

# Christ Church (Episcopal)

## Reading, Pennsylvania

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



**The Second Sunday in Lent**

**March 1, 2026**

**10:00AM**



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

**Prelude**

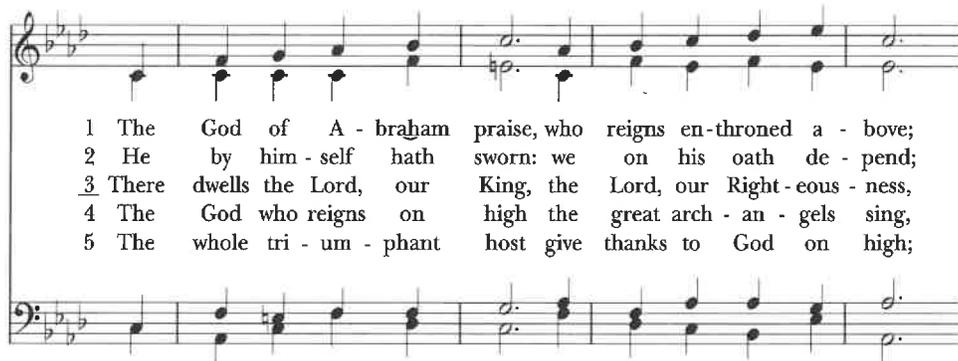
*Canon*

J.S.Bach

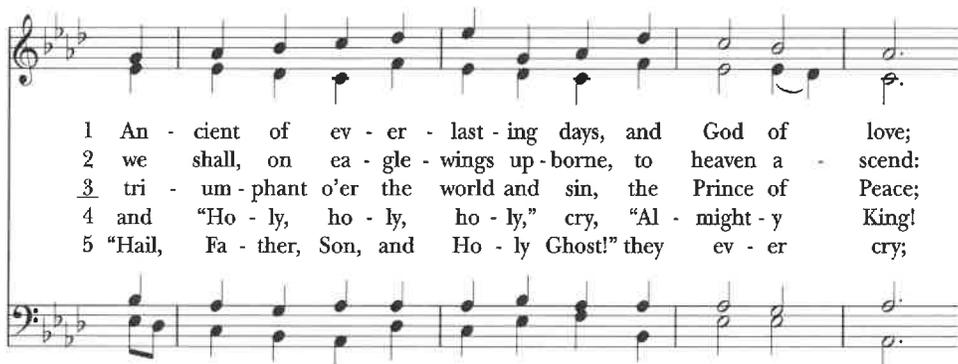
*Please stand*

**Processional Hymn 401**

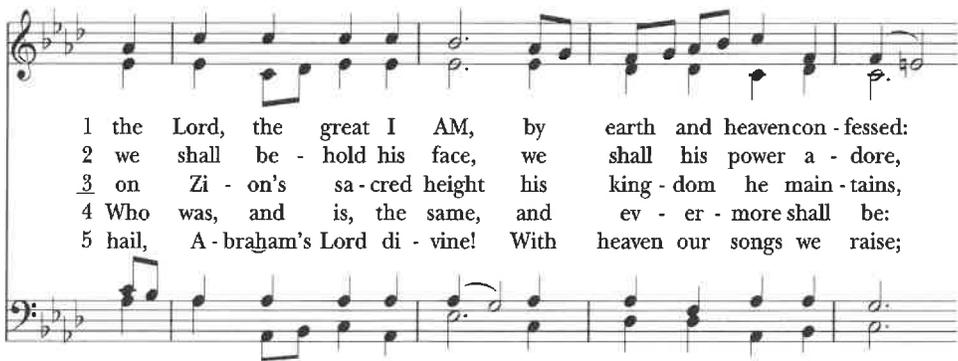
*The God of Abraham*



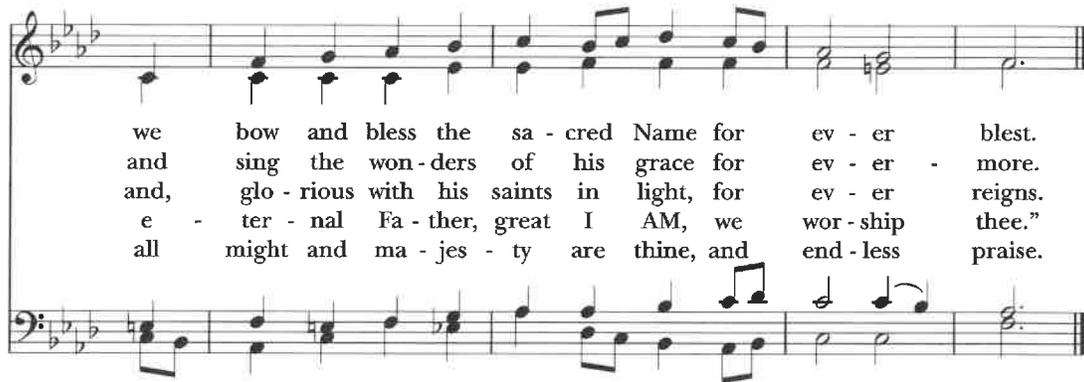
1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;  
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,  
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,  
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give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



we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.  
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.  
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.  
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."  
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

