

# Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

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



**The Sunday of the Passion:**

**Palm Sunday**

**April 13, 2025**

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## Today's Readings

### **The Palm Gospel:** Luke 19:28-40

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

### **Old Testament:** Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens--wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

### **The Passion Gospel :** Luke 23:1-49

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, 'We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.' Then Pilate asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' He answered, 'You say so.' Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, 'I find no basis for an accusation against this man.' But they were insistent and said, 'He stirs up the

people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.' When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

**Sung verse** (*8am, Jesus remember me; 10am, Were you there?*)

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, 'You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.' Then they all shouted out together, 'Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!' (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, 'Crucify, crucify him!' A third time he said to them, 'Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.' But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished. As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed." Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us"; and to the hills, "Cover us." For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?'

**Sung verse** (8am, Jesus remember me; 10am, Were you there?)

And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!' In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.' Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

**Sung verse** (8am, Jesus remember me; 10am, Were you there?)

### **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: *"Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem"* by Gustave Dore (1832-1883)

### **The Prayers of the People**

Celebrant: God of all, we pray that we may know Christ's presence with us in times of suffering and in times of joy, in times of hope and in times of despair, saying, Lord have mercy.

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Christian people, that through the suffering of disunity there may grow a rich union in Christ. We pray especially for Bryce, our rector, Kevin our bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop, for the Church of England, for St. James', Schuykill Haven, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them, that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for justice and peace, especially those in the Ukraine and the Holy Land, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation, that they may find support and encouragement, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow, feel that God is far from them, we pray for those on our prayer list, and anyone that we name now; let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are following in the way of the cross and are supported by the love of God, especially for those celebrating this week: Kim Alarcon, Josh West, Gerald Kennedy and Bryan and Tracie Weyandt. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we, with those who have died in faith, may find mercy in the day of Christ, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: God of love, whose only Son took on himself the weight of all human suffering, that in our times of struggle we would know we are never alone, shine your light into our hearts, that in all our confusion we would know your guidance, in all our despair know your hope and in all our loneliness know your friendship, in the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Christ Episcopal Church**  
**Reading, PA**  
**8am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

**The Liturgy of the Palms**

*Please Stand*

**The Acclamation and Response**

Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord

People: **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest**

Celebrant: Let us pray

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Palm Gospel:** Luke 19:28-40 (Full text on page 2 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.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

Celebrant: It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Hosanna in the highest.**

**The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**The Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-9a (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 Passion Gospel:** Luke 23:1-49 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.' The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and the time signature is 2/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a steady accompaniment in the bass line.

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*Please be seated*

### **The Homily**

*Please stand*

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

Intercessor: Let us pray to the Lord

People: **Lord, have mercy**

**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.**

## **The Holy Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving** (Eucharistic Prayer E from *Common Worship*, page 10)

**The Sanctus** (page 11)

*The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 11*

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

**The Prayer of Humble Access and 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**

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

*Ushers*

Ellen Sunderman

*Lector and Intercessor*

Juliana Gonzalez

*Communion Assistant*

Rick Wolf

*Passion Gospel Readers*

Chris Spohn and Rick Wolf

*Altar Guild Team*

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

### **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**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
All: **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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**Christ Episcopal Church**  
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**10am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

**Children's Choir**

*We have a King who rides a donkey*

Fred Kaan

**The Liturgy of the Palms**

*Please stand*

**Opening Hymn 156**

*Ride on, ride on in majesty* Tune: Winchester New

TUNE 1: WINCHESTER NEW LM

The musical score is written for a children's choir in a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass). It is in the key of B-flat major and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The score consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line.

1. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark,  
all the tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur -  
sues his road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.

2. Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;  
the Father on his sapphire throne  
expects his own anointed Son.

3. Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,  
then take, O God, thy power, and  
reign.

**The Acclamation and Response**

Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord

People: **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest**

Celebrant: Let us pray

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Palm Gospel: Luke 19:28-40**

*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.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

Celebrant: It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace

People: **In the name of Christ. Amen**

**The Processional Hymn 155** *All glory laud and honor (vs.1-3)*

*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;  
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;  
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



*Repeat Refrain*



1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
 4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.



