

# Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

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



**Easter Day**

**April 20, 2025**

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## Today's Readings

### **The First Reading:** Isaiah 65:17-25

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

### **The Second Reading:** Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

**The Gospel:** Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened. looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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## **The Prayers of the People**

Celebrant: Lord of life and salvation, we pray that filled with the joy of your Son's rising, we would proclaim your love to the world, saying, hear our prayer.

That our risen Saviour may fill us and all of your people with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection. We pray especially for Bryce, our rector, Kevin our bishop, Sean our presiding bishop, Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui and for St. John's, Hamlin; Jesus, Lord of life: **hear our prayer.**

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter; Jesus, Lord of life: **hear our prayer.**

That God may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love. We pray especially for those celebrating this week, for Merri Bengston, Doris Schilpp and Judy Feick; Jesus, Lord of life: **hear our prayer.**

That he may provide for those who lack food, work or shelter; Jesus, Lord of life: **hear our prayer.**

That by his power war and famine may cease through all the world, we pray especially for the people of Ukraine and the Holy Land; Jesus, Lord of life: **hear our prayer.**

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them, we pray especially for those on our prayer list and any we name now; Jesus, Lord of life: **hear our prayer.**

That, according to his promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day, remembering especially Professor Benjamin Brown; Jesus, Lord of life: **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Lord of life everlasting, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

*Please Stand*

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **He has given us new life and hope.**  
**He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

Celebrant: God has claimed us as his own.

People: **He has brought us out of darkness.**  
**He has made us light to the world.**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**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, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The First Reading:** Isaiah 65:17-25 (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** 118:1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his mercy endures for ever.

**Let Israel now proclaim,  
"His mercy endures for ever."**

The Lord is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.

**There is a sound of exultation and victory  
in the tents of the righteous:**

"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!  
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

**I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the Lord.**

The Lord has punished me sorely,  
but he did not hand me over to death.

**Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them;**

**I will offer thanks to the Lord.**

"This is the gate of the Lord;  
he who is righteous may enter."

**I will give thanks to you, for you answered me  
and have become my salvation.**

The same stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

**This is the Lord's doing,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

On this day the Lord has acted;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**The Second Reading:** Acts 10:34-43 (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 Holy Gospel:** Luke 24:1-12 (full text on page 3 of this bulletin)

*Before the reading*

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

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 10)

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

Intercessor: Jesus, Lord of life,

People: **hear our prayer**

**Confession of Sin** (page 10 of this bulletin)

**The Peace**

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

People: **And also with you.**

**Announcements**

## **The Holy Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving** *Eucharistic Prayer B, page 11*

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**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 Prayer**

*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 Easter Dismissal**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in the peace of the risen Christ!  
All    **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**



## 8Am Service Participants

*Celebrant and Homilist*  
The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

*Organist and Choirmaster*  
John Painter

*Lector and Intercessor*  
Dane Miller

*Altar Guild Team*  
Linda Jones (captain) Linda Lacey  
and Brittany Underkofler

*Usher*  
Ellen Sunderman

*Communion Assistant*  
Ellen Sunderman

## 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	Angelica C	Kevin
Mother Dolores	Mia	Violet	Jeff
Beverly M.	Jeanne Milkens	Zoe	Jakob
Kaiden	Meg	Aamydan	Greggory

*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 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.**

Christ Church Episcopal  
Reading, PA  
10am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prelude

*Easter Morn*

Edwin Lemare

*Please stand*

Opening Hymn 207 *Jesus Christ is risen today*

*Descant*

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Easter Hymn*, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmodist*, 1749, alt., desc. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, Revised, 1950. Descant by permission of Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All Rights Reserved. Used by permission.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **He has given us new life and hope.  
He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

Celebrant: God has claimed us as his own.

People: **He has brought us out of darkness.  
He has made us light to the world.**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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**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.**

# Gloria

David Thorne

*Moderato ff*

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

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

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

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

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 Spa-rit, in the Glo-ry of God the

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



### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The First Reading:** Acts 10:34-43 (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*

### Gospel Hymn 192

*Christ is alive* (pages 17 and 18)

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,  
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring, His love in death shall nev - er die.  
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

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**The Holy Gospel: Luke 24:1-12 (full text on page 3 of this bulletin)**

*Before the reading*

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

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 10 of this bulletin)**

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

Intercessor: Jesus, Lord of life,

People: **hear our prayer**

**Confession of Sin (page 10 of this bulletin)**

**The Peace**

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

People: **And also with you.**

**Announcements**

**The Offertory Anthem** *A Repeating Alleluia*

Calvin Hampton

## Presentation Hymn

## *Thine be the glory*

1. 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** (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.**

*The celebrant continues with the Great Thanksgiving on page 12*

**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 12*

**The Lord's Prayer** (page 13 of this bulletin)

**The Fraction Anthem**

*Cantor, then all*

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

*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.