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.**  
 Celebrant: This is love, not that we loved God,  
 People: **but that he loved us and sent his Son.**  
 Celebrant: If God loves us so much we ought to love one another.  
 People: **If we love one another God lives in us.**

### Summary of the Law

Celebrant: Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All: **Lord, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name. Amen.**

## Kyrie

Healey Willan

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

### The Collect of the Day

God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### The First Reading Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

*At the end of the reading*

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord:

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

*Please stand*

## The Gospel Hymn 603

### *When Christ was lifted from the earth*

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his  
2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and  
3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -  
4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may

arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,  
al - ways, near or far, he calls and claims us  
vide us to our shame, he sees not la - bels  
I in Christ be free to wel - come and ac -

ev - ery birth, to draw an an - swering love.  
as his friends and loves us as we are.  
but a face, a per - son, and a name.  
cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

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## The Holy Gospel: John 3: 1-17

### *Before the reading*

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

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?"

Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

*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.  
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: With confidence and trust let us pray to our Lenten Lord, taking up our cross and saying, in your mercy hear us.

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, for Bryce, our rector, Audrey, our bishop, Kevin, our assistant bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop, The Nippon Sei Ko Kai and the churches and ministries of the Diocese of the Susquehanna. Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

For those preparing for baptism and confirmation throughout your church, and for their teachers and sponsors. Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

For peace in the world, especially for peace and justice for everyone living in places of war and violence, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples. Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer, especially for those on our prayer list printed in the bulletin and for those we name now...; for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected. Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, praying especially for those celebrating this week, Emily Stuart, Eli Whalen and David Richie. Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

In communion with all those who have walked in the way of holiness, remembering Jere Gabrielle. Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

Celebrant: God our Father, in your love and goodness you have taught us to come close to you in penitence with prayer, fasting and generosity; accept our Lenten discipline, and when we fall by our weakness, raise us up by your unfailing mercy; 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 and Children's Message

Offertory Anthem

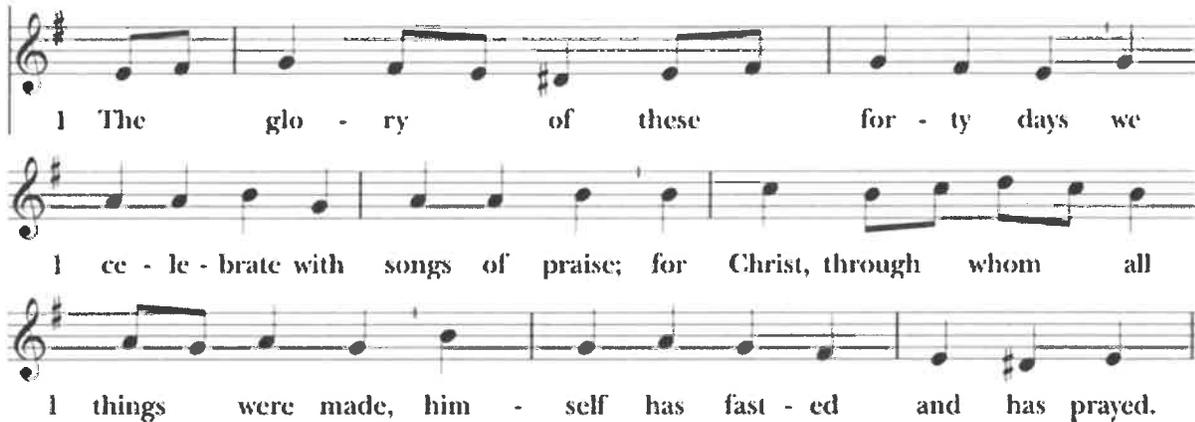
*God so loved the world*

John Stainer

Presentation Hymn 143

*The Glory of these forty days*

Maurice Bell



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 Lieder*, 1543; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

## The Holy Communion

### The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer E from *Common Worship*)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

All: **and also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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:

Sanctus

Franz Peter Schubert

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.

