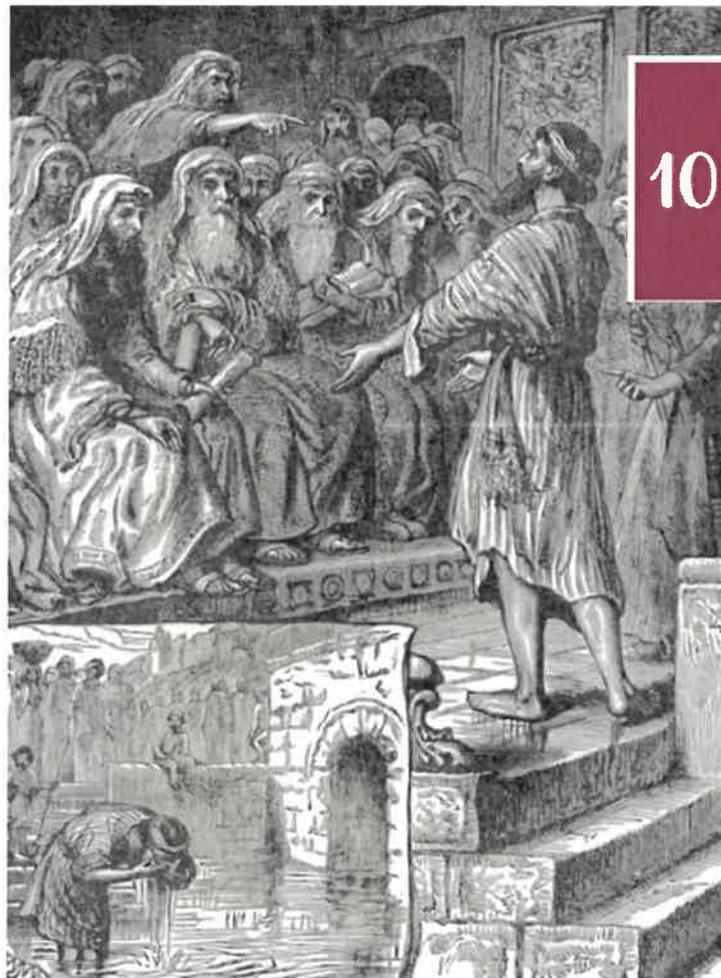


Christ Church (Episcopal) Reading, Pennsylvania

IN the city. WITH our neighbors. FOR everyone.



The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2026
10:00AM



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

Prelude

Contrapunctus ix

J.S. Bach

Please stand

Processional Hymn 474

When I survey the wondrous cross

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an
Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,
count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: *Rockingham*, from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1970; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807).

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 Santa Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1889-1968). 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

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

The Gospel Hymn 671

Amazing grace

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 *5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, from *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; compiled by Richard Broaddus and Andrew Broaddus. Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony* 1831; adapt. at. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921); harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (b. 1919). Harmonization Copyright © 1974 by Abingdon Press.

The Holy Gospel: John 9: 1-7

Before the reading

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

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

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

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: 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 Anglican Church of Kenya 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 aloud 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, Andrea Griffith, Danny Hinnershitz, David Feick and Heather Boggs. Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

In communion with all those who have walked in the way of holiness, remembering Marie A. Riddell and Russell W. Riddell. 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 *Christus factus est*

Felice Anerio

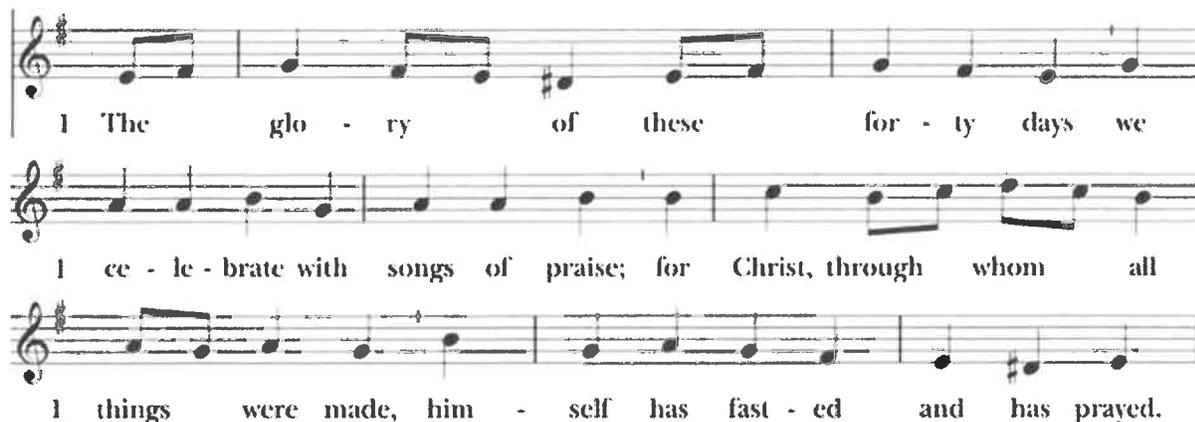
*Christus factus est pro nobis obediens
usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis.
Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum et dedit
illi nomen,
quod est super omne nomen.*

Christ became obedient for us
even unto death, death on the cross.
Therefore God exalted Him and gave Him
a name
which is above all names.

