

Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

IN the city. WITH our neighbors. FOR everyone.



The Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025

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Today's Readings—The Fifth Sunday in Lent

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

The New Testament Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Holy Gospel: John 12: 1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this

not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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	Polly	Sallie
Scott	Drew	Elizabeth	Lisa
Rylen	Ben	Jack	Avery
Zora	Diedre	Randy	Conner
Zach	Lauren and Scott	Duane	Penny
Joe	Mike		

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: As we travel with Christ on his road to the cross, with confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying: hear our prayer.

Christ, for whom there was no room in the inn, give courage to all who are homeless and in need of your mercy; we also pray for all of those printed on our prayer list in the bulletin and everyone we name aloud now...; in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Christ, who fled into Egypt, give comfort to all refugees; we pray for peace in Ukraine and the Holy Land; in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Christ, who fasted in the desert, give relief to all who are starving; bless all of those who strive to serve you as you serve us, bless your Church and all who strive to grow closer to God, especially Bryce, our rector, Kevin, our bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop, Iglesia Anglicana de Chile and St. James, Drifton ; in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Christ, who welcomed all to your table, feasted, broke bread and celebrated with them; bless those who celebrate this week, Hannah Alarcon, Isabel Alarcon, Polly Pflum, Joel Handy, Armani Rodriguez and Veronica Wilson; in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Christ, who hung in agony on the cross, give strength to all who suffer and bless those who mourn; we especially remember Paul and Alice Swain and Arthur and Mary Hoare; in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Christ, who died to save us, give peace to all who seek pardon. Lord of the Church, hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever. **Amen.**

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**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, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ 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: Isaiah 43:16-21 (full text on page 2)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126 (*the Psalm is read responsively by whole verse*)

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

**Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

Then they said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."

**The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.**

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses of the Negev.

**Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.**

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

The New Testament Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14 (full text on page 2)

At the end of the reading

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People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

The Holy Gospel: John 12: 1-8 (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

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The Prayers of the People (see page 4)

Intercessor: In your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

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The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

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The Post-Communion Prayers

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Then all pray together:

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father,**
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage

to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

8AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist
The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Communion Assistant
Ellen Sunderman

Lector and Intercessor
Juliana Gonzalez

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

Usher
Chris Spohn

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in
eternal life.

All **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer E from *Common Worship*)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

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

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

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

The Lord's Prayer

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

Reverie

Claude Debussy

Opening Hymn 544

Jesus shall reign

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Duke Street*, John Hatton (d. 1793).

The Liturgy of the Word

The Acclamation and Response

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

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

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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

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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The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21 (full text on page 2)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Hymn *The royal banners forward go* (see page 16)

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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 of compassion,

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

Confession of Sin (page 9)



1. The roy - al ban - ners for - ward go,
 2. There whilst he hung, his sa - cred side
 3. Ful - filled is now what Da - vid told
 4. O tree of glo - ry, tree most fair,
 5. To thee, e - ter - nal three in One,



1. the cross shines forth in my - stic glow,
 2. by sol - dier's spear was o - pened wide,
 3. in true pro - phe - tic song of old
 4. or - dained those ho - ly limbs to bear,
 5. let ho - mage meet by all be done



1. where he in flesh our flesh who made, our sen - tence bore, our
 2. to cleanse us in the pre - cious flood, of wa - ter mingl - ed
 3. how God the sin - ner's King should be, for God is reign - ing
 4. how bright in pur - ple robe it stood, the pur - ple of a
 5. as by the cross thou dost re - store, so rule and guide us



1. ran - som paid.
 2. with his blood,
 3. on the tree.
 4. Sav - ior's blood.
 5. ev - er - more. A ----- men.

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 *Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake* Richard Farrant

Presentation Hymn *The glory of these forty days*



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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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.

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

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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

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

Agnus Dei

Healy Willan

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

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The Communion Hymn 458 *My song is love unknown*

Jesus Christ our Lord

458

Unison or harmony

1 My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but
 *3 Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re -
 *4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He
 *5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way; a

1 to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O
 2 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But
 3 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then
 4 made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet
 5 mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet

1 who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
 2 O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.
 3 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 4 in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.
 5 stead - fast he to suf - fer - ing goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

*6 In life no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death no friendly tomb
 but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heaven was his home;
 but mine the tomb
 wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
 no story so divine:
 never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend,
 in whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 could gladly spend.

Alternative tune: *Rhosymedre*, 587.

Words: Samuel Crossman (1624-1683), alt.

