

Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

IN the city. WITH our neighbors. FOR everyone.



10AM

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 26, 2025
10:00AM



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 ask for a visitor's information card. Please hand your completed card to an usher as you leave today. Please join us after the service in our Fellowship Hall to get to know us better. The most readily accessible restrooms are near the elevator (ladies) and through the north doors (men). 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.

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.

Blessing of the Halloween Costumes

Lord of everything tasty and sweet;
Bless our costumes from our heads to our feet.
Bless all of our tricks and all of our treats,
Keep us safe as we walk the streets.
From sports stars to animals to ghosts,
Guide us this Halloween, O Lord of hosts.
We hope that our bags are full of skittles and gummies,
And we pray that on our way we encounter no mummies.
At the end of the wonderful day of Halloween,
Remind us, before bed, to floss and get our teeth clean.
Go with us Lord, on this All Hallows Eve,
Bless all the gifts that we give and receive. Amen.

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

Prelude

Gymnopédie No. 3

Erik Satie

Please stand

Processional Hymn

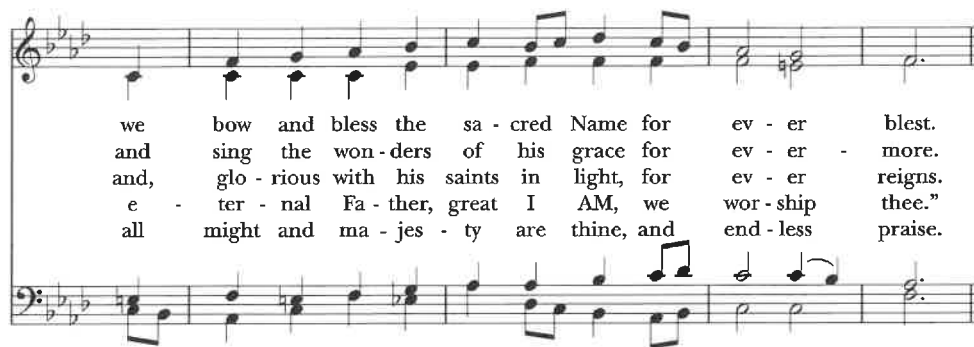
The God of Abraham praise

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend;
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!
5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

Hymn continued on page 4



Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

The Liturgy of the Word

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

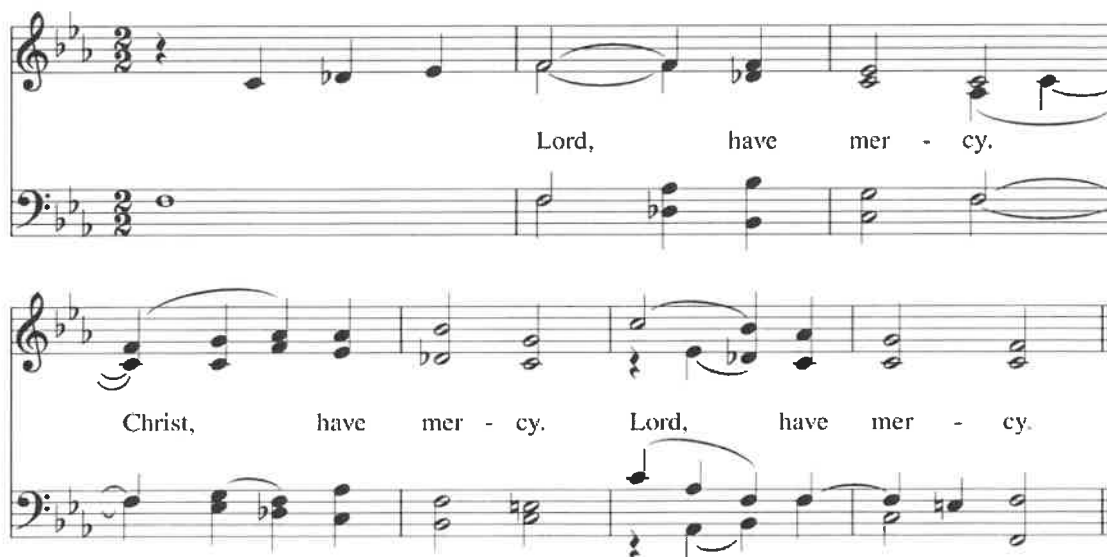
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

All: 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.

Kyrie

Kevin R Hackett



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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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: Joel 2:23-32

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.

