

Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

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The Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025

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Today's Readings

The First Reading: Acts 9:1-6

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

The Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

The Gospel Reading: John 21:1-19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had

gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow 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.

Cover Image: "The Miraculous Draught of Fishes" by Gustave Dore (1832-1883)

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Let us pray to the Lord, who has conquered death and given us the hope of everlasting life.

Intercessor: Jesus, the light of the world, you gave the man born blind the gift of sight: open the eye of faith and bring us from darkness to your eternal light and glory. We pray for Bryce, our rector, Kevin, our bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop, The Church of Ireland and St. Luke's, Scranton; Hear us, risen Lord, **our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, Son of the living God, you summoned your friend Lazarus from death to life: raise us at the last to full and eternal life with you. We pray especially for our friends celebrating this week: Victoria Achenbach, Mickey Getty, Ashley Hyneman, Britta Hyneman, Ellen Sunderman, Chip Karasin and Chris Spohn; Hear us, risen Lord, **our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, crucified Savior, in your dying you entrusted each to the other, Mary your mother and John your beloved disciple: sustain and comfort all who mourn and be with those who are sick, suffering or any kind of need, especially those on our prayer list and those we name now...; Hear us, risen Lord, **our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, our way and truth and life, you drew your disciple Thomas from doubt to faith: reveal the resurrection faith to the doubting and the lost. Hear us, risen Lord, **our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, bread from heaven, you satisfy the hungry with good things: grant us a share with all the faithful departed in the banquet of your kingdom. We remember Gail Braun. Hear us, risen Lord, **our resurrection and our life.**

Celebrant: May God in his infinite love and mercy bring the whole Church, living and departed, to a joyful resurrection and the fulfillment of his eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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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:

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Reading: Acts 9:1-6 (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 30 (read responsively by whole verse)

I will exalt you, O Lord,
because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
**O Lord my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.**
You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
**Sing to the Lord, you servants of his;
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.**
For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,
his favor for a lifetime.
**Weeping may spend the night,
but joy comes in the morning.**
While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed."
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
**Then you hid your face,
and I was filled with fear.**
I cried to you, O Lord;
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
**"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit?
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?**
Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me;
O Lord, be my helper."
**You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.**
Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

The Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14 (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 21 :1-19 (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: Hear us, risen Lord,

People: **our resurrection and our life.**

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 on 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:

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **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! As witnesses of God's grace and mercy, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

8:00 AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist

The Reverend James Rinehart

Communion Assistant

Chris Spohn

Lector and Intercessor

Dane Miller

Altar Guild

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

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 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 (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.

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Prelude

Andantino

Oskar Bolck

Please stand

Processional Hymn 379 God is love

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
 2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
 3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
 one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind-ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun-
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

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The Liturgy of the Word

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Gloria (see page 15)

The Collect of the Day

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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.

f

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

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

f

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

mf

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

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

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

f

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

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

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

ff

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

Gospel Hymn 205 *Love's redeeming work is done*



1 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.
2 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; where, O death, is now thy sting?
3 Soar we now where Christ has led, fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head;



Death in vain for - bids him rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
Once he died our souls to save, where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?
made like him, like him we rise, ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Savannah*, from *Harmonia Sacra*, ca. 1760.

The Holy Gospel: John 21: 1-19 (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

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The Homily

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People: **our resurrection and our life.**

Confession of Sin (Page 9)

The Peace

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People: **And also with you.**

Announcements and Children's Message

The Offertory Anthem *For the Beauty of the Earth* John Rutter

1. For the beauty of the skies
For the love which from our birth'
Over and around us lies
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise*

2. For the beauty of the hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower
Sun and moon and stars of light
Refrain

3. For the joy of human love
Brother , sister, parent, child
Friends on earth and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild
Refrain

4. For each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely given
Graces human and divine
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n
Refrain

Presentation Hymn *Thine be the glory*

Thine be the glo - ry, 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.
Unison
 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)

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

MACCABAEUS 10 11 11 11 and Refrain

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B on 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 on page 10

The Sanctus

David Thorne

Moderato *mf*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might,

Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the

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)

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The Agnus Dei

Mass of St Thomas

David Thorne

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

The Communion Hymn 345 *Savior, again to thy dear name* (see page 21)

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 Sa - vior, a - gain to thy dear Name we raise
 *2 Grant us thy peace up - on our home - ward way;
 3 Grant us thy peace through - out our earth - ly life;
 4 thy peace in life, the balm of ev - ery pain;

with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
 with thee be - gan, with thee shall end the day;
 peace to thy Church from er - ror and from strife;
 thy peace in death, the hope to rise from a - gain;

guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
 from harm and dan - ger keep thy chil - dren free,
 peace to our land, the fruit of truth and love;
 then, when thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,

that in this house have called up - on thy Name.
 for dark and light are both a - like to thee.
 peace in each heart, thy Spi - rit from a - bove:
 call us, O Lord, to thine e - ter - nal peace.

