

# Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

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



**The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Mother's Day  
May 11, 2025**

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

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## Today's Readings

### **The First Reading:** Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

### **The Second Reading:** Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

**The Gospel Reading:** John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

**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.

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## The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: As children of a loving God who always listens to our needs and desires, let us pray to our Father in heaven saying, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: God of love and kindness, you taught us to love our neighbor, and to care for those in need as if we were caring for you. Give us strength to be the light and love that so many around us need; we pray especially for Bryce, our rector, Kevin, our bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop, The Nippon Sei Ko Kai and St. Mark's & St. John's, Jim Thorpe. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, be close to those who are ill or afraid. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light; we pray especially for those on our prayer list printed in the bulletin and for those we name now...; God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we thank you for the opportunity to rejoice and give thanks. Today we give thanks for everyone who has shown us tender, loving, motherly care in our lives. We also pray for those celebrating the gift of life this week, Father James Rinehart, Rick Wolf, Maggie Boggs, Cynthia Pipkin, Todd Wood and Michele Uhrich. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

God of peace, we pray for those who are facing war, conflict and displacements, especially the people of Ukraine and the Holy Land. We place all your precious children into your hands. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of Life, in your mercy bring hope to the dying and comfort those who mourn. We remember today Ruth and William Maier and Patricia K.J. Mathews. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Loving God, accept our prayers; through them transform us and all creation until you are in all and through all, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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

*Please stand*

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

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

Celebrant: How often have I desired to gather your children together:

People: **as a hen gathers her brood under her wings.** (Luke 13:34)

Celebrant: Keep me as the apple of the eye

People: **Hide me in the shadow of Your wings.** (Psalm 17:8)

**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 Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The First Reading:** Acts 9:36-43 (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.**

**Psalm 23** (read responsively by whole verse)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:  
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

**The Second Reading:** Revelation 7:9-17 (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 10:22-30 (full text on page 3 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: God of love,

People: **hear our prayer.**

**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:*

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children, you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

**8:00 AM Service Participants**

*Celebrant and Homilist*

The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

*Communion Assistant*

Ellen Sunderman

*Lector and Intercessor*

Juliana Gonzalez

*Altar Guild*

Linda Jones (Captain), Linda Lacey,  
Brittany Underkofler, Armani  
Rodriguez

*Usher*

Rick Wolf



### **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**

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

**Prelude**

*Sonatina*

**Borck**

*Please stand*

**Processional Hymn 181** *Awake and sing the song*

*Descant*

4 Soon shall each rap - tured tongue his

1 A - wake and sing the song of  
2 Sing of his dy - ing love, his  
3 You pil - grims on the road to  
4 Soon shall each rap - tured tongue his

end - less praise pro - claim, and sing in sweet - er

Mo - ses and the Lamb; wake ev - ery heart and  
re - sur - rec - tion power; sing how he in - ter -  
Zi - on's ci - ty, sing, re - joic - ing in the  
end - less praise pro - claim, and sing in sweet - er

notes the song of Mo - ses and the Lamb.

ev - ery tongue to praise the Sa - vior's name.  
cedes a - bove for those whose sins he bore.  
Lamb of God, in Christ the e - ter - nal King.  
notes the song of Mo - ses and the Lamb.

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## The Liturgy of the Word

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

Celebrant: How often have I desired to gather your children together:

People: **as a hen gathers her brood under her wings.** (Luke 13:34)

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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** (see page 15)

**The Collect of the Day**

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People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**The First Reading:** Revelation 7:9-17 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

*At the end of the reading*

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## Gloria

## Mass of St. Thomas

David Thorne

**Moderato** *ff*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gospel Hymn

God's like a mother

*Unison or harmony*



1 God's like a mother, Giving life to us;  
 2 God called to Mary, Through an archangel;  
 3 God's like a mother, Caring, providing;

Loving us always, Without demand;  
 Ask her to birth, God's enfleshed Son;  
 Making sure that we, Know that we're loved;

Shielding us under, Wings that protect us;  
 Mary responded, "Let it be" to me;  
 God's like a mother, Always abiding;

Tenderly guiding, Taking our hand.  
 May this child become, God's victory won.  
 Holding us gently, Saying, "Beloved."

