priscilla Hirschenhofer, Andrea Griffith and
Kim Alarcon



The Temptation of Christ

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Based on Luke 4:1-13



ACROSS

4. The entire Earth and all the places and things on it
6. A heavenly being, often shown as a human figure with a halo and wings
7. A small rock
8. The evil ruler of Hell, and enemy of God

DOWN

1. To show a strong feeling of love and respect for God
2. To feel a need or desire for food
3. A food made of flour and water, shaped into loaves, and baked
5. To try to get someone to do wrong

DEVIL	WORSHIP	HUNGRY	WORLD
BREAD	ANGEL	STONE	TEMPT

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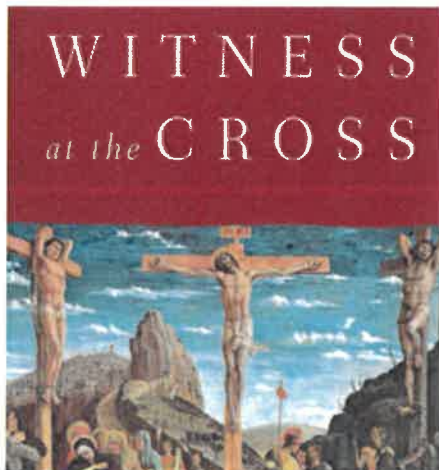
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 I G S L W X D T E M P T E D L
 L O U W E N R B F M T W O S A
 Y Z O V A E D I E I F Y Y N P
 J S I M S A U L R E N A N W E
 P L M E E D A I Y A D A Q Y P
 A O D R E S P T D M T L Y Y F
 C N B I U S I R O S E I K F N
 D D G R L R O Z S A M I I Y Z
 S W E E O J O N E Q P H N G V
 K J V H L D E V I L L U G J Q
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 S U U R O M W O R L D G O U W
 A X T H S L Q Z O J P R M O P
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DESERT	ANGELS	WORSHIP	HUNGRY	KINGDOMS
TEMPTED	DEVIL	JORDAN	AUTHORITY	BREAD
SPIRIT	JERUSALEM	COMMAND	FORTY	STONE
LIVE	DAYS	WORLD	TEMPLE	HOLY

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 McGlenn 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 caralucille@gmail.com. Thank you.



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...

...Except for Sunday March 16th when we will be having another session of "What's Happening @ CCR?" Ken Saul will be 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 \$ _____

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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.

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 sign-up sheet in the hallway between the chapel and fellowship hall for you to host a house eucharist. Full details of how these meals are structured are available by emailing or talking with Fr Bryce (brycepwandrey@gmail.com).

On 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 have begun for our youth, 6th graders or older with Chris Spohn. Adult classes are meeting on Sundays at 11AM beginning March 9.*



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. 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.

<p style="text-align: center;">Vestry</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;">Our Ministries</p> <p>Worship Acolytes Altar Guild Eucharistic Ministers Lectors and Intercessors Vergers Guitar and Taizé Services Healing Team Centering Prayer Morning Prayer Ushers Kristallnacht Service</p> <p>Music Parish Choir Bell Ringers Children's Choir Fall Festival of Arts</p>	<p>Education Adult Forum Library Children's Ministries Education For Ministry Bible Study EYC</p> <p>Pastoral Care Cards and notes Prayer Lists Eucharistic Visitors Flower Delivery Pastoral Visits</p> <p>Fellowship Sunday Fellowship Hour 50+ Club Hospitality Committee</p> <p>Business Property Churchyard Maintenance Stewardship Team Planned Giving Communications Capital Campaign Security Task Force</p> <p>Community 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</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 for today are given today to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of loved ones by Jack and Priscilla Hirschenhofer and her mother, Joan George by June Tull.

Lectern Flowers for today are to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Marie Helwig from her family.

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

The **ECW Rummage Sale** will be held this Wednesday, March 12th from 10Am to 1PM. Come see the spring merchandise!

This Week at Christ Church
Sunday, March 9—The First 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 11AM
11:15AM Children's Choir Practice
3-5:30PM BYC Practice
4-5PM NA meeting

Monday, March 10

9AM ESL class
12PM—1PM NA meeting

Tuesday, March 11

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

Wednesday, March 12

8:30AM Staff Meeting
9AM ESL class
10AM-1PM ECW Rummage Sale
11:30AM Stations of the Cross
12PM Noon Eucharist
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
5:30-7PM NA Meeting

Thursday, March 13

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 14

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, March 15

12PM-2PM NA meeting

Sunday, March 16—The Second 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 11AM
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Upcoming Events

March 9 Adult Confirmation Classes begin 11AM

March 10 - ESL Classes begin meeting on Mondays and Wednesdays 9:30AM to 12noon

March 12 ECW Rummage Sale 10AM-1PM

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

April 8 ESL conversation and Dinner 6PM

April 12 Youth Mission Trip Training 9AM-11AM

April 12 Berks Jazz Fest Concert 5:30PM

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



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