Christ Church (Episcopal)

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Today's Readings

The First Reading: Amos 8:1-12

This is what the Lord God showed me- a basket of summer fruit. He said. "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the Lord said to me, "The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day, "says the Lord God; "the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!" Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day. The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

The Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-28

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard,

which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Cover image "Jesus at the House of Martha and Mary" by Gustave Dore (1832-1883)

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: as we pray today, give us and all people the spirit of love and reconciliation, as we say, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith. Strengthen Bryce, our rector, Kevin, our bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop, The Church of Pakistan (United), Trinity, Mount Pocono and all who serve in your Church, that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that we may honor one another, and seek the common good. We pray for anyone living in fear and danger, especially the people of Ukraine and the Holy Land. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbors, that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us. We pray especially for those celebrating this week: Zoe Morris, Richard Laedlein and Brent Styan. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for those printed on the prayer list in our bulletin and any we name now... Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ, especially; Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand K. Goetz and Peter Nicholls Goetz, according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Merciful Father,

All: accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Christ Church (Episcopal) Reading, PA

8am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

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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.

Collect for Purity

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:

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Amos 8:1-12 (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 52 (read responsively by whole verse) You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness against the godly all day long?

You plot ruin; your tongue is like a sharpened razor, O worker of deception.

You love evil more than good and lying more than speaking the truth.

You love all words that hurt, O you deceitful tongue.

Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling, and root you out of the land of the living!

The righteous shall see and tremble, and they shall laugh at him, saying,

"This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, but trusted in great wealth and relied upon wickedness."

But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

I will give you thanks for what you have done and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence of the godly.

The Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-28 (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: Luke 10:38-42 (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 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	358		
The Prayers of the People (page 4 of this bulletin) Celebrant: Lord, in your mercy, People: Hear our prayer.			
Confession of Sin	360		
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 A on page 361)			
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The Invitation to Communion

The Lord's Prayer and Breaking of the Bread

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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:

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Then all say together on page 365

The Blessing

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

8:00 AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist
The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Communion Assistant Ellen Sunderman

Lector and Intercessor Rick Wolf

> Usher Chris Spohn

Altar Guild
Victoria Wilson (Captain), Doris
Schilpp, Helen Peemoeller, Pat Kelley,
David Emes and
Julie-Anna Gonzalez (Trainee)

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10am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

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Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1982

Prelude Pastorale Cesar Franck

Please stand

Processional Hymn 518 Christ is made the sure foundation

The Liturgy of the Word

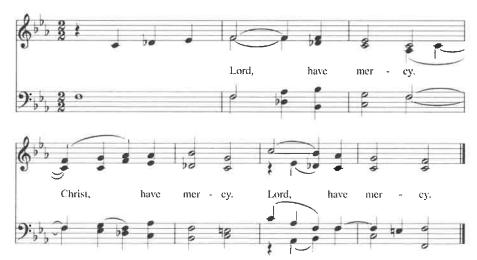
Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

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

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Kyrie Kevin Hackett



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The Collect of the Day

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Please be seated

The First Reading: Amos 8:1-12 (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 529 In Christ, there is no East or West

The Holy Gospel: Luke 10:38-42 (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 358

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

Celebrant: Lord, in your mercy, People: **Hear our prayer.**

Confession of Sin 360

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Announcements and Children's Message

The Organ Offertory This endris night

Healy Willan

Presentation Hymn 380 From all the dwell below the skies (vs 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion

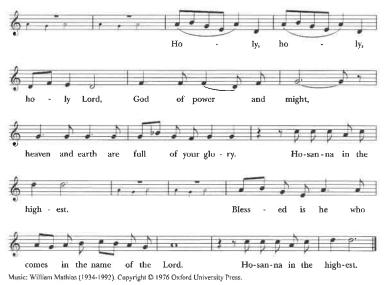
The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A on page 361)

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.