*The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.*  
 Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

Celebrant: Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*All glory laud and honor (vs. 4-5)*

### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**The First Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-9a (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 167** *There is a green hill far away (omit verses 3 and 4)*

1 There is a green hill far a - way, out - side a ci - ty wall,  
2 We may not know, we can - not tell, what pains he had to bear,  
\*3 He died that we might be for - given, he died to make us good,  
\*4 There was no o - ther good e - nough to pay the price of sin,  
5 O dear - ly, dear - ly has he loved! And we must love him too,

1 where our dear Lord was cru - ci - fied who died to save us all.  
2 but we be - lieve it was for us he hung and suf - fered there.  
3 that we might go at last to heaven, saved by his pre - cious blood.  
4 he on - ly could un - lock the gate of heaven and let us in.  
5 and trust in his re - deem - ing blood, and try his works to do.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: *Horsley*, William Horsley (1774-1858).



**The Passion Gospel: Luke 23:1-49 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)**

I Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you  
there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh!  
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,  
trem-ble. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?

*Please be seated*

**The Homily**

*Please Stand*

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

Intercessor: Let us pray to the Lord

People: **Lord have mercy.**

**The Peace**

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


People: **And also with you.**

**Announcements and DOK Admission (page 25)**

**The Offertory Anthem** *Palms! Palms! Palms!*  
Children's Choir

Mary Arguelles

*Please stand*  
**Presentation Hymn**



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

Words: Latin, 6th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell (1862-1947), alt. By permission of Oxford University Press. Music: *Erhalt uns, Herr*, melody from *Geistliche Leiden*, 1543; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

**The Great Thanksgiving** (Prayer E from *Common Worship*, page 10)

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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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

*The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 11)*

**The Lord's Prayer** (page 12)

## The Fraction Anthem

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

## The Invitation to Communion

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## Agnus Dei

Healy Wilan

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.

# The Communion Hymn

## *This is my body*

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the hymn. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single line. The lyrics are: "1. This is my bo - dy, bro - ken for you, bring - ing you whole - ness, mak - ing you free. Take it and eat it, and when you do, do it in love for me." The second and third staves continue the melody and lyrics. The lyrics for the second staff are: "bring - ing you whole - ness, mak - ing you free. Take it and eat it," and for the third staff: "and when you do, do it in love for me." The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and ties.

2. This is my blood, poured out for you,  
bringing forgiveness, making you free.  
Take it and drink it, and when you do,  
do it in love for me.

3. Back to my Father soon I shall go.  
Do not forget me; then you will see  
I am still with you, and you will know  
you're very close to me.

4. Filled with my Spirit, how you will grow!  
You are my branches; I am the tree.  
If you are faithful, others will know  
you are alive in me.

5. Love one another; I have loved you,  
and I have shown you how to be free;  
serve one another, and when you do,  
do it in love for me.

*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.**

### **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 Closing Hymn** 473 *Lift high the cross* (page 23 of this bulletin)

### **The Dismissal**

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Descant*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied  
 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Repeat Refrain*

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.  
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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## 10am Service Participants

### *Celebrant and Homilist*

The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

### *Verger*

Matt Hoelscher

### *Organist and Choir Director*

John Painter

### *Crucifer*

Ian Hoelscher

### *Lector and Intercessor*

Charlotte Hoare

### *Acolytes*

Zoe Morris and Elizabeth West

### *Passion Gospel Readers*

Runette Gabrielle and Diane  
Morris

### *Ushers*

David Emes, Joann Hyneman,  
Garrett Hyneman, Jack Lacey

### *Communion Assistants*

Terry Rowles and Kate Fanning

### *Altar Guild Team*

June Tull (captain)

*Gospel Book*  
Derek Morris

Priscilla Hirschenhofer, Andrea  
Griffith and Kim Alarcon

### 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	Elizabeth
Kevin	Jena	Brenda	Cheyana
Lola	Sandi	MJ	Chase

*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.*



**SERVICE OF ADMISSION** for Runette Gabrielle, Brenda Guardian, Kathleen Harris, Dail Richie and Kate Schuler

**Presenter:** It is my privilege to present Runette, Brenda, Kat, Dail and Kate as candidates for membership in The Order of the Daughters of the King.

**Celebrant:** Dearly beloved, we are gathered here in the sight of God to admit these His servants into The Order of the Daughters of the King. Let us pray: O God, our Father and our King, grant to these your servant such a measure of your heavenly grace that they may be mindful always whose children they are and daily increase in your Holy Spirit that by your wisdom and strength they may, with those whom she they bring to you, come to your everlasting Kingdom, for the sake of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(To the candidates:) Do you promise faithfully to obey the two Rules of the Order, the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service? To offer at all times your loyal aid to the clergy and to the parish to advance the cause of Christ? To wear habitually the cross of the Order? And to work for its purposes, as God may give you the opportunity?