And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

At the end of the reading

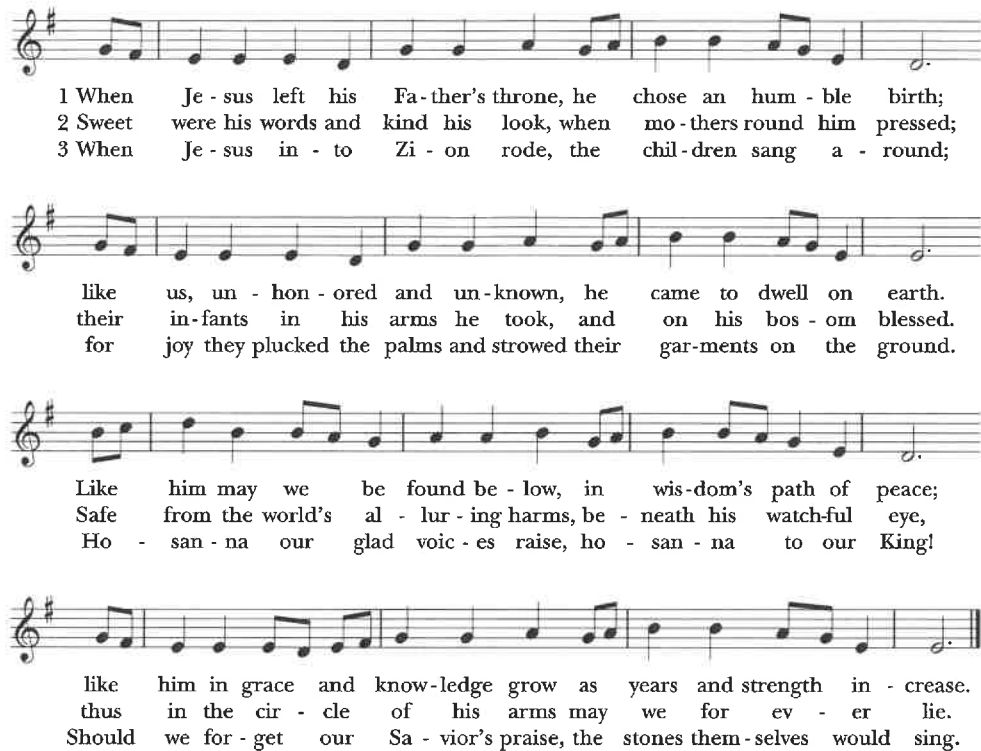
Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Hymn

When Jesus left his Father's throne



1 When Je - sus left his Fa - ther's throne, he chose an hum - ble birth;
2 Sweet were his words and kind his look, when mo - thers round him pressed;
3 When Je - sus in - to Zi - on rode, the chil - dren sang a - round;

like us, un - hon - ored and un - known, he came to dwell on earth.
their in - fants in his arms he took, and on his bos - om blessed.
for joy they plucked the palms and strowed their gar - ments on the ground.

Like him may we be found be - low, in wis - dom's path of peace;
Safe from the world's al - lur - ing harms, be - neath his watch - ful eye,
Ho - san - na our glad voic - es raise, ho - san - na to our King!

like him in grace and know - ledge grow as years and strength in - crease.
thus in the cir - cle of his arms may we for ev - er lie.
Should we for - get our Sa - vior's praise, the stones them - selves would sing.

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The Holy Gospel: Luke 18: 9-14

Before the reading

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

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

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to

heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

All 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.

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: As we prepare to bring our gifts to the altar, let us raise our voices in prayer and praise, thanking God for the opportunity to tell out our souls in joy.

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the Church, God's greatest gift to us. For all who worship and serve this day. For the wisdom and teaching of our bishops, priests, deacons, and laypeople; for Bryce, our rector, Kevin, our bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop, for The Church in Wales and for St. Paul's, Troy. Tell Out my Soul, **The Greatness of our Lord.**

I bid your prayers for our Nation and for all nations; for all refugees, for an end to terror and war, for a spirit of Goodwill, especially for the people of Ukraine and the Holy Land. We pray for our national institutions that they will work together in justice. Tell Out my Soul, **The Greatness of our Lord.**

I ask your prayers for our neighbors, for the mission of our church and the ways we change the world with our gifts. Tell Out my Soul, **The Greatness of our Lord.**

I invite your prayers for those who are sick, who are isolated, who are in despair. We pray for caregivers and healers who care for those we love. Please pray for those on our parish prayer list, and those we name now either silently or aloud... Tell Out my Soul, **The Greatness of our Lord.**

