

# Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

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



**The Second Sunday of Easter**

**April 27, 2025**

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

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## Today's Readings

### **The First Reading:** Acts 5:27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

### **The Second Reading:** Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

### **The Gospel Reading:** John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut,

Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

### **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 Doubting Thomas, from "The Small Passion"" by Albrecht Dürer (1510)

## The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity, saying, in your mercy, hear us.

Intercessor: Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations, we pray for Bryce, our rector, Kevin, our bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop, The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean and St. Joseph's, Pen Argyl; Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry, security to the unemployed and homeless, hope to all who are struggling and nourish us all with your word. Protect and guide those who live in fear and danger, especially those in Ukraine and the Holy Land. Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow you in the way, especially be with those who are celebrating this week: Jonathan Allen, Hannah Weyandt, Ashleigh Hoelscher, Bill Uhrich, Kathleen Sheridan and Dale Goodyear. Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life. Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures. We pray especially for those on our prayer list printed in the bulletin and any we name now...; Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, the resurrection and the life, we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you, remembering especially Arthur and Loretta Wandrey. Raise us with them to eternal life. Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Celebrant: God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and destruction: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Christ Episcopal Church**  
**Reading, PA**  
**8am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**  
**The Liturgy of the Word**

*Please stand*

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**  
Celebrant: Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead:  
People: **he is our salvation, our eternal glory.**  
Celebrant: If we die with him, we shall live with him;  
People: **if we endure, we shall reign with him.**

**The Collect for Purity** (said together)

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Kyrie**

Celebrant: Lord have mercy  
People: **Christ have mercy**  
Celebrant: Lord have mercy

**The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:  
People: **And also with you.**  
Celebrant: Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The First Reading:** Acts 5:27-32 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

*At the end of the reading*

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** 150 (read responsively by whole verse)

Hallelujah!

Praise God in his holy temple;  
praise him in the firmament of his power.

**Praise him for his mighty acts;  
praise him for his excellent greatness.**

Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn;  
praise him with lyre and harp.

**Praise him with timbrel and dance;  
praise him with strings and pipe.**

Praise him with resounding cymbals;  
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

**Let everything that has breath  
praise the Lord. Hallelujah!**

**The Epistle:** Revelation 1:4-8 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

*At the end of the reading*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**The Gospel Reading:** John 20:19-31 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

*Before the reading*

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

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 of this bulletin)

Celebrant: Jesus, Lord of life,

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.**

**The Holy Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving** (Eucharistic Prayer B, page 10)

**The Sanctus**

*The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 11*

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

**The 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**

*The Celebrant first prays the following:*

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **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: Alleluia! Alleluia! With the Spirit of the risen Christ, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**8:00 AM Service Participants**

*Celebrant*

The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

*Communion Assistant*

Chris Spohn

*Gospeller and Homilist*

Rick Wolf

*Altar Guild*

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

*Lector and Intercessor*

Chris Spohn

*Ushers*

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 B from *The Book of Common Prayer*)

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*(8AM spoken, sung on page 17 at 10AM)*

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

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

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

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

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

and make them new, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

People           And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**Our Father, who art in heaven,**  
                  **hallowed be thy Name,**  
**thy kingdom come,**  
                  **thy will be done,**  
**on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread.**  
**And forgive us our trespasses,**  
                  **as we forgive those**  
**and grant us strength and courage**  
                  **to love and serve you**  
**with gladness and singleness of heart;**  
**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread (8am only)**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

### **The Invitation to Communion**

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

**Christ Episcopal Church**  
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**10am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

**Prelude**

*To Spring*

*Edward Grieg*

*Please stand*

**Processional Hymn 212** *Awake, arise, lift up your voice*

1 A - wake, a - rise, lift up your voice, let  
 2 Oh, with what glad - ness and sur - prise the  
 3 those hands of lib - eral love in - deed in  
 4 His en - e - mies had sealed the stone as  
 5 O Dead a - rise! O Friend - less stand by

