

Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

IN the city. WITH our neighbors. FOR everyone.



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

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Reading, PA

8am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

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Please stand

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: Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead:
People: **he is our salvation, our eternal glory.**
Celebrant: If we die with him, we shall live with him;
People: **if we endure, we shall reign with him.**

The Collect for Purity (said together)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie

Celebrant: Lord have mercy
People: **Christ have mercy**
Celebrant: Lord have mercy

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm 23 (The psalm is read responsively by whole verse)

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

The Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you

do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

The Holy Gospel: John 10: 1-10

Before the reading

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

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

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

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

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The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity, saying, in your mercy, hear us.

Intercessor: Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations, we pray for Bryce, our rector, Audrey, our bishop, Kevin, our assistant bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop, Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, The Church of Nigeria and the churches and ministries of the Diocese of the Susquehanna; Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry, security to the unemployed and homeless, hope to all who are struggling and nourish us all with your word. Protect and guide those who live in fear and danger, especially those living in places of war and violence. Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow you in the way, especially be with those who are celebrating this week: Judy Feick, Jonathan Allen, Hannah Weyandt, Ashleigh Hoelscher, Bill Uhrich, Christopher Garfinkel, Kathleen Sheridan and Dale Goodyear. Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life. Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures. We pray especially for those on our prayer list printed in the bulletin and any we name now...; Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, the resurrection and the life, we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you, remembering especially Loretta and Arthur Wandrey. Raise us with them to eternal life. Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Celebrant: God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and destruction: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

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The Peace 360
Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer B from *The Book of Common Prayer*) 367

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.**

The celebrant continues the Great Thanksgiving on page 367

The Sanctus

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues the Great Thanksgiving on page 368

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

The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 369

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

The Invitation to Communion

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

The Post-Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

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

The Easter Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia! With the Lord as your shepherd, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Celebrant and Homilist
The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Altar Guild Team
Linda Jones (Captain), Linda Lacey, Brittany Underkofler, Armani Rodriguez, Julie-Ana Gonzalez

8am Service Participants

Lector and Intercessor
Dane Miller

Usher
Chris Spohn

Communion Assistants
Ellen Sunderman and Rick Wolf

10am Service Participants

Organist and Choir Director
John Painter

Lector
Kate Fanning

Intercessor
Mary Arguelles

Communion Assistants
Jill Braun and Victoria Wilson

Verger
Jeff Morris

Crucifer
Derek Morris

Acolytes
Julianna Gonzalez and Luke Weyandt

Ushers
Larry Whalen, Christine Keeler and Zoe Morris

For those in need of our prayers....

Runette	Kristin	Wyatt	Beverly
Connie	Randall	Byron and Sherry	Angelica
Joe	Matt	Max	Randy
Cindy	Kate	Kraras Family	Mary
Elizabeth	Lou	David	William
Liz	Cindy	Stacy	Mertz Family
Kate	Randy	Cindy	Mark
Mary	Cathy	Kevin	David
Lisa	Deb	Bruce	Ryan
Kelly	Terra	Darryl	William
Amelia	Wayne	Henry	Elinor
Darryl	Nancy	Scott	Penny
Linda			

Kindly submit any names you would to be added to the prayer list by emailing Kim @officemgr@rdgchristchurch.org or writing the name on the paper on the table outside in the hall.

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10am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Hymns can be found in the blue books labelled *Hymnal 1982* or the green books labelled *Lift Every Voice and Sing*. Page numbers on the right hand side of the bulletin refer to parts of the service that can be found in *The Book of Common Prayer* (the black books in the pews).

Prelude

Adagio

J.S. Bach

Please stand

Processional Hymn 391

Before the Lord's eternal throne

The Liturgy of the Word

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The Collect for Purity (said together)

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Gloria in excelsis

David Thorne

Moderato *ff*

Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est.

Glo-ry to God in the High - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God,

Heav'n - ly King, Al migh-ry God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we_

praise you for your glo - ry. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the

High- est. Lord, Je - sus Christ, on - ly son of the Fa-ther. Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take_ a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;

You are seat-ed at the righthand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est. For you a-lone are the

Ho - ly onc, You a - lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the most high,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the Glo-ry of God the

Fa - ther. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High - est.

