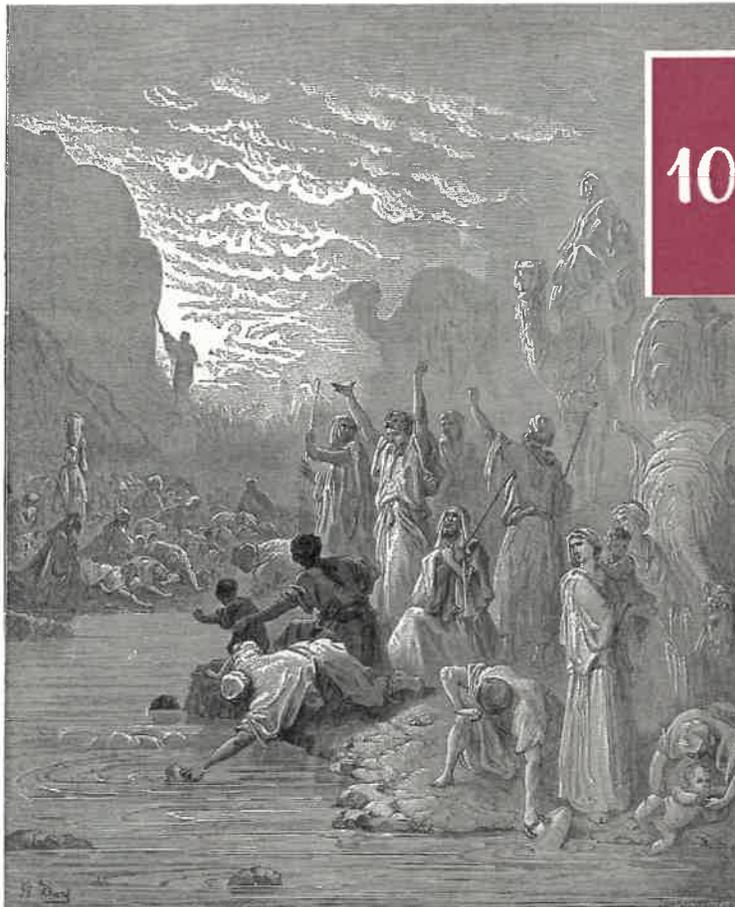


Christ Church (Episcopal) Reading, Pennsylvania

IN the city. WITH our neighbors. FOR everyone.



10AM



The Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026

10:00AM



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

Prelude

Contrapunctus VII

J.S. Bach

Please stand

Processional Hymn

Lord Jesus Christ



1. Lord Je -sus Christ, you have come to us, you are one with us, Mar - y's
2. Lord Je -sus Christ now and eve-ry day teach us how to pray, Son of
3. Lord Je -sus Christ, you have come to us, born as one of us, Mar - y's
4. Lord Je -sus Christ, I would come to you, live my life for you, Son of



1. Son; Cleans -ing our souls from all their sin, pour -ing your love and
2. God. You have com-man - ded us to do, this in re- mem-brance,
3. Son. Led out to die on Cal - va - ry. ris - en from death to
4. God. All your com-mands I know are true, your ma - ny gifts will



1. good-ness in, Jes-sus, our love for you we sing, liv - ing Lord.
2. Lord, of you. In- to our lives your pow'r breaks through, liv - ing Lord.
3. set us free, liv - ing Lord Jes-us help us see, you are Lord.
4. make me new, in - to my life your pow'r breaks through, liv - ing Lord.

(Words: Patrick Appleford; Tune: Living Lord by Patrick Appleford (1925-2018))

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

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading Exodus 17: 1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

The Gospel Hymn 603

I heard the voice of Jesus say

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up - on my breast."
The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down, and drink, and live."
Look un - to me, thy morn shall rise, And all thy day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, So wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found In him my star, my sun;

I found in him a rest - ing place, And he has made me glad.
My thirst was quenched, my soul re - lived, And now I live in him.
And in that light of life I'll walk Till trav - ling days are done.