Words: John Ellerton (1825-1893), alt. Music: *Ellers*, Edward John Hopkins (1818-1901).

The Post-Communion Prayers

The Celebrant first prays the following:

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Then all say 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 *I, the Lord of sea and sky* (see pages 24–25)

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia! Alleluia! As witnesses of God's grace and mercy, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

10AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist

The Reverend James Rinehart

Organist and Choir Director

John Painter

Verger

Kat Harris

Gospel Book Bearer

Ian Hoelscher

Lector

Victoria Wilson

Intercessor

Anita Powell

Ushers

David Emes, Joann Hyneman, Garrett
Hyneman and Jack Lacey

Communion Assistants

Kate Fanning and Milah Smith

Crucifer

Ben Frymoyer


Acolytes

Lillian Arguelles and Zoe Morris


Altar Guild

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


Unison



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the




peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn a -
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will



save.
 way.
 save.

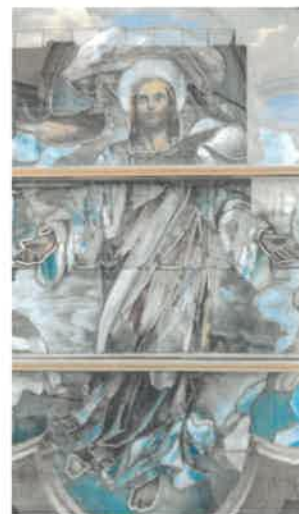
I who made the stars of night,
 I will break their hearts of stone,
 Fin - est bread I will pro - vide



I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my
 Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
 Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

Celebrate the Ascension of our Lord at Christ Church. On Wednesday May 28th, at 5:30pm, we will celebrate the Eve of the Ascension with a eucharist. (Note: No noon Eucharist on May 28)

David Cullen will be our guest musician. On Thursday May 29th, at 12noon, we will celebrate the Ascension with a said eucharist as well.



light to them? Whom shall I send? _____
 word to them. Whom shall I send? _____
 life to them. Whom shall I send? _____

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. _____ Is it I, Lord? _____ I have
 heard you call-ing in the night. _____ I will go, Lord. _____
 _____ if you lead me. _____ I will hold your peo - ple in my
 1. 2. _____ 3. _____
 heart. _____ heart. _____

For those in need of our prayers....

Runette	Kristin	Wyatt	Beverly
Connie	Randall	Polly	Jay
Sheila	Kevin	Jena	Cheyann
Jo L.	Scott	Audrey	Jeff
Elizabeth	Lisa	David	Lola
M.J.	Poppie	Jakob	Brenda

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.

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. 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.



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.



Our courtyard continues to evolve. The lawn has been expanded and seeded with new grass. Please pray for good weather with some rain so it can grow! Kindly stay off this area until the planting comes in.

Vestry

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)

Our Ministries

Worship

Acolytes
Altar Guild
Eucharistic Ministers
Lectors and Intercessors
Vergers
Guitar and Taizé Services
Healing Team
Centering Prayer
Morning Prayer
Ushers
Kristallnacht Service

Music

Parish Choir
Bell Ringers
Children's Choir
Fall Festival of Arts

Education

Adult Forum
Library
Children's Ministries
Education For Ministry
Bible Study
EYC

Pastoral Care

Cards and notes
Prayer Lists
Eucharistic Visitors
Flower Delivery
Pastoral Visits

Fellowship

Sunday Fellowship Hour
50+ Club
Hospitality Committee

Business

Property
Churchyard Maintenance
Stewardship Team
Planned Giving
Communications
Capital Campaign
Security Task Force

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

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.

Altar Candle Memorials for May 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 Gail S. Braun by her family.

Please be sure to be with us on May 18th.

Bishop Kevin Nichols will be with us at

9:05am for Adult Forum and 10am to confirm our 6 Youth and 5

Adult Confirmands. This is a wonderful to celebrate Christ Church and all we do.



This Week at Christ Church

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

Monday, May 5

9AM ESL class
12PM—1PM NA meeting

Tuesday, May 6

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

Wednesday, May 7

8:30AM Staff Meeting
9AM ESL class
10AM-1PM ECW Rummage Sale
12PM Noon Eucharist
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
5:30-7PM NA Meeting
7PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 8

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 9

12PM—1PM NA Meeting



Christ Episcopal Church
Christ is all and in all

Saturday, May 10

10AM-1PM ECW Rummage Sale
12PM-2PM NA meeting

Sunday, May 11—Consecration Sunday and Mother's Day

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