Music: *Love Unknown*, John Ireland (1879-1962)

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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 Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of
our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of
others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are
alive and reign, now and for ever. **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 Closing Hymn 441 *In the cross of glory I sing* (omit verse 5) (see page 21)

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the
 *5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing

1 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of
 2 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
 3 love up - on my way, from the cross the
 4 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that
 5 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of

1 sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 2 cross for - sake me: lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 3 ra - diance stream - ing adds new lus - ter to the day.
 4 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.
 5 sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

Words: John Bowring (1792-1872). Music: *Rathbun*, Ithamar Conkey (1815-1867).

10AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist
The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Organist and Choir Director
John Painter

Verger
Kat Harris

Gospel Book Bearer
Ian Hoelscher

Lector
Victoria Wilson

Intercessor
Diane Morris

Ushers
Walt Frankowski, Doris Schilpp and
Linda Jones

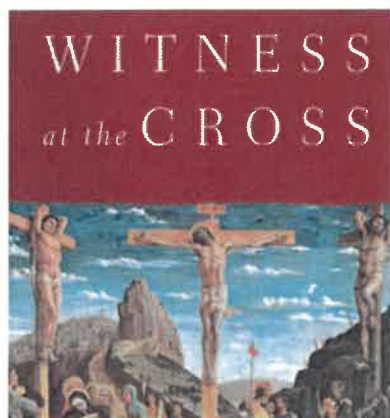
Communion Assistants
Andrea Griffith and Milah Smith

Crucifer
Benjamin Frymoyer

Acolytes
Lillian Arguelles 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 (or, 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: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

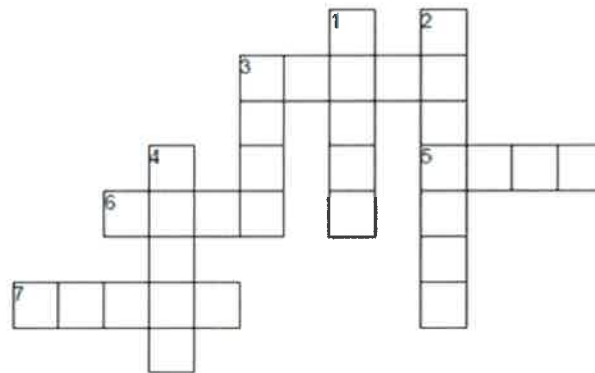
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Jesus Anointed with Perfume

Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. John 12:3 (NIV)



This puzzle is based on John 12:1-8



ACROSS

3. The building in which a family lives
5. The part of the body on which a person stands
6. The opposite of rich
7. Pay received for the labor of a worker

DOWN

1. The disciple who betrayed Jesus
2. A liquid produced and sold for its pleasant smell
3. What grows on the head of a person
4. What we use to buy things

MONEY	WAGES	POOR	JUDAS
HOUSE	HAIR	PERFUME	FEET

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

EXPENSIVE	MARTHA	FRAGRANCE	JUDAS	HOUSE
POURED	JESUS	PERFUME	WIPED	MARY
THIEF	HAIR	LAZARUS	MONEY	FEET

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;"><u>Vestry</u></p> <p>Diane Morris (Senior Warden/Stewardship) Chuck Brantman (Junior Warden/Property) Anita Powell (Pastoral Care) Pam Wheat (Grants) Carolyn Handy (Hospitality) Rick Wolf (Finances) Bob Kappenstein (Worship) Kim Alarcon (Security Task Force) Mary Arguelles (Children/Youth) Jill Braun (Community Ministries) Matt Hoelscher (Community Ministries) Michelle Rowles-Cranmer (Daycare/Nursery Initiatives)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Our Ministries</u></p> <p><u>Worship</u> Acolytes Altar Guild Eucharistic Ministers Lectors and Intercessors Vergers Guitar and Taizé Services Healing Team Centering Prayer Morning Prayer Ushers Kristallnacht Service</p> <p><u>Music</u> Parish Choir Bell Ringers Children's Choir Fall Festival of Arts</p>	<p><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 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 Paul and Alice Swain and Arthur and Mary Hoare, their parents, by Charlotte and Stephen Hoare.

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. Participants can attend in person or via Zoom. If you would like to attend an upcoming meeting to consider joining, please contact Sister Cara Garofalo at caralucilleg@gmail.com.

**This Week at Christ Church
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

Monday, April 7

9AM ESL class
12PM—1PM NA meeting

Tuesday, April 8

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

Wednesday, April 9

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
7PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 10

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 11

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, April 12

12PM-2PM NA meeting
9AM-11AM Youth Mission trip training
4PM Berks Jazz Fest Concert

Sunday, April 13—Passion /Palm Sunday

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
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Upcoming Events

April 9 ECW Rummage Sale 10AM –1PM

April 12 Youth Mission Trip Training 9AM-11AM

April 12 Berks Jazz Fest Concert 4PM

April 13 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



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