The Holy Gospel: John 4: 5-26

Before the reading

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

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

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

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: In this Lenten season, as we grow closer to God through fasting, prayer, penitence and study of God's word, we pray that we may always faithfully follow in Jesus' way of service and love.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church and all of its people; for Bryce, our rector, Audrey, our bishop, Kevin, our assistant bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop, The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East and the churches and ministries of the Diocese of the Susquehanna; **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, for peace and justice for everyone living in places of war and violence.
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

We pray for those celebrating this week, Willard Kennedy, Olivia West, Garrett Hyneman, Edward Nicholl, Judy Sillhart and Morna Traffas; give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray for those on our prayer list printed in the bulletin and all of those we name now...; have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

We remember the loved ones of the Hirschenhofer family, Joan George and Marie Helwig; give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Celebrant: God of sacrifice, 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

Szeroka woda (Broad Waters)

Henryk Mikołaj Górecki

Szeroka woda na Wiśle,
A powiem wam teraz swe myśle.

Jak było wczoraj, tak I dziś,
Muszę ja na wieki z tobą byc'.

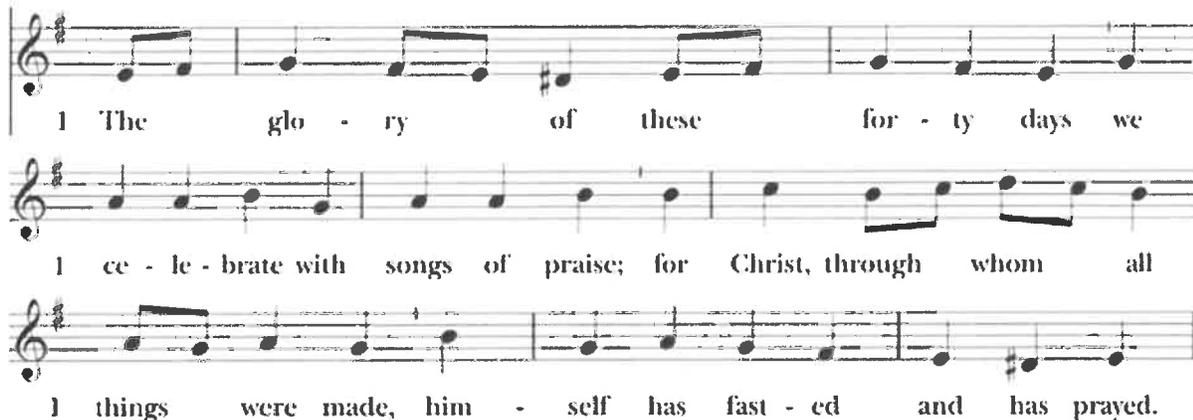
Broad waters of the Wiśle,
I will tell you now my thoughts.

As it was yesterday, so today
I will forever be with you.

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 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.