We praise and bless you, loving God, 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.

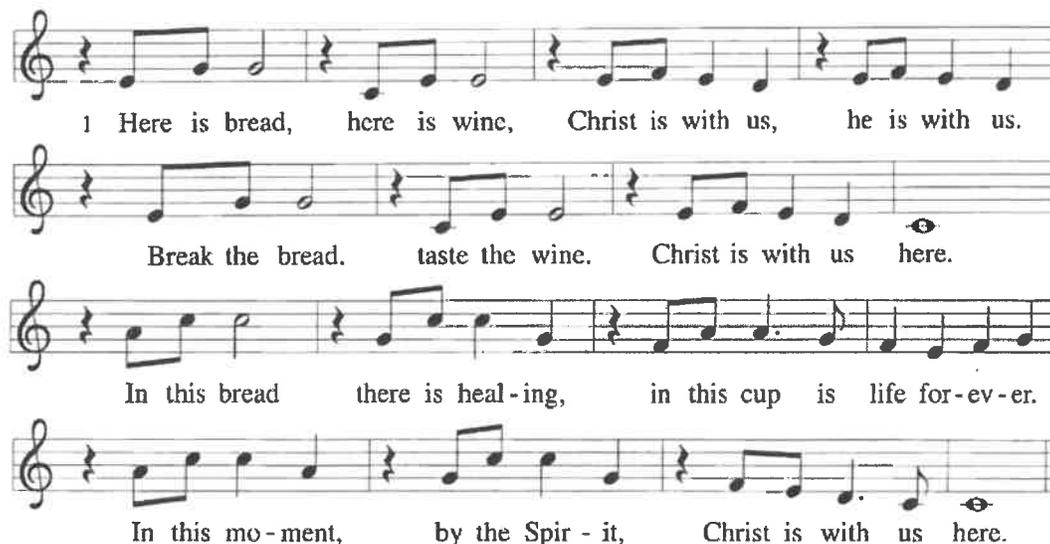
Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with Blessed Mary all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.  
All **Amen.**

#### **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 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 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.

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

**Agnus Dei**

Healy Willan

O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the  
 7 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 321**

*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 - less  
 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 Eucharist 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.  
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.**

The Processional 494

Crown him with many crowns

*Descant*

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned a - bove;

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!  
 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and  
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and  
 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who  
 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

crown him to whom is given the won - drous name of Love.

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -  
 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who  
 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his  
 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now  
 5 him the King, to whom is given the won - drous name of Love. Crown

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Crown him with man-y crowns, as thrones be-fore him

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and  
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu-man breast, and  
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who  
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an-gels sing their  
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be-fore him fall, crown

fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.  
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.  
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

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### The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## 10AM Service Participants

*Celebrant and Homilist*  
The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

*Communion Assistants*  
Kate Schuler and Jill Braun

*Organist and Choir Director*  
John Painter

*Crucifer*  
Ian Hoelscher

*Lector*  
Diane Morris

*Vergers*  
Jeff Morris

*Intercessor*  
Anita Powell

*Gospel Book*  
Zoe Morris

*Ushers*  
David Emes, Joann Hyneman, Garrett  
Hyneman and Jack Lacey

*Altar Guild*  
Victoria Wilson (Captain),  
Doris Schilpp and Helen Peemoeller

*Acolytes*  
Lauren Hoelscher and Ozi Abara

### 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.



## “And a Voice Cries Out: What do the Prophets Have to Say to Us Today?”

Our Adult Forums in Lent focus on the Prophets of the Old Testament and their messages for us today. These sessions will be led by Rick Wolf, Chris Spohn, Kate Schuler and Fr Bryce on Sundays February 22nd, March 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd. Please join us in the Parlor at 9:05am.

**“I WILL,  
WITH GOD’S  
HELP.”**

*The Baptismal Covenant*

## Lenten Sermon Series: I Will With God’s Help

Every Sunday in Lent our Sermons will focus on one of the questions from our Baptismal Covenant

- 1) Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
- 2) Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
- 3) Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
- 4) Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
- 5) Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

Join us as we live into our Baptism during this Holy Season.



## FOOD PANTRY FOR CHRIST CHURCH MEMBERS

The Order of the Daughters of the King and the youth of the parish are collaborating to create a food pantry for the members of the congregation who may be in need. The young people of the congregation have constructed the shelving unit for the pantry. This will be located in the hallway near the library. The gathering of requested donations will take place on the last Sunday of the month.