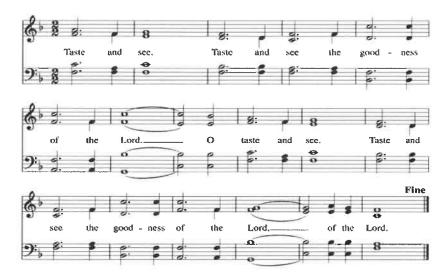
The Sanctus William Mathias



The Lord's Prayer

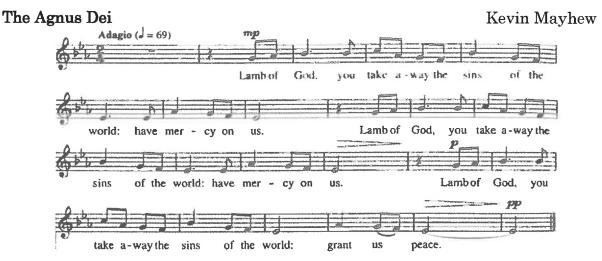
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The Fraction Anthem



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The Communion Hymn 307 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendor

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.

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Then all say together on page 365

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn 550 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Movement I (Concerto in a minor) J. S. Bach after A. Vivaldi

10AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist
The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Organist and Choir Director John Painter

> Verger Linda Jones

Lector Kate Schuler

Intercessor Fran Graeff

Gospel Book Bearer Amelia Fanning Ushers

David Emes, Joann Hyneman, Garrett Hyneman and Jack Lacey

Communion Assistants
Kate Fanning and Milah Smith

Crucifer Andrea Griffith

Acolytes
Ozi Obara and Lillian Arguelles

Altar Guild
Victoria Wilson (Captain), Doris Schilpp,
Helen Peemoeller, Pat Kelley,
David Emes and
Julie-Anna Gonzalez (Trainee)

	For those	e in need of our prayers	
Runette	Kristin	Wyatt	Beverly
Connie	Randall	Bryan	Nancy
Jeff	Doris	Harry	Lola
M.J.	Mary	Sandi	Brandon
Mark	Kat	Debbie	Bev
Kathy	Kate	Max	Betsy
Carol	Diann	Lois	Jeri
Sue	Veronica	Jena and John	Joe
Penny	Marilyn	Susan	Kathy
Bruce	Jaime['/		<u> </u>
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Kindly submit any names you would like to be added to the prayer list by emailing Kim @officemgr@rdgchristchurch.org or writing the name on the paper on the table outside the chapel



Are you ready for some football? On

Sunday August 31st, at both 8am and 10am, we will be blessing the football teams again.
Come dressed in your



favorite teams gear and bring helmets and balls and anything else you would like to have blessed!

This is another great chance to invite your football loving friends to Christ Church.



Christ Church and Trinity Covenant Golf Tourney!

Mark your calendars today for a fun filled golf tournament on Sunday September 7th at 1pm. Invite your friends to create the best foursome you can. More details are coming over the next couple of weeks.



It's Christ Church night out with the Fightin' Phils on Friday September 12th at 6:45pm. We have 50 reserved tickets available for purchase at \$12 each and they will be available to purchase on a Sunday morning soon. Mark your calendars today!



Bookbag Drive August 3rd, 2025 at Christ Church, Reading

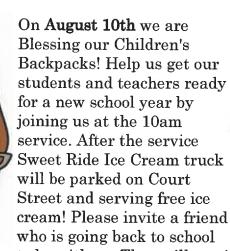
Below is a checklist of items needed to complete a full backpack which we will bless on August 3rd and then take to Mary's Shelter. You can team up with others to complete a backpack or go it alone! It's up to you.

	backpack of any color
2	spiral notebooks
\square_3	2-pocket folders
	pack of index cards
	box of crayons (pack of 16 or 24)
1	coloring book
	pack of washable markers (pack of 8)
	safety scissors
	box of color pencils (10 in a box)
	pack of mechanical pencils (10 or 12 in a
pa	ack)
	ruler
	pack of erasers
	glue stick
	lunch box or an insulated lunch bag

Adult Forum



We are utilizing another *Pilgrim Course*. For six weeks we will be "Turning to Christ." "These six sessions...explore the questions candidates are asked when they become a follower of Jesus, the beginning of the pilgrim way." The questions come from our baptismal covenant and this will be a great way for all us to dwell in that covenant no matter where we are on the pilgrim journey of faith. Please join us.