I ask your prayers for the dead and the dying, and for those who mourn. Tell Out my Soul, **The Greatness of our Lord.**

I invite your celebrations, remembrances, and the naming of our many blessings, innumerable and filled with Grace. We pray for those celebrating this week: Larry

Whalen, Elizabeth Faust-Shucker, Courtney Tull, June Tull and Glenn and Judy Sillhart. May we be inspired to share our wealth, works, and wisdom with our neighbors and our Church as we Tell out my Soul, **The Greatness of our Lord.**

Celebrant: Hear the prayers of your people, O God, and inspire us with gratitude and abundance as we share our many gifts with You and the world You made, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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 Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements, Stewardship Moment, Children's Message and Blessing of the Costumes

The Offertory Anthem *I will serve the Lord all my days*
Cindy Miller-Aungst, flute

Don Besig

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. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

The musical score is written on five staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fourth staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fifth staff concludes the hymn with a double bar line. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
Celebrant and People: **We remember his death,**
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in your Christ and make them new, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

People And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction Anthem

Jimmy Owens



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.

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

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.

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

Kevin Mayhew

Adagio (♩ = 69) *mp*

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

The Communion Hymn *My God, thy table now is spread*

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with
 2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished
 3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in coun - tless
 4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the

love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren
 well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -
 num - bers let them come and gath - er from their
 world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall

thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
 va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.
 Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.
 all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

Words: Sts. 1-3, Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731-1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816).

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.

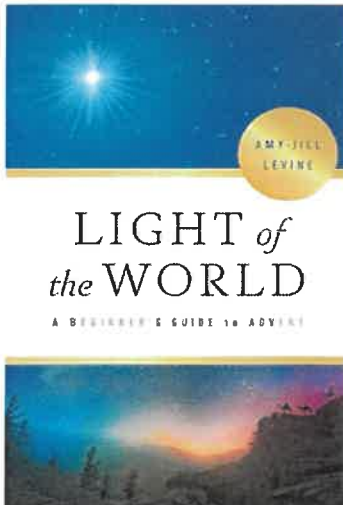
All: **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

The Post-Communion Prayer

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

Celebrant ...; and the blessing God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



Our Thursday morning bible study continues at 9:30am every week. We are currently studying Paul's letter to the Galatians. Beginning on Thursday November 20th we are going to shift to a book study for the Advent season. We will be reading and discussing each week a chapter from Amy-Jill Levine's book "Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent." Free copies of this book are available to anyone who would like to join the study. Please contact Fr Bryce to obtain a copy.

The Closing Hymn

I cannot tell

1. I can-not tell how he whom an-gels wor - ship should stoop to
love the peo - ples of the earth, or why as
shep - herd he should seek the wand - 'rer with his mys -
te - rious pro-mise of new birth. But this I know, that he was born of
Ma - ry, when Beth - l'em's man - ger was his on - ly
home, and that he lived at Na - za - reth and
la - boured, and so the Sa-viour, Sa-viour of the world, is come.

2. I cannot tell how silently he suffered,
as with his peace he graced this place of tears,
or how his heart upon the cross was broken,
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted,
and stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
for yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.
3. I cannot tell how he will win the nations,
how he will claim his earthly heritage,
how satisfy the needs and aspirations
of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,
and he shall reap the harvest he has sown,
and some glad day his sun shall shine in splendour
when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

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The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Save the Dates for our Bicentennial Events!

February 10th, 2026, 6:00pm: CCR Game Night at Saucony Creek Brewing
Company

May 9th-10th, 2026 Consecration weekend

Events Saturday afternoon and Sunday church-hours

July 18th, 2026 Neighborhood Block Party on Court St.

On Sunday November 9th we will be joining with our Jewish brothers and sisters, and our entire community, as we take time to remember the tragedy of Kristallnacht and hope for the future. The service is at Trinity Lutheran this year due to our building works and begins at 7pm. Please join us as we continue to heal and to hope.

10AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist
The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Verger
Matt Hoelscher

Organist and Choir Director
John Painter

Acolytes
Lauren Hoelscher and Ozi Abara

Lector
Kate Schuler

Crucifer
Ian Hoelscher

Intercessor
Dail Richie

Gospel Book Bearer
Lillian Arguelles

Communion Assistants
Kate Fanning and Kate Schuler

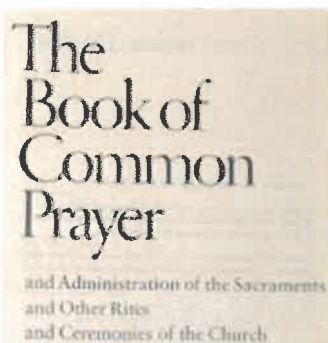
Altar Guild
June Tull (Captain)
Priscilla Hirschenhofer, Andrea
Griffith, Kim Alarcon, Sally
Wilcox and Julie-Anna
Gonzalez (Trainee)

Ushers
Walt Frankowski, Doris Schilpp, Linda
Jones and Sherry Faust

Mark your calendars for special guests at our Adult Forum (9:05am in the Parlor)

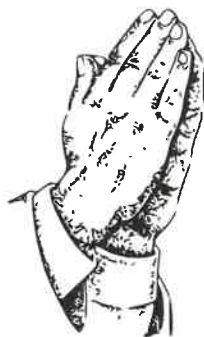
November 16 - Elizabeth Vendley from Lighthouse Women's and Children's
Center

November 23 - Rabbi Brian Michelson from Oheb Shalom Reform Congregation
(also our 10am guest preacher)



Adult Forum

We continue our series on BCP - NJS on October 26th. What's that? These will be sessions on The Book of Common Prayer - Not Just for Sundays. We will be taking time looking at particular parts of The Book of Common Prayer, discovering the richness of our prayer book and also understanding how we can use this resource of spirituality every day of our lives. Join us every Sunday in the Parlor at 9:05am.

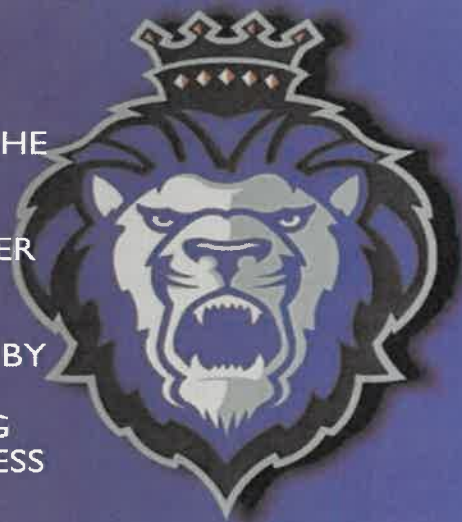


Do you need prayers? All of us have our times when we don't feel whole and we need someone to pray for us. Or, we have someone in our lives who is broken and needs healing. Our Healing Prayer Team is back on the 3rd Sunday of every month to pray for you and with you. If you would like to join them please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

CHRIST CHURCH
NIGHT OUT WITH THE
READING ROYALS

SATURDAY DECEMBER
6TH AT 7PM

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Please join us at 9:05am in the Parlor on Sunday November 2nd to hear a presentation on the work of Habitat for Humanity of Berks County. We will learn about what Habitat is doing in Reading and also learn about their efforts to engage with faith communities. Executive Director Tim Daley and board member Gene Waltz will be with us.



ALL SOULS' TAIZÉ SERVICE ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 29TH AT 5:30PM

We will be having our Annual food collection for veterans on November 23. Kindly bring in non-perishable food items to church and place in the boxes in the lobby. Our children will present for a blessing at the November 23rd service.

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

Altar flowers are given today in remembrance of Betty Lou and Bruce McClean's Wedding Day from Bruce McLean.

For those in need of our prayers....

Runette	Kristin	Wyatt	Beverly
Connie	Randall	Cindy V.	Vincent
Tony	Rory	Scott	Pat
Jeff	Beverly	Elizabeth	Martha
Beth	Rachel	Jeri	Angelica
Antonio	Ana	David	Lisa
Robert	Olive	Byron and Sherry	Randy
Kate	Max	Carol	Jena and family
Cheyenne	Brenda	David	Lisa
Lola	Dick	Sandi	Joyce
MJ	Shana	Cliff	Max
Kate	Carol	Judy	Zach
Lori	Maria	Ivar	Altdnah
Scott	Cece	Vicki	

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.



Singing Gratitude

Music is breath. It is heartbeat. It is the voice that rises from within, unfiltered, raw, and real. Sometimes joyful. Sometimes aching. Always true.

The Xhosa melody *Ndisondele Kuwe* walks with me. It is more than a song—it is a doorway, an invitation into sacred spaces. The words mean *I draw near to You*. A hymn, yes, but more than that. A prayer. A surrender. A call not to seek answers, but to seek God. To move toward the divine, not from a place of strength, but from exhaustion, from the longing that lives in every human soul.