Presentation Hymn 143

The Glory of these forty days

Maurice Bell



The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
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 Prouts (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 and 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.

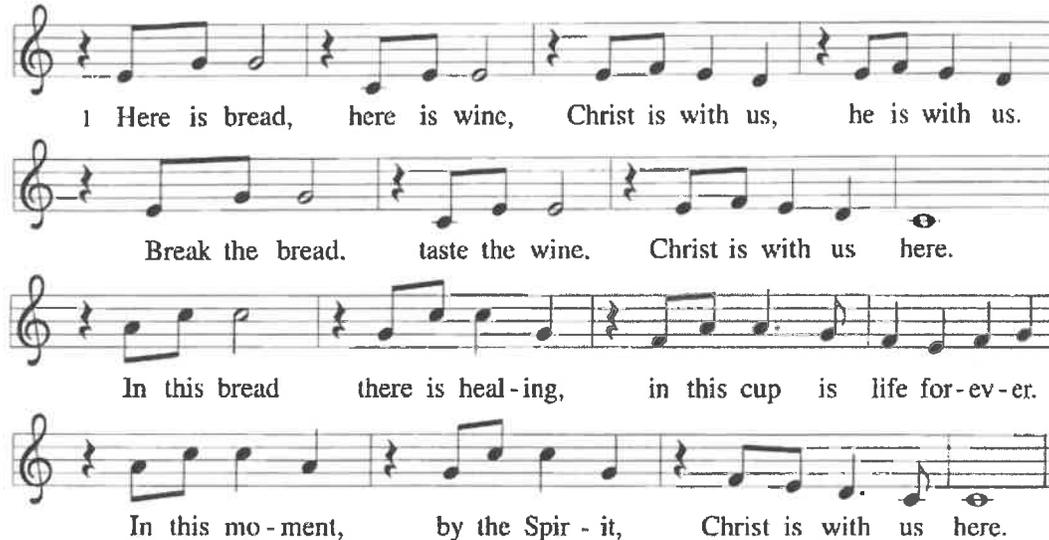
All **Amen.**

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

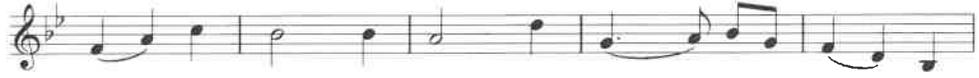
Healy Willan

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the
7 world, have mercy upon us.
13 O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the
18 world, grant us your peace.

The Communion Hymn *I bind unto myself today* (see pages 14, 15 and 16)
We sing this hymn today in anticipation of St. Patrick's Day (March 17)



1. I bind un - to my - self to - day the strong Name



of the Trin - i - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion



of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.



2. I bind this day to me for ev - er, by power of

*3. I bind un - to my - self the power of the great

*4. I bind un - to my - self to - day the vir - tues

*5. I bind un - to mys - elf to - day the power of



faith, Christ's In - car - na - tion; his bap - tism in the
love of cher - u - bim; the sweet "Well done" in
of the star - lit heaven the glo - rious sun's life -
God to hold and lead, his eye to watch, his



Jor - dan riv - er; his death on cross for my sal - va - tion;
judg - ment hour; the ser - vice of the ser - a - phim;
giv - ing ray, the white - ness of the moon at even,
might to stay, his ear to heark - en, to my need;



his burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb; his rid - ing
con - fess - ors' faith, a - pos - tles' word, the pa - triarchs'
the flash - ing of the light - ning free, the whirl - ing
the wis - dom of my God to teach, his hand to

up the heaven - ly way; his com - ing at the
 prayers, the pro - phets' scrolls; all good deeds done un -
 wind's tem - pes - tuous shocks, the sta - ble earth, the
 guide, his shield to ward; the word of God to

day of doom: I bind un - to my - self to - day.
 to the Lord, and pu - ri - ty of vir - gin souls.
 deep salt sea, a - round the old e - ter - nal rocks.
 give me speech, his heaven - ly host to be my guard.

*6. Christ be with me, Christ with - in me, Christ be - hind me,
 Christ be - neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in qui - et,

Christ be - fore me, Christ be - side me, Christ to
 Christ in dan - ger, Christ in hearts of all that

win me, Christ to com - fort and re - store me,
 love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran - ger.

7. I bind un - to my - self the Name, the strong Name
of the Trin - i - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion
of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.
Of whom all na - ture hath cre - a - tion, e - ter - nal
Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Word: praise to the Lord of
my sal - va - tion, sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord.

Words: Art. Patrick (372-466); tr. Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895). Music: *St. Patrick's Breastplate*, Irish melody; adapt. Charler Villiers Stanford (1852-1924); St. 6, *Deirdre*, Irish melody; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

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.**

The Blessing

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

The Closing Hymn *From heaven You came*

1. From heav'n You came, help - less babe, en - tered our world, Your
 2. There in the gar - den of tears, my hea - vy load He
 3. Come see His hands and His feet, the scars that speak
 4. So let us learn how to serve, and in our lives of en -

4 glo - ry veiled; not to be served but to serve,
 chose to bear; His heart with sor - row was torn,
 sac - ri - fice; hands that flung stars in - to space
 throne. Him; each oth - er's needs to pre - fer.