1 Eas - ter mu - sic swell; re - jice in Christ, a -  
 2 saints their Sa - vior greet; nor will they trust their  
 3 in - fi - nite de - gree, those feet still free to  
 4 Pi - late gave them leave, lest dead and friend - less  
 5 ser - a - phim a - dored! O Sol - i - tude a -

1 gain re - jice and on his prais - es dwell.  
 2 ears and eyes but by his hands and feet,  
 3 move and bleed for mil - lions and for me.  
 4 and a - lone he should their skill de - ceive.  
 5 gain com - mand your host from heaven re - stored!

Words: Christopher Smart (1722-1771), alt. Music: *Richmond*, melody Thomas Haweis (1734-1816); adapt. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816).

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**Gloria** (see page 15)

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Celebrant: Let us pray:

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*Please be seated*

**The First Reading:** Acts 5:27-32 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

*At the end of the reading*

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## Gloria

## Mass of St. Thomas

David Thorne

**Moderato** *ff*

Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est.

6 *f*  
Glo-ry to God in the High - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God,

11  
Heav'n - ly King, Al migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we...

16 *f*  
praise you for your glo - ry. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the

21 *mf*  
High-est. Lord, Je - sus Christ, on - ly son of the Fa-ther. Lord God,

27  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;

31  
You are seat-ed at the righthand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

36 *f*  
Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est. For you a-lone are the

41  
Ho - ly one, You a - lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the most high,

46  
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the Glo-ry of God the

50 *ff*  
Fa - ther. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High - est.

**Gospel Hymn 205** *Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!* (omit verse 2)

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the  
 \*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of  
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that  
 4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -  
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
 2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
 3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
 4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:  
 5 Spi - rit, al - ways Onc, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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**The Holy Gospel: John 20: 19-31** (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

*Before the reading*

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

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

*After the reading*

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

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



*Please be seated*

**The Homily**

*Please stand*

**The Nicene Creed** (page 9)

**The Prayers of the People** (page 4 of this bulletin)

Celebrant: Jesus, Lord of life,

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 and Children's Message**

**The Offertory Anthem**

*This joyful Eastertide*

Charles Wood

This joyful Eastertide,  
away with sin and sorrow!  
My Love, the Crucified,  
has sprung to life this morrow:

Had Christ, who once was slain,  
not burst His three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain;  
but now has Christ arisen,  
arisen, arisen;  
but now has Christ arisen!

Death's flood has lost its chill  
since Jesus crossed the river:  
Lover of souls, from ill  
my passing soul deliver:

My flesh in hope shall rest  
and for a season slumber  
till trump from east to west  
shall wake the dead in number

## Presentation Hymn *Thine be the glory*



The musical score is written on six staves. The first four staves contain the main body of the hymn, and the last two staves are marked 'Unison' and contain a refrain. The lyrics are: 'Thine be the glory, ri - sen, con-qu'ring Son, end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won; an - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where thy bo - dy lay. Thine be the glo - ry, ri - sen, con-qu'ring Son, end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won.'

'À toi la gloire' by Edmond Louis Budry (1854-1932)  
trans. Richard Birch Hoyle (1875-1939)  
MACCABAEUS 10 11 11 11 and Refrain

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

## The Holy Communion

**The Great Thanksgiving** (Prayer B, The Book of Common Prayer, 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.**

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*

## The Sanctus

David Thorne

**Moderato** *mf*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might,  
6 Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na  
11 in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the  
16 Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 11*

## The Lord's Prayer (page 12)

### The Fraction Anthem

*Cantor, then all*

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing  
— of the bread.

*The Cantor sings the following verse and then all sing the Refrain again:*  
The bread which we break, Alleluia, Is the communion of the Body of Christ.

Music: Jack Warren Burnam (b. 1946). Copyright © 1986 Jack Warren Burnam.