Text: Bryce Wandrey (*Dedicated to my mother, Eileen, my wife, Nichole, all mothers and those who provide motherly care.*)  
 Tune: *Bunessan*, Gaelic Melody

**The Holy Gospel: John 10:22-30 (full text on page 3 of this bulletin)**

*Before the reading*

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

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



*After the reading*

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

**The Homily**

*Please stand*

**The Nicene Creed** (page 9)

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

Celebrant: God of love,

People: **hear our prayer.**

**Confession of Sin** (Page 9)

**The Peace**

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

People: **And also with you.**

**Announcements and Children's Message**

**The Offertory Anthem** *Immaculate Mary*

Jeremiah Cummings

1. Immaculate Mary, your praises we  
sing.

You reign now in splendor with  
Jesus our King.

Refrain:

Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!

Ave, Ave, Maria!

2. In heaven the blessed your glory  
proclaim;

On earth we your children invoke your  
fair name. [Refrain]

3 We pray for our Mother, the Church  
upon earth,

And bless, Holy Mary, the land of our  
birth. [Refrain]

**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)  
MACCABAEUS 10 11 11 11 and Refrain

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

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

*The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 11*

## The Lord's Prayer (page 12)

### The Fraction Anthem

*Cantor, then all*

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

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

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**The Invitation to Communion** (page 12)

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

**The Agnus Dei**

*Mass of St Thomas*

David Thorne

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

**The Communion Hymn 663** *The Lord my God my shepherd is* (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 The Lord my God my shep - herd is; how  
 2 To whole - ness he re - stores my soul and  
 3 Yea, e - ven when I must pass through the  
 4 Thou hast in grace my ta - ble spread se -  
 5 Then sure - ly I can trust thy love for

1 could I want or need? In pas - tures green, by  
 2 doth in mer - cy bless, and helps me take for  
 3 val - ley of death's shade, I will not fear, for  
 4 cure in all a - larms, and filled my cup, and  
 5 all the days to come, that I may tell thy

1 streams se - rene, he safe - ly doth me lead.  
 2 his Name's sake the paths of right - eous - ness.  
 3 thou art here, to com - fort and to aid.  
 4 borne me up in ev - er - last - ing arms.  
 5 praise, and dwell for ev - er in thy home.

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### **The Post-Communion Prayers**

*The Celebrant first prays the following:*

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children, you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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** 289 *Our Father, by whose servants* (see pages 24–25)

### **The Dismissal**

Celebrant: Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## 10AM Service Participants

*Celebrant and Homilist*  
The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

*Organist and Choir Director*  
John Painter

*Verger*  
Kat Harris

*Gospel Book Bearer*  
Emily Wandrey

*Lector*  
Kate Fanning

*Intercessor*  
Kathleen Brantman

*Ushers*  
Christine Keeler,  
Kate Shuler and Zoe Morris

*Communion Assistants*  
Kate Fanning and Milah Smith

*Crucifer*  
Amelia Fanning

*Acolytes*  
Lillian Arguelles and Alex Brantman

*Altar Guild*  
Linda Jones (Captain), Linda Lacey,  
Brittany Underkofler, Armani  
Rodriguez

### *A Song of St Anselm*

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you;  
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.  
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness;  
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.  
Your warmth gives life to the dead,  
your touch makes sinners righteous.  
Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us;  
in your love and tenderness remake us.  
In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness,  
for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us.  
Anselm (1109)

1 Our Fa - ther, by whose ser - vants our house was built of  
 2 The change - ful years un - rest - ing their si - lent course have  
 3 They reap not where they la - bored; we reap what they have

old, whose hand hath crowned her chil - dren with  
 sped, new com - rades ev - er bring - ing in  
 sown: our har - vest may be gar - nered by

bless - ings man - i - fold, for thine un - fail - ing  
 com - rades' steps to tread: and some are long for -  
 a - ges yet un - known. The days of old have