7 and give Your life that but we might live. } This is our
 'yet not my the will Yours, He said.
 to cruel... nails sur - ren He - dered.
 for it is Christ we're serv - ing.

10 God, the Ser - vant King, He calls us now to fol - low

13 Him, to bring our lives as a dai - ly of - fer - ing of wor - ship

16 to the Ser - vant King. King.

Chords: C m, G/B, Abmaj7, Bb/Ab, Eb/C, Ab/C, Eb/Bb, B7sus4, B7, C m, G/B, Abmaj7, Bb/Ab, Eb/G, Ab/C, Eb/Bb, B7sus4, B7, Eb, Bb, C m, Cm/Bb, Ab, B7, Eb, B7, Eb, Eb/Db, Ab/C, D, Eb, B7, Eb, Dm7(+5), G7, Eb.

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

Organist and Choir Director
John Painter

Lector
Joann Hyneman

Intercessor
Ashleigh Hoelscher

Ushers
Walt Frankowski, Doris Schilpp and Sherry Faust

Acolytes
Ozi Abara and Elliott Brantman

Communion Assistants
Victoria Wilson and Richard Laedlein

Crucifer
Zoe Morris

Verger
Matt Hoelscher

Gospel Book
Derek Morris

Altar Guild
June Tull (Captain),
Priscilla Hirschenhofer, Andrea Griffith and
Kim Alarcon



**OUR PURRY LITTLE FRIENDS
ARE BACK WITH US ON
EASTER DAY!**

Join us at 9am in the Courtyard to
celebrate Easter with the bunnies!

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.

<p>Sunday, March 15th Mission Trip Training 11am—1:30PM</p>		<p>Sunday, March 29th 11AM—1PM Pizza and fun at the church</p>
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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.



“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 Marie A Riddell and Russell W. Riddell from their children, Victoria and James Wilson.

Cover images: *The blind man on trial* (John 9) by Henry Davenport Northrop (1894)

Bottom left: The shield of the Diocese of the Susquehanna

Bottom right: Line drawing of Christ Church, Reading

Present a concert...

CHRIST CHURCH READING & BERKS Jazz Fest
 BERKS ARTS
 special thanks to the Cynthia Phillips Concert Fund
 SAT MARCH 21 1:30PM
 FREE ADMISSION

DAVID CULLEN
 grammy award winning guitarist

CLIFF STARKEY
 renowned pianist & vocalist

JAZZ & GOSPEL

Holy Week 2026

- April 2nd – Maundy Thursday with Foot washing at 7pm
- April 3rd – Good Friday Solemn Service at 12noon
- April 4th – Easter Vigil at 7pm
- April 5th – Easter Day at 8am and 10am

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.

For those in need of our prayers....

Runette	Kristin	Wyatt	Beverly
Connie	Randall	Matt	Joe
Cliff	Lou	Elizabeth	David
Jena and Dani	Steve	Judy	Bryon and Sherry
Phyllis	Kate	Max	Randy
Peter	Carol	Terra	Mary
Angelica	Antonio	MJ	Lola and Family
Dandi	Sue	Bill	Kat
Joshua	Jeri	Linda	Scott
Penny and Joe	Casey	Kenzie	Mertz Family

Kindly submit any names you would like to be added to the prayer list by emailing Kim at 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.

ECW is hosting a fundraiser at Austin's and Coastal Grill restaurant on April 8 and 9. Present the coupon (Which will be on the table outside the chapel) and 20% of your check (minus alcohol) will be donated to the ECW. You get a delicious dinner while supporting the causes of the ECW.

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

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(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 \$ _____

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This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, March 15—The Fourth 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)

11AM-1:30PM EYC Mission Trip Training

4PM—5PM NA meeting

Monday, March 16

12PM—1PM NA meeting

Tuesday, March 17

9AM Literacy Classes

9:30AM Centering Prayer

12PM—1PM NA meeting

Wednesday, March 18

9AM Staff meeting

11:30AM Stations of the Cross

12PM Noon Eucharist

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

5:30-7PM NA Meeting

Thursday, March 19

9AM Literacy Classes

9:30AM Bible Study

9:30AM Centering Prayer

11AM Morning Prayer

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

5PM-6:30PM NA Meeting

Friday, March 20

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, March 21

12PM-2PM NA meeting

3PM Berks Jazz Fest with David Cullen and Cliff Starkey

Sunday, March 22—The Fifth 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 21 Berks Jazz Fest Soulful Jazz and Uplifting Gospel Music with David Cullen and Cliff Starkey 3PM

March 25 The Annunciation of our Lord Eucharist at 12PM

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

April 8 and 9 Austin's and Coastal Grill Fundraiser

April 15 Bob Marley Eucharist 5:30PM

April 25 CCR Night at the Fightin' Phils 5:15PM

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.