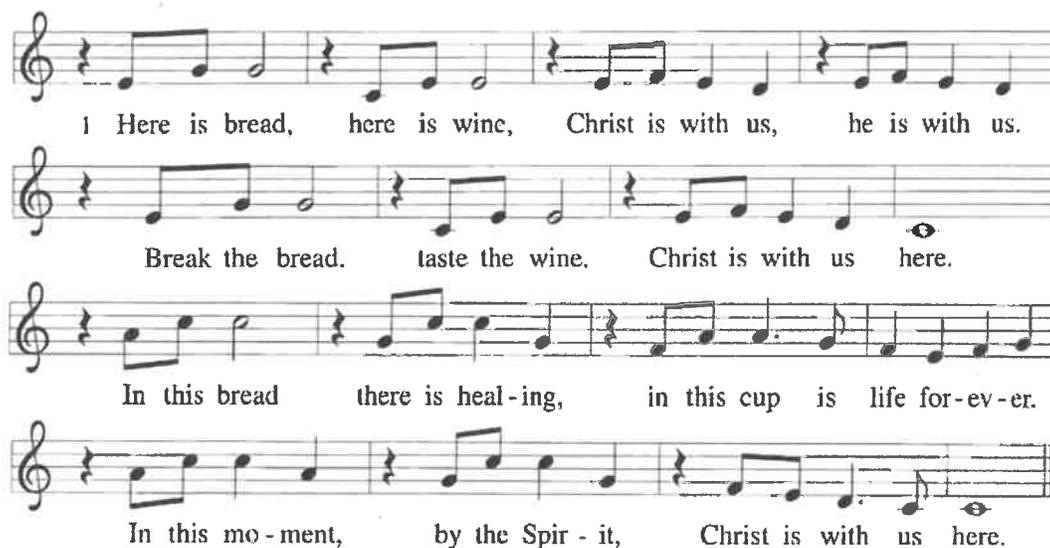
All **Amen.**

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

The Communion Hymn 343

Shepherd of souls (page 15)

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.**

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
 word of grace, in strength of which we
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

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The Closing Hymn 699

Jesus lover of my soul

1 Je - sus, Lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om
2 O - ther ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less soul on
3 Plen-teous grace with thee is found, grace to cleanse from ev - ery

fly, while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest
thee; leave, ahl leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and
sin; let the heal - ing streams a - bound, make and keep me

still is high: hide me, O my Sa - vior, hide,
com - fort me! All my trust on thee is stayed;
pure with - in. Thou of life the foun - tain art,

till the storm of life be past; safe in - to the
all my help from thee I bring; cov - er my de -
free - ly let me take of thee: spring thou up with -

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Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1783), alt. Music: *Aberystwyth*, Joseph Parry (1841-1903).

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

Victoria Wilson

Intercessor

Kathleen Brantman

Ushers

Larry Whalen, Christine Keeler and Zoe
Morris

Acolytes

Cadence Carvalho and Dahlia Carvalho

Communion Assistants

Andrea Griffith and Milah Smith

Crucifer

Andrea Griffith

Verger

Kathleen Brantman

Gospel Book

Emily Wandrey

Altar Guild

Charlotte Hoare (Captain),
Christine Keeler, Fran Graeff, Josephine
Lawson, Mary Jane Androne

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>The logo for Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) features the letters 'EYC' in large, white, bold font against a dark green background with diagonal light green lines. Below 'EYC', the words 'Episcopal Youth Community' are written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.</p>	<p>Sunday, March 29th 11AM—1PM Pizza and fun at the church</p>
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Cover images: *"Moses Striking the Rock in Horeb"* by Gustave Dore (1832–1883)

Bottom left: The shield of the Diocese of the Susquehanna

Bottom right: Line drawing of Christ Church, Reading



“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

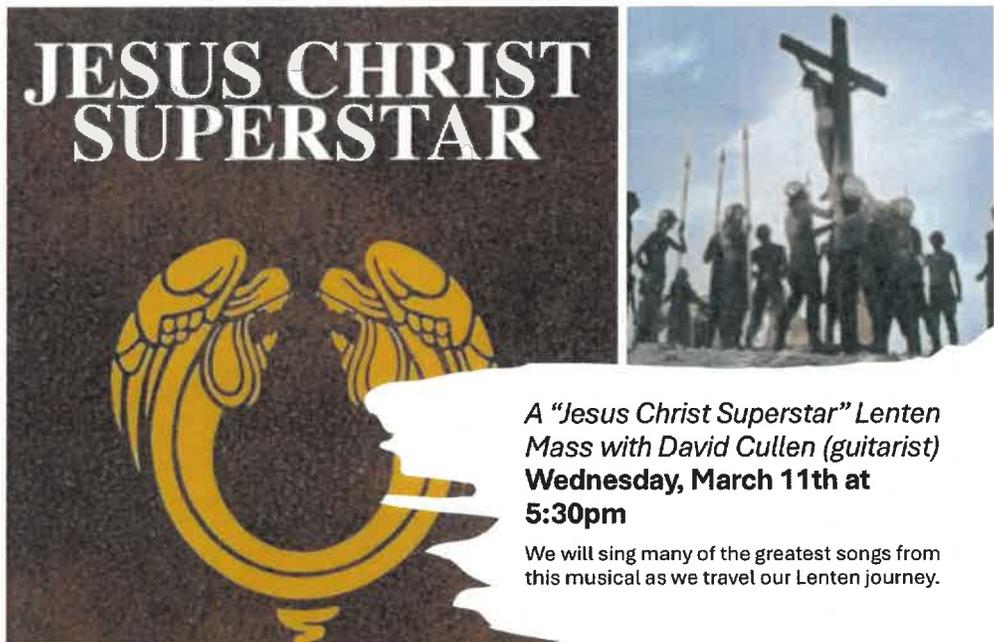
The Order of the Daughters of the King and the youth of the parish are collaborating to create a food pantry for the members of the congregation who may be in need. The young people of the congregation have constructed the shelving unit for the pantry. This will be located in the hallway near the library. 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 Loved Ones from Jack and Priscilla Hirschenhofer and Joan George from June Tull.