## The Invitation to Communion

*Everyone is invited to receive. There will be two chalices for receiving: the first to drink from and the second chalice is for intinction (dipping the host instead of drinking.) Gluten Free wafers are available; if you require gluten free please indicate this when receiving. If you would prefer to receive a blessing please indicate this by crossing your arms while at the communion rail.*

## Agnus Dei

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 Hymns** 8 *Morning has broken* (page 21)

*Let us talents and tongues employ* (page 22)

*Unison or harmony*

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,  
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,  
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. \_\_\_\_\_  
like the first dew - fall on the first grass. \_\_\_\_\_  
born of the one light E - den saw play! \_\_\_\_\_

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! \_\_\_\_\_  
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. \_\_\_\_\_  
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day! \_\_\_\_\_

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1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at his ta - ble he sets the tone,  
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,

bread is brok - en, the wine is poured, Christ is spok - en and seen and heard:  
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press:  
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God Em - man - u - el ev - ery - where:

Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the word a - round: loaves a - bound.

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### The Post-Communion Prayer

*All pray together:*

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

**The Blessing**

**The Closing Hymn 210** *The day of resurrection* (see pages 25 and 26)

**The Easter Dismissal**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in the peace of the risen Christ!

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**10AM Service Participants**

*Celebrant and Homilist*

The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

*Lector*

Charlotte Hoare

*Organist and Choir Director*

John Painter

*Intercessor*

Victoria Wilson

*Altar Guild*

Linda Jones (captain), Linda Lacey and  
Brittany Underkofler

*Communion Assistants*

Milah Smith and Andrea Griffith

*Acolytes*

Lillian Argulles and Lauren Hoelscher

*Ushers*

Larry Whalen, Christine Keeler, Kate  
Schuler and Zoe Morris

*Thurifer*

Andrea Griffith

*Crucifer*

Ian Hoelscher

*Gospel Book Bearer*

Ben Frymoyer

*Vergers*

Matt Hoelscher



*Descant*

3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

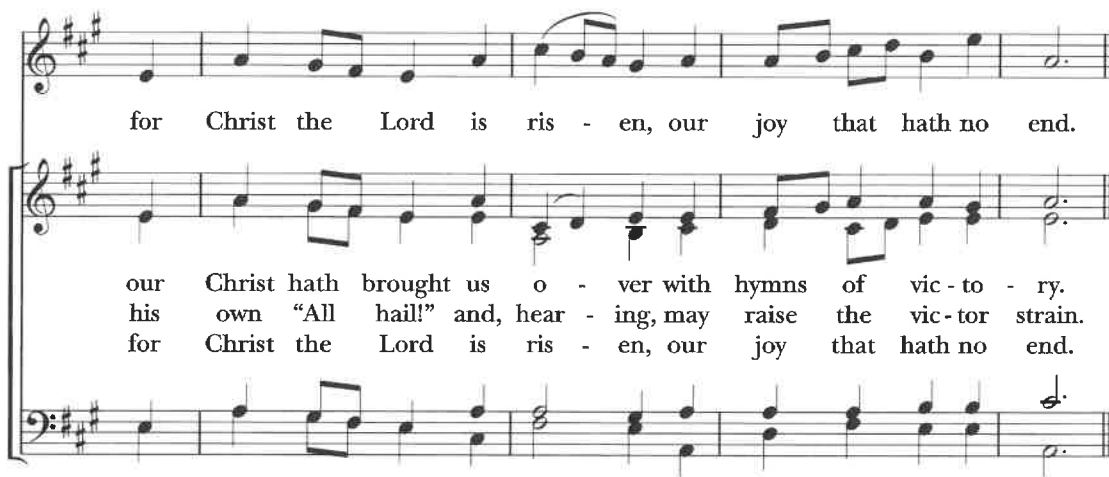
1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;  
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.  
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;  
 the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,  
 and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain  
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,



for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

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**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-blasts and newsletters.