**CANDIDATES:** I do, with God's help.

**CLERGY:** (To the congregation) Will you support these women in their ministry of prayer and service?

**CONGREGATION:** We will.

**CLERGY:** (The clergy shall bless the cross.) Bless, O Lord, these crosses and grant to your servants now to be admitted to this Order such abundance of your grace that they may wear this sacred symbol in the spirit of humility and with devotion to the service of the King of kings. Amen.

(Taking each by the right hand, the clergy receives the candidates, and the cross of the Order is given to each candidate by the clergy or Diocesan President or her representative)

**CLERGY:** I receive and admit you into membership of the Order in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Accept and wear faithfully this mark of your membership, remembering the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, "Take up your cross and follow me."

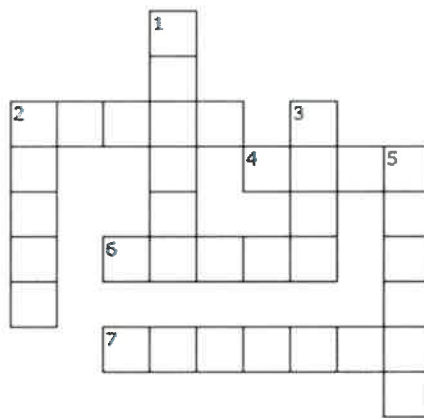
**ALL DAUGHTERS OF THE KING:** Almighty God, help us to pray so faithfully that we draw near to you and learn your will. Help us to serve so joyfully that others may be drawn to you. May your Holy Spirit guide us each day, that all we think, do, or say may be acceptable in your sight. We ask it all for the sake of Him whose cross we wear, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**CLERGY:** Almighty and merciful God, bless these your servants who have signified their purpose to continue in your holy service as members and officers of The Order of the Daughters of the King. Guide them to lead a godly life in your church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The Triumphal Entry

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Matthew 21:9a (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Matthew 21:1-11 (NIV)



## ACROSS

2. A loose outer garment without sleeves worn instead of a coat
4. A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals
6. To speak with a very loud voice
7. A community which is smaller than a town, usually in the countryside

## DOWN

1. The part of a tree that grows out from the main trunk and has leaves
2. A large group of people who have gathered together
3. A young male horse (or donkey)
5. An animal like a small horse with long ears

CROWD	DONKEY	CLOAK	VILLAGE
SHOUT	COLT	ROAD	BRANCH

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

KING	JERUSALEM	LORD	BRANCHES	VILLAGE
DISCIPLES	FOAL	BLESSED	SPOKEN	FULFILL
GENTLE	MOUNT	HOSANNA	COLT	RIDING
CLOAKS	JESUS	DONKEY	PROPHET	OLIVES



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# The Triumphal Entry

Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.



"Go to the \_\_\_\_\_ ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a \_\_\_\_\_ tied there, which no one has ever \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it.' "

They went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They replied, "The Lord needs it."

They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the \_\_\_\_\_. The crowd of disciples began joyfully to \_\_\_\_\_ God in loud voices for all the \_\_\_\_\_ they had seen: "Blessed is the \_\_\_\_\_ who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the highest!"

colt	heaven	miracles	ridden	untie
glory	king	praise	road	village

**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.

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



**Easter Bunnies** On Easter Day, April 20th, from 9am to 10am, we will have our very own Easter bunny petting zoo! Please tell your friends!

We are having a Easter Egg hunt following the 10AM service on Easter Sunday, We are in need of candy donations. Kindly drop off at church this week during office hours if you can and thank you!

<p><b>Vestry</b>  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><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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**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.**

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](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 [caralucille@gmail.com](mailto:caralucille@gmail.com).

**This Week at Christ Church**  
**Sunday, April 13—Palm Sunday**

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

**Monday, April 14**

9AM ESL class  
12PM—1PM NA meeting

**Tuesday, April 15**

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

**Wednesday, April 16**

8:30AM Staff Meeting  
9AM ESL class  
11:30AM Stations of the Cross  
12PM Noon Eucharist  
12PM—1PM NA Meeting  
5:30-7PM NA Meeting  
7PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, April 17 Maundy Thursday**

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  
7PM Maundy Thursday service with Foot Washing

**Friday, April 18 Good Friday**

12PM Good Friday Solemn Service  
12PM—1PM NA Meeting

**Saturday, April 19 Holy Saturday**

12PM-2PM NA meeting  
7PM Easter Vigil Service

**Sunday, April 20—Easter Day**

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

**Upcoming Events**

**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

**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