**The 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 Agnus Dei**

*Mass of St Thomas*

David Thorne

*mp* Lamb of God, you  
*mf* take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.  
*mp* Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world, grant us peace.

**The Communion Hymn** 335 *I am the bread of life* (see pages 21 and 22)

*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.**



1 I am the bread of life; they who  
 2 (The) Bread that I will give is my  
 3 (Un-) less you eat of the  
 4 I am the re - sur - rec - tion,  
 5 (Yes,) Lord, we be - lieve that



1 come to me shall not hun - ger; they who be -  
 2 Flesh for the life of the world, and they who  
 3 Flesh of the Son of Man and  
 4 I am the life. They who be -  
 5 you are the Christ, the



1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
 2 eat of this bread, they shall live for  
 3 drink of his Blood, you shall not have life with -  
 4 lieve in me, e - ven if they  
 5 Son of God who has



1 me un - less the Fa - ther draw them.  
 2 ev - er. they shall live for ev - er.  
 3 in you. you shall not have life with - in you.  
 4 die, they shall live for ev - er.  
 5 come in - to the world.

*Descant*

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

*Refrain*

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

up, and I will raise them up on the

up, and I will raise them up on the

1-4

last day. 5 Yes, day.

2 The

3 Un- day.

4 —

5 Yes, (♯)

*Final Ending*

*The descant may be sung after stanzas 4 and 5.*  
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## The Post-Communion Prayers

*The Celebrant first prays the following:*

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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** 192 *This joyful Eastertide* (see pages 24 –25)

### **The Dismissal**

**Celebrant:** Alleluia! Alleluia! With the Spirit of the risen Christ, go in peace to  
love and serve the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**



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.



Our Adult Forum, from 9:05am to 9:45am, is focusing on the theme of "Cherished Belonging: The healing power of love in divided times." Each session will bring insights from Fr Greg Boyle's book of the same title. Join us and be inspired by the power of God's love for us and our love for our neighbors.

*Unison or harmony*

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and  
 2 Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Je - sus crossed the  
 3 My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea - son

sor - row! My Love, the Cru - ci - fied, hath  
 riv - er: Lord of all life, from ill my  
 slum - ber, till trump from east to west shall

*Refrain*

sprung to life this mor - row.  
 pass - ing life de - liv - er. Had Christ, that once was  
 wake the dead in num - ber.

slain, ne'er burst his three-day pri - son, our faith had been in



The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "vain; but now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The bass line provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

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For those in need of our prayers....

Runette	Kristin	Wyatt	Beverly
Connie	Randall	Polly	Sallie
Scott	Drew	Elizabeth	Lisa
Rylen	Ben	Jack	Avery
Zora	Diedre	Randy	Conner
Zach	Lauren and Scott	Duane	Penny
Joe	Mike	Angelica C	Kevin
Mother Dolores	Mia	Violet	Jeff
Beverly M.	Jeanne Milkens	Zoe	Jakob
Kaiden	Meg	Aamydan	Nieves Family
Kate	Max	Betsy	Greth Family
Michael	Angelica	Lauren And Scott	Penelope R
Duane	Rivera Family	Vega Family	

*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.*

## 10AM Service Participants

### *Celebrant*

The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

### *Gospeller and Homilist*

Rick Wolf

### *Organist and Choir Director*

John Painter

### *Verger*

Linda Jones

### *Gospel Book Bearer*

Derek Morris

### *Lector*

Runette Gabrielle

### *Intercessor*

Mary Arguelles

### *Ushers*

Walt Frankowski, Doris Schilpp and  
Linda Jones

### *Communion Assistants*

Victoria Wilson and Richard Laedlein

### *Crucifer*

Andrea Griffith

### *Acolytes*

Ozi Abara and Alex Brantman

### *Altar Guild*

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

### **Regular Christ Church Office hours:**

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

Wednesday 8:00 am - 2:00 PM

**The Christ Church Mission**

Sharing God's Love with All

Please visit us at [www.rdgchristchurch.org](http://www.rdgchristchurch.org). The Diocesan and church staff members are listed, as well as a calendar of events. You may use this website to send in prayer requests. You may also request to be added to the list for e-news and newsletters.