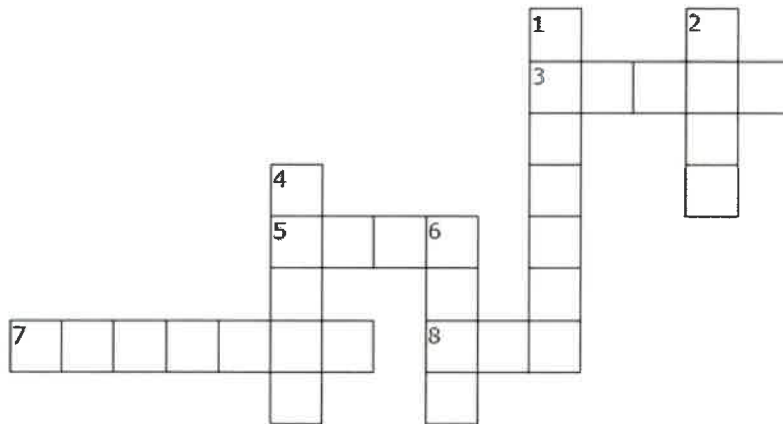
**Altar Candle Memorials for April are given for Blessings Received** by Susan Frankowski; **Paul and Alice Swain and Arthur and Mary Hoare** by Stephen and Charlotte Hoare; **Sherry Feick Chandler** by David and Judy Feick.

**Altar Flowers for today are given in Loving Memory of our dear friend, Professor Benjamin Brown,** by David and Judy Feick

# Surprise! It's Empty!

They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. Luke 24:2-3 (NIV)

Based on Luke 24:1-12



## ACROSS

3. "He is not here, he has \_\_\_\_\_."  
Luke 24:6
5. A place where someone, especially an important person, is buried
7. The first or early part of a day
8. A period of twenty-four hours

## DOWN

1. To kill someone by tying or nailing them to a cross
2. A period of seven days
4. A hard solid substance found in the ground which is often used for building
6. The whole physical structure that forms a person

MORNING	BODY	RISEN	STONE
DAY	CRUCIFY	TOMB	WEEK

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

BOWED	FACES	GROUND	MORNING	RISEN
WOMEN	WEEK	FRIGHT	STONE	LIVING
ROLLED	FIRST	REMEMBER	DAY	DEAD
TOMB	AWAY	SPICES	ENTERED	BODY

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Vestry</b></p> <p>Diane Morris (Senior Warden/Stewardship)          Chuck Brantman (Junior Warden/Property)          Anita Powell (Pastoral Care)          Pam Wheat (Grants)          Carolyn Handy (Hospitality)          Rick Wolf (Finances)          Bob Kappenstein (Worship)          Kim Alarcon (Security Task Force)          Mary Arguelles (Children/Youth)          Jill Braun (Community Ministries)          Matt Hoelscher (Community Ministries)          Michelle Rowles-Cranmer (Daycare/Nursery Initiatives)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Our Ministries</b></p> <p><b>Worship</b>          Acolytes          Altar Guild          Eucharistic Ministers          Lectors and Intercessors          Vergers          Guitar and Taizé Services          Healing Team          Centering Prayer          Morning Prayer          Ushers          Kristallnacht Service</p> <p><b>Music</b>          Parish Choir          Bell Ringers          Children's Choir          Fall Festival of Arts</p> <p><b>Education</b>          Adult Forum          Library          Children's Ministries</p>	<p>Education For Ministry          Bible Study          EYC</p> <p><b>Pastoral Care</b>          Cards and notes          Prayer Lists          Eucharistic Visitors          Flower Delivery          Pastoral Visits</p> <p><b>Fellowship</b>          Sunday Fellowship Hour          50+ Club          Hospitality Committee</p> <p><b>Business</b>          Property          Churchyard          Maintenance          Stewardship Team          Planned Giving          Communications          Capital Campaign          Security Task Force</p> <p><b>Community Outreach</b>          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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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.

Consider becoming a member of the **Reading Franciscan Justice Circle** being formed by some Bernardine Franciscan Sisters and Secular Franciscans. Franciscan Justice Circles are a grassroots initiative promoted by Franciscan Action Network (FAN) to connect individuals in prayer, action, and advocacy in cities across the country. For further information, check out [www.FranciscanJusticeCircles.org](http://www.FranciscanJusticeCircles.org). Participants can attend in person or via Zoom. If you would like to attend an upcoming meeting to consider joining, please contact Sister Cara Garofalo at [caralucilleg@gmail.com](mailto:caralucilleg@gmail.com).