When this song is sung, something happens. The air changes. A quiet wind moves through the room. Voices tremble, crack, and finally break open. Long-held burdens slip through the cracks. In that moment—vulnerable, stripped bare—the Holy Spirit meets us. Guides us. Pulls us closer to God, and closer to one another.

This is stewardship. To step forward with what we have, trusting that it is enough. Gratitude gives us the courage to give without fear, to pour ourselves out while still holding onto the song that makes us who we are. We do not shrink when we give. We do not lose ourselves. We grow.

Gratitude makes it possible to sing. To share. To let go.

And when we sing together, each voice rising with its own story, we find something greater than ourselves. *Uxolo!* 



Questions for Reflection:

I wonder, how does gratitude help you to dare to share your song? *Yebo!*



The Reverend Lester V. Mackenzie, AHC serves as the Chief of Mission Program in the office of The Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe. He is fed by desert spirituality, a musician, capoeirista and an Associate of Holy Cross (AHC), drawn always to the ocean.

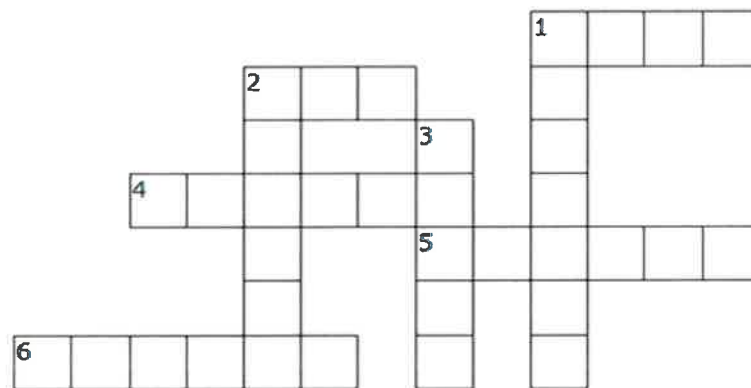


THE EPISCOPAL
NETWORK FOR
STEWARDSHIP

The Pharisee & the Tax Collector

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Based on Luke 18:9-14



ACROSS

1. To speak to God
2. Money paid to support the government
4. Modest, not proud
5. Someone who steals from someone
6. A person who breaks God's law

DOWN

1. A story told by Jesus to teach his followers
2. A place of worship
3. Showing great kindness and forgiveness

TEMPLE	ROBBER	MERCY	SINNER
HUMBLE	PARABLE	TAX	PRAY

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

TEMPLE
 JUSTIFIED
 BREAST
 MERCY

EXALT
 HEAVEN
 COLLECTOR
 PRAY

TAX
 PHARISEE
 ROBBERS
 ADULTERERS

PARABLE
 RIGHTEOUS
 THANK
 CONFIDENT

LOOK
 HUMBLE
 EVILDOERS
 SINNER

This Week at Christ Church
Sunday, October 26—Twentieth Sunday
after Pentecost/Blessing of the
Halloween Costumes

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School
9AM Parish Choir rehearsal, choir room
9:05AM Adult Forum
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
11:15AM DOK meeting
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Monday, October 27
12PM—1PM NA meeting

Tuesday, October 28
9AM Literacy Class
9:30AM Zoom Centering Prayer
12PM—1PM NA meeting

Wednesday, October 29
9AM Staff Meeting
12PM—Noonday Eucharist
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
5:30-7PM NA Meeting
5:30PM All Souls Taize—Chapel
6PM Ridam Dance
7PM Ridam Tone

Thursday, October 30
9AM Literacy Class
9:30AM Bible Study
9:30AM Zoom Centering Prayer
11AM Morning Prayer in the Chapel
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
5PM-6:30PM NA Meeting
7PM Parish Choir rehearsal

Friday, October 31
12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, November 1
10AM Ridam Dance
11AM Ridam Tone
12PM-2PM NA meeting

Sunday, November 2—All Saints Sunday
8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School
9AM Parish Choir rehearsal, choir room
9:05AM Adult Forum—Habitat for
Humanity
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Upcoming Events

October 29 All Souls Taizé 5:30PM

November 9 Kristallnacht Service 7PM at
Trinity Lutheran

November 16 Final Stewardship Sunday
with Blessing of Gifts

November 23 Christ the King Sunday—Rabbi
Brian Michelson (Guest Preacher)

November 23 Food Collection for the
Veteran's Association