<b>Vestry</b>	Bible Study EYC
Diane Morris (Senior Warden/Stewardship)	
Chuck Brantman (Junior Warden/Property)	<b>Pastoral Care</b>
Anita Powell (Pastoral Care)	Cards and notes
Pam Wheat (Grants)	Prayer Lists
Carolyn Handy (Hospitality)	Eucharistic Visitors
Rick Wolf (Finances)	Flower Delivery
Bob Kappenstein (Worship)	Pastoral Visits
Kim Alarcon (Security Task Force)	<b>Fellowship</b>
Mary Arguelles (Children/Youth)	Sunday Fellowship Hour
Jill Braun (Community Ministries)	50+ Club
Matt Hoelscher (Community Ministries)	Hospitality Committee
Michelle Rowles-Cranmer (Daycare/Nursery Initiatives)	
<b>Our Ministries</b>	<b>Business</b>
<b>Worship</b>	Property
Acolytes	Churchyard Maintenance
Altar Guild	Stewardship Team
Eucharistic Ministers	Planned Giving
Lectors and Intercessors	Communications
Vergers	Capital Campaign
Guitar and Taizé Services	Security Task Force
Healing Team	
Centering Prayer	<b>Community Outreach</b>
Morning Prayer	Opportunity House
Ushers	Rummage
Kristallnacht Service	Mary's Shelter
	Narcotics Anonymous
<b>Music</b>	Literacy Council of
Parish Choir	Reading-Berks
Bell Ringers	ESL Dinners
Children's Choir	Daughters of the King
Fall Festival of Arts	Episcopal Church Women
	Helping Harvest
	Veterans Coalition of PA
	Angel Tree
	Berks Youth Chorus
	Sunday Service
	Livestream
	Berks County Community
	Foundation
<b>Education</b>	
Adult Forum	
Library	
Children's Ministries	
Education For Ministry	

We are hosting another **ESL Conversation and Dinner** on **Tuesday May 13th at 6pm**. A sign up sheet is hanging on the wall near the chapel.

The **Altar Guild** would like to thank everyone who contributed to making the parish hall look so lovely for Easter.

**Altar Candle Memorials for April 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 Arthur and Loretta Wandrey** by The Reverend Bryce Wandrey and Family.

## **This Week at Christ Church**

### **Sunday, April 27—Second Sunday of Easter**

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

### **Monday, April 28**

9AM ESL class  
12PM—1PM NA meeting

### **Tuesday, April 29**

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

### **Wednesday, April 30**

8:30AM Staff Meeting  
9AM ESL class  
12PM Noon Eucharist  
12PM—1PM NA Meeting  
5:30-7PM NA Meeting  
7PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, May 1**

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, May 2**

12PM—1PM NA Meeting



**Christ Episcopal Church**

Christ is all and in all

### **Sunday, May 4—The Third Sunday of Easter**

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)  
9AM Sunday School  
9:05AM Adult Forum  
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)  
11AM Fellowship Hour  
3PM Berks Youth Chorus rehearsals  
4PM—5PM NA meeting

### **Upcoming Events**

**May 7, 10 and 14** ECW Rummage Sale  
10AM-1PM

**May 11th** - Mother's Day and  
Consecration Sunday 8AM and 10AM

**May 17th** - Youth Mission Trip  
Training 9AM to 11AM

**May 18** Confirmation Service with  
Bishop Nichols 10AM

**May 25** Memorial Sunday 8AM and  
10AM

**May 28** Ascension Eve Service with  
David Cullen (musician) 5:30PM [no  
noon service today]

**May 29** The Ascension of our Lord 12  
noon