A wagon will be placed in the foyer where you can place your donations. This wagon will then be presented by the youth during the Offertory. Requested items are listed on a large notice in the hallway outside the Fellowship Hall. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

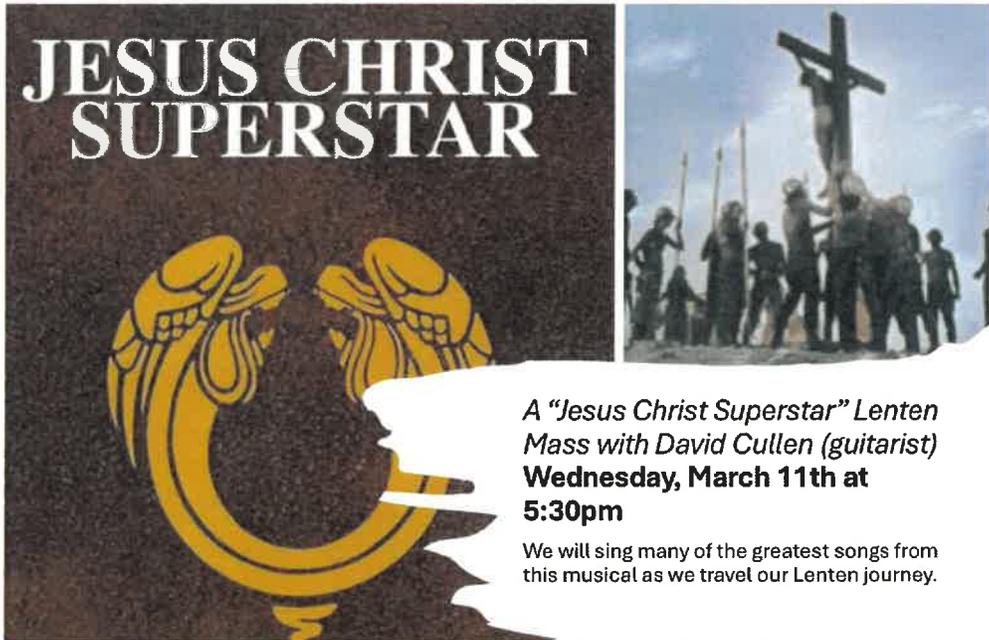
**Altar Candle Memorials for March are given for Blessings Received by Susan Frankowski; Paul and Alice Swain and Arthur and Mary Hoare by Stephen and Charlotte Hoare and Sherry Feick Chandler by David and Judy Feick.**

**Altar flowers are given today to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of her husband, Jere Gabrielle from Runette Gabrielle. “There is no bond on earth so sweet, nor separation so bitter as that which occurs in a good marriage.” Martin Luther 1525**

**Cover images: Center: *Abraham on the Road to Canaan* (1614) by Pieter Lastman (1583–1633)**

**Bottom left: The shield of the Diocese of the Susquehanna**

**Bottom right: Line drawing of Christ Church, Reading**



**JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR**

A "Jesus Christ Superstar" Lenten Mass with David Cullen (guitarist)  
**Wednesday, March 11th at 5:30pm**

We will sing many of the greatest songs from this musical as we travel our Lenten journey.



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CLIFF STARKEY  
renowned pianist & vocalist

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**Save the Date for our Bicentennial Events!**



- May 9th-10th - Consecration weekend events Saturday afternoon and Sunday church-hours
- July 18th - Neighborhood Block Party on Court St.

<p>Holy Week 2026</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Maundy Thursday with Foot washing at 7pm</li> <li>• April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Good Friday Solemn Service at 12noon</li> <li>• April 4<sup>th</sup> – Easter Vigil at 7pm</li> <li>• April 5<sup>th</sup> – Easter Day at 8am and 10am</li> </ul>
		

**ECW News** The next ECW meeting will be held on Monday, March 2 at 1:30 in the Parlor. The **Rummage Sale** for March will be held on March 4, 7 and 11 from 10AM to 1PM. March brings the Bag Sale, fill a bag with clothes and shoes for \$5.00.



ECW's annual United Thank Offering (UTO) campaign began on Ash Wednesday, February 18. The materials for this year's campaign are all on the table outside the chapel and there are many. The traditional "blue boxes" are there for collecting

coins (American coins only, please) as are the ones that kids can color. Also available are this year's two-sided Lent 2026 Gratitude and Reciprocity calendars.

New this year are:

- special envelopes for those who like to give by check that can be sent directly to UTO
- papers for those who would prefer giving online using a QR code or text
- 5-minute Gratitude Journal papers
- Give Thanks and Give Back bookmarks that have a butterfly seed paper attached
- posters showing how 2025's money was used - very impressive!
- UTO informational brochures

For those in need of our prayers....