The Collect of the Day

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The First Reading: Acts 2:42-47 (see page 3 for the text of the reading)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

The Gospel Hymn WLP 810 *You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord*

The Holy Gospel: John 10: 1-10 (see page 4 for the text of the reading)

Before the reading

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

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

After the reading

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord**

Please be seated

The Homily

Please stand

The Nicene Creed 358

The Prayers of the People (see page 5)

Confession of Sin 360

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

The Offertory Anthem

A repeating alleluia

Calvin Hampton

The Presentation Hymn

Thine be the glory

1. Thine be the glo - ry; ri - sen, con - qu'ring Son,
 end - less is the vic - t'ry though o'er death hast won.
 An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
 kept the fol - ded grave clothes where thy bo - dy lay.
 Thine be the glo - ry ri - sen, con - qu'ring Son,
 end - less is the vic - t'ry though o'er death hast won.

À toi la gloire: by Edmond Louis Budry (1854-1932)
 trans. Richard Birch Hoyle (1875-1939)
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George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer B from *Book of Common Prayer*)

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The Celebrant continues the Great Thanksgiving on page 368

The Sanctus

David Thorne

Moderato *mf*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might,
6 Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na
11 in the high - est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the
16 Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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People **We remember his death.**
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

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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.

Regular Christ Church Office hours:

Monday: 8:00 am - 2:00 PM; Tuesday 8:00AM-12:30PM

Wednesday 8:00 am - 2:00 PM

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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.



The Next ECW Rummage Sale will be held May 6, 9 and 13 from 10AM to 1PM.

Come check out the spring/summer collection of clothes, housewares, shoes...something for everyone.

A photograph of an open doorway leading into a room. The text "We are open!" is overlaid in white on the left side of the image. To the right of the doorway is a red vertical banner with white text. Below the banner is a blue vertical banner with white text.

We are open!

**Every Tuesday
from 10AM—2PM**
our doors are
open with
volunteers on
hand to greet
visitors.

If you would like to join
our team of volunteers
please contact Sherry
Faust
(slfaust313@gmail.com)
or Ellen Sunderman
(esunderman@msn.com)

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.



Food Pantry in the Parlor

Give what you can.
Take what you need.

Collection
Sunday is
April 26!

Meals

- Hamburger Helper
- Ramen Noodles
- Peanut / Nut butter
- Spam
- Manwich
- Dinty Moore Beef Stew
- Boxed Macaroni and Cheese
- Tuna / Chicken / Salmon in tin or pouches

Canned Goods

- Vegetables
- Fruit
- Beans
- Spaghetti sauce
- Stove Top Stuffing
- Soups

Condiments

- Mustard / Ketchup / Mayo
- Pickles / Relish

Starches

- Instant mashed potatoes
- Boxed rice dishes
- Rice / Pasta / Noodles

Seasonings

- Boxed broth
- Grated Parmesan Cheese
- Taco seasoning
- Tea / Coffee
- Sugar packets
- Hot Chocolate mix

Snacks/Misc food items

- Crackers
- Breakfast bars
- Cereal
- Granola
- Oatmeal
- Cheeze Whiz
- Shelf stable milk
- Cake mix / frosting
- Jam / jelly

Toiletries

- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Kleenex



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.



Adult Forum: The Gospel According to U2

How does the music of U2 connect us to God?

Session 2—9:05am on May 3rd

Class Prep Playlist (not mandatory!): "New Year's Day," "Two Hearts Beat as One," "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For," "Red Hill Mining Town," "Acrobat," "One," "Staring at the Sun," "Kite," "When I Look at the World," and "Sometimes You Can't Make It on Your Own."



Join us on Wednesday May 13th at 5:30pm for a

U2CHARIST

(featuring the music of U2)

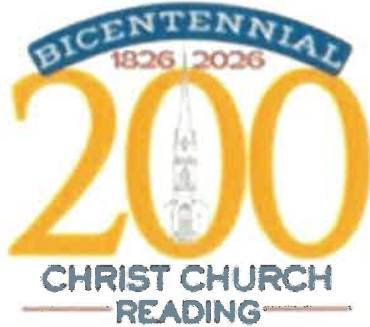


PLEASE JOIN US ON

MEMORIAL SUNDAY

MAY 24TH AT 10AM

FOR A SPECIAL ACT OF REMEMBRANCE



200th Anniversary Celebration

Christ Church Reading • Reading, PA
Saturday, May 9, 2026 • 2:00 – 5:00 pm

Participants

The Rev. Bryce