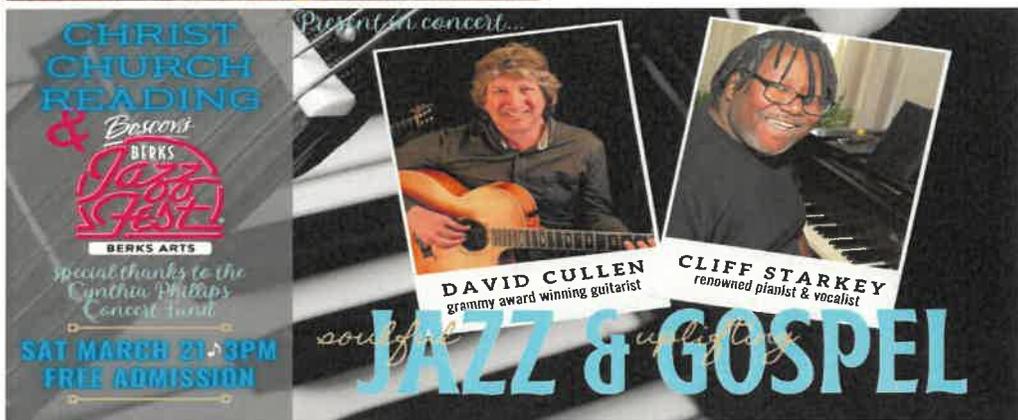
Lectern Flowers are given today to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Marie Helwig from her family.



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.



CHRIST CHURCH READING & BERKS JAZZ FEST
 BERKS ARTS
 special thanks to the Cynthia Phillips Concert Fund
SAT MARCH 21 7:30PM FREE ADMISSION

Present a concert...

DAVID CULLEN
 grammy award winning guitarist

CLIFF STARKEY
 renowned pianist & vocalist

JAZZ & GOSPEL

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"> • 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
		

The **Rummage Sale** for March will be held on March 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	Judy	Bryon and Sherry
Phyllis	Kate	Max	Randy
Peter	Carol	Terra	Mary
Angelica	Antonio	MJ	Lola and Family
Dandi	Sue	Bill	

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.

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 \$ _____

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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 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

Monday, March 9

12PM—1PM NA meeting

Tuesday, March 10

9AM Literacy Class

9:30AM Centering Prayer

12PM—1PM NA meeting

Wednesday, March 11

9AM Staff meeting

10AM-1PM ECW Rummage Sale

11:30AM Stations of the Cross

12PM Noon Eucharist

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

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

5:30-7PM NA Meeting

Thursday, March 12

9AM Literacy Class

9:30AM Bible Study

9:30AM Centering Prayer

11AM Morning Prayer

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

5PM-6:30PM NA Meeting

Friday, March 13

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, March 14

12PM-2PM NA meeting

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

Upcoming Events

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

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.