to be with us. They will receive a special gift to clip to their backpack and free ice cream - what could be better? [Please note that Mary's Shelter bookbag drive is on August 3rd and Blessing of the backpacks is August

Christmas in July The Property Committee is planning to organize, make repairs and paint faded items in the courtyard on Saturday, July 26 from 1-3PM. Tasks include cleaning and repair of Advent Nativity figure, Tool Shed clean up and Courtyard sign painting and others. If you'd like to participate, we will try to provide as many supplies as you may need. However, buckets, waterproof gloves, brooms, dustpans, scrub brushes, small trash cans (for gathering debris) paint scrapers/putty knives (for paint prep), and anything you'd like to use for the common cause would be welcomed. We will supply the paint brushes and related items (like mineral spirits, rags, drop cloths, etc.). Cookies and music will be supplied to make the event very merry! Questions? Contact Victoria Wilson.

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

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.

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 there are cards that you can fill out hanging in each pew. Please hand your completed card to an usher as you leave today. Please join us after the service in our Fellowship Hall (down the stairs near the front of the church and on your right at the bottom of the stairs) to get to know us better. The most readily accessible restroom is through the door near the front of the sanctuary. Once you go through that door turn right; the restroom is across from the elevator. 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.

We are again offering **ALICE training** to the congregation and those who use the building. ALICE is a "civilian active shooter response training program" used in schools, churches and businesses. The half day training will be held on Saturday August 2 at 1:00PM at the church. This is a free training. If interested, please contact the office (Officemgr@christchurch.org) or use the sign up sheet posted outside the chapel.

On Sunday, July 27, The Very Revd. John Stratton, Dean and Rector of the Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem, will be our officiant and preacher at 8AM and 10AM.

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
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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

Altar Candle Memorials for July are given for Blessings Received by Susan Frankowski; Paul and Alice Swain and Arthur and Mary Hoare by Stephen and Charlotte Hoare; Charline Allen by Faith McKoy and Sherry Feick Chandler by David and Judy Feick.

Altar flowers are given today for the Glory of God and in Loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand K. Goetz and Peter Nicholls Goetz by Bonnie Goetz.

Do you need prayers? All of us have our times when we don't feel whole and we need someone to pray for us. Or, we have someone in our lives who is broken and needs healing. Our Healing Prayer Team is back on the 3rd Sunday

of every month to pray for you and with you. If you would like to join them please come up to communion early (after the ushers and choir), commune with our prayer team, receive anointing with holy oil and then

proceed to the baptistry for healing prayers.

This Week at Christ Church Sunday, July 20—The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken) 9:05AM Adult Forum 10AM Holy Eucharist (sung) 4PM—5PM NA meeting

Monday, July 21 12PM—1PM NA meeting

Tuesday, July 22 9:30AM Zoom Centering Prayer 12PM—1PM NA meeting

Wednesday, July 23
9AM Staff meeting
12PM—Noonday Eucharist
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
5:30-7PM NA Meeting

Thursday, July 24

9:30AM Zoom Centering Prayer 11AM Morning Prayer in the Chapel 12PM—1PM NA Meeting 5PM-6:30PM NA Meeting

Friday, July 25 12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, July 26 12PM·2PM NA meeting

Sunday, July 27—The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken) 9:05AM Adult Forum 10AM Holy Eucharist (sung) 4PM—5PM NA meeting

Upcoming Events

July 26 "Christmas in July" Courtyard Clean up day 1-3PM

August 2 ALICE training 1PM

August 7 Thursday morning Bible study resumes at 9am

August 3 Mary's Shelter Bookbag Collection Day at 8AM and 10AM

August 9 Dinner at Opportunity House—Host: Vestry

August 10 Blessing of our School children's backpacks with free Sweet Ride Ice cream! 10AM

August 31 The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost with the Blessing of the Football Teams at 8AM and 10AM

September 7 Christ Church and Trinity Covenant Golf Tournament at Heidelberg CC at 1PM

September 12 Christ Church Night with the Fightin' Phils at 6:45PM

September 14 Service Participants Training with a pizza party