## **Easter Flower donations 2025**

### **In Memory Of**

Gerald and Helen Androne, Erling and Viola Peterson by Mary Jane and Richard Androne

William and Ruth D. Maier by Ruth Anne Bengston

Ida Mae Emes; Bernard E. Emes and Pamela C. Graul by David Emes

Evelyn and Earl Faust, Naomi and Earl Naftzinger, Irvin, Emma and Sarah Faust, Audrey Hentrich, Jason Erlich, Cynthia Phillips by Sherry Faust

Charles and Sherry Feick Chandler by David and Judy Feick

Jere Gabrielle by Runette Gabrielle

Loved Ones by Priscilla and John Hirschenhofer

Mr and Mrs Robert S. Yiengst, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Weidner, The Rev. David T. Weidner by Brian and Fiana Holt

The Family of Garrett and Joann Hyneman by Garret and Joann Hyneman

My parents, Luther and Dorothy Kunkel by Linda Jones

Our Loved Ones by Robert and Christine Keeler

Harold, Mary and Daniel Lambert, Frank, Dorothy and Kay Laedlein by Richard and Marcia Laedlein

William F. Pflum, Jr. by Cynthia Pipkin and Polly Pflum

Joseph and Chris Powell, Betty, Tom, Sandy, Nancy and Todd Buckwalter by Anita Powell and Cliff Buckwalter

Abby Rinehart by Jim and Nancy Rinehart

The Donnelly Family, The Rowles Family by Terry and Michael Rowles

Dick Schilpp, The Reed and Breneman Family by Doris Schilpp

Rev. Gerald A. Spice, Patty Ressler, Maggie M. Schuler by Kate Schuler

Ethel and Warren Skibbe; Virginia and Hesper Sillhart by Judy and Glenn Sillhart

Richard Smith by Kathryn Smith

Herm and Polly Sunderman, Frederick and Pearl Sunderman, Dorothy and Paul Loose, Michelle Omlor, Charles Ohlinger, James Thomas, Roberta Zuk by The Sunderman Family

Paul West by Michael and Kourtney West

Our beloved parents and grandparents by Victoria and James Wilson

**In Honor of**

Bruce Bengston by Ruth Anne Bengston

Brad and Stacy Feick by David and Judy Feick

Bruce, Donna and Laura Pflum and Sean Zimmerman by Cynthia Pipkin and Polly Pflum

Ben and Deb, Leah and Isaac, Marley and Scott by Anita Powell and Cliff Buckwalter

Daughters, sons-in-law and grandchildren by Terry and Michael Rowles

Jake, Evan and Connor by Doris Schilpp

Elizabeth, Josh, Ben and Olivia West by Michael and Kourtney West

Our grandchildren: Callan James Whalen, Eli Grace Whalen, Charlotte Brown Stuart and Jackson Philip Stuart by Alison and Larry Whalen

**In Thanksgiving for:**

Sallie, Aidan, Matthew, Seokee, Linaea and Nathan by Ruth Anne Bengston

Nate, Elizabeth and David by Sherry Faust

Blessings Received by Stephen and Charlotte Hoare

Porter William Holt and Dillon Prescott Holt by Brian and Fiana Holt

Our Grandchildren by Robert and Christine Keeler

All our Loved Ones by Cynthia Pipkin and Polly Pflum

Otshepeng, Matthew and Micah, Juliana, Lennon, Theo. Mila and Zoe by Anita Powell and Cliff Buckwalter

Uncle Mac by Terry and Michael Rowles

Bryce Wandrey Family by Doris Schilpp

Beth Hannum, Heather and Brianne by Kate Schuler

Nichole, Caroline and Emily by Bryce Wandrey

## **This Week at Christ Church**

### **Sunday, April 20—Easter Sunday**

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)  
9AM Easter Bunny Petting Zoo!  
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung) with an Easter Egg Hunt following  
4PM-5PM NA Meeting

### **Monday, April 21**

Office closed  
9AM ESL class  
12PM—1PM NA meeting

### **Tuesday, April 22**

9AM Citizenship Class  
930AM Zoom Centering Prayer  
12PM—1PM NA meeting

### **Wednesday, April 23**

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

### **Thursday, April 24**

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 25**

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

### **Saturday, April 26**

12PM-2PM NA meeting

## **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)  
11:15AM Children's Choir Practice  
3-5:30PM BYC Practice  
4-5PM NA meeting

## **Upcoming Events**

**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