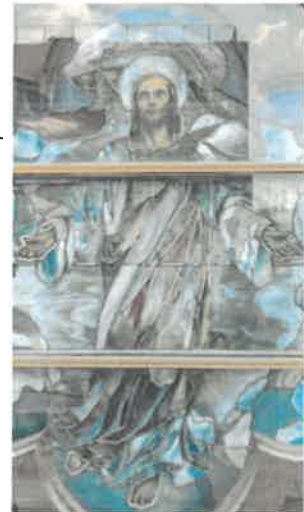
mer - cies far - strewn a - long our way, with  
 got - ten, long spent their hopes and fears; safe  
 dowered us with gifts be - yond all praise: our



all who passed be - fore us, we praise thy Name to - day.  
 rest they in thy keep - ing, who chan - gest not with years.  
 Fa - ther, make us faith - ful to serve the com - ing days.

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**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.



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
Kevin	Janet	Mary	Chase
Rylen			

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



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.



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 six Youth and five Adult Confirmands. This is a wonderful way to celebrate Christ Church and all we do. Please pray for our baptism candidate Lillian Arguelles and our confirmation candidates Lillian Arguelles, Elliott Brantman, Benjamin Frymoyer, Juliana Gonzalez, Ian Hoelscher, Zoe Morris, Tim Blessing, Kathleen Harris, Benjamin Renninger, Kate Schuler and Joanna Zias.

**Pilgrimage to France!** Our deadline for registration is June 15th so that the travel agent can make sure that we have the appropriate flights and hotel rooms booked. There are informational leaflets on the bulletin news board outside the Fellowship Hall. Please speak to Fr Bryce if you have any questions.

### **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 her parents, Ruth and William Maier** by Bruce and Ruth Anne Bengtson.

**Columbarium Flowers are given today for the Glory of God and in Loving memory of Patricia K. J. Mathews** from her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

On May 14 and 15, the ECW is sponsoring a **fundraiser at Austin's and Coastal Grille restaurants**. See any ECW member for a coupon, present it with your check and the ECW gets 20% of the cost of your dinner (minus beverages.) You get a great meal and ECW gets 20% for supporting their charities. Win-win!

## **This Week at Christ Church**

### **Sunday, May 11—The 4th Sunday of Easter and Mother's Day**

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)  
9AM Sunday School and Youth Confirmation Class  
9:05AM Adult Forum with Bishop Kevin  
10AM Baptism and Confirmation Service with Bishop Kevin  
11AM Fellowship Hour and Adult Confirmation Class  
4PM—5PM NA meeting

### **Monday, May 19**

9AM ESL class  
12PM—1PM NA meeting

### **Tuesday, May 20**

9AM Citizenship Class  
9:30AM Zoom Centering Prayer  
12PM—1PM NA meeting  
6PM-ESL Conversation and dinner

### **Wednesday, May 14**

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  
5PM ECW Fundraiser at Austin's and Coastal Grille

### **Thursday, May 15**

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  
500PM ECW Fundraiser at Austin's and Coastal Grille

### **Friday, May 16**

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

### **Saturday, May 17**

9AM-11Am Youth Mission Trip Training  
12PM-2PM NA meeting

### **Sunday, May 18—The 5th Sunday of Easter**

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)  
9AM Sunday School  
9:05AM Adult Forum with Bishop Kevin  
10AM Baptism and Confirmation Service with Bishop Kevin  
11AM Fellowship Hour  
4PM—5PM NA meeting

### **Upcoming Events**

**May 13** ESL Conversation and Dinner  
6PM

**May 14** ECW Rummage Sale 10AM-1PM

**May 14 & 15** ECW fundraiser at Austin's and Coastal Grille

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

**May 18** Baptism and Confirmation Service with Bishop Kevin 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