Runette	Kristin	Wyatt	Beverly
Connie	Randall	Matt	Joe
Cliff	Lou	Elizabeth	David
Jena and Dani	Steve		

Kindly submit any names you would like to be added to the prayer list by emailing Kim at [officemgr@rdgchristchurch.org](mailto:officemgr@rdgchristchurch.org) or writing the name on the paper on the table.



### Church Open Days

Many churches have regular open/visiting hours during the week and we would like to start planning for this to happen at Christ Church so that our beautiful space can be available for everyone to appreciate. Our planning team will meet to designate a day and times for our 5th Street doors to be open to the public on a weekly basis after our renovations are completed. If you would like to be part of this planning team please contact Fr Bryce today!



**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.

**Saturday, March 7th**

5-7PM

Fun afternoon at

Skateaway!

2275 Lancaster Pike,  
Shillington, PA 19607



**Sunday, March 29th**

11AM-1PM

Pizza and fun at the  
church

## 2026 Easter Memorial Flower Order Form



Please use this form to place your order for Easter Flowers and/or contribute to:

The Christ Church Courtyard Fund or Safe Berks.

**All monies/forms are due in the office by March 22, 2026**

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to donate # \_\_\_\_\_ Easter Flowers @ \$11.00 each for a Total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ I

wish to donate to The Christ Church Courtyard Fund or Safe Berks

(Please circle which charity you are choosing) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Donation:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Those donating a plant may take it home following the 10:00 AM Easter Day worship service. Plants remaining will continue to decorate our church throughout most of the Easter Season.*

*Those donating to the Garden Fund will help to beautify the Courtyard with dressing and mulching of the beds.*

Please **PRINT NAMES CLEARLY** in the spaces below for accurate listing in the Easter Worship Bulletins.

*My gift is given:*

\_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of (if in Heaven) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In Honor of (if living) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In Thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to "Christ Church" (Easter Flowers on text line) and mail to:**  
Post Office Box 1094 no later than **Sunday, March 22, 2026, or place in the collection plate.** Thank You!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CHRIST CHURCH, P.O. BOX 1094, READING, PA 19603-1094

# God So Loved the World

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 3:16-17

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C Y U L I F E O K D D E D B V  
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S H Z N D G G J L G B S E N D  
J G O D B M A M R Y F N I L O  
S Z E N K D L V M R A W O N  
R A J M C P K V E F Q H X V O  
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## This Week at Christ Church

### Sunday, March 1—The Second Sunday in Lent

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)  
9AM Sunday School  
9:05AM Adult Forum—What do the Prophets have to say to us today?  
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)  
4PM—5PM NA meeting

### Monday, March 2

12PM—1PM NA meeting

### Tuesday, March 3

9AM Literacy Class  
12PM Centering Prayer in the Chapel  
12PM—1PM NA meeting

### Wednesday, March 4

9AM Staff meeting  
10AM-1PM ECW Rummage Sale  
11:30AM Stations of the Cross  
12PM Noon Eucharist  
12PM—1PM NA Meeting  
5:30-7PM NA Meeting

### Thursday, March 5

9AM Literacy Class  
9:30AM Bible Study  
930AM Centering Prayer  
11AM Morning Prayer  
12PM—1PM NA Meeting  
5PM-6:30PM NA Meeting  
5PM-7PM EYC event at Skateaway

### Friday, March 6

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

### Saturday, March 7

10AM-1PM ECW Rummage Sale  
12PM-2PM NA meeting

### Sunday, March 8—The Third Sunday in Lent

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)  
9AM Sunday School  
9:05AM Adult Forum—What do the Prophets have to say to us today?  
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)  
4PM—5PM NA meeting

## Upcoming Events

**March 5** EYC event at Skateaway 5-7PM

**March 11** Jesus Christ Superstar Guitar Eucharist with David Cullen 5:30PM

**March 21** Berks Jazz Fest Soulful Jazz and Uplifting Gospel Music with David Cullen and Cliff Starkey 3PM

**March 29** EYC Pizza and fun at church 11AM-1PM

**April 2** Maundy Thursday with Foot Washing 7PM

**April 3** Good Friday 12PM

**April 4** Easter Vigil 7PM

**April 5** Easter Day at 8AM and 10AM

**We are collecting for**



**Bring any large electrical item (microwave, vacuum, TV, etc.) to Christ Church and it will be collected and taken to ReStore!**

Small electrical items (ones that can be easily carried home) can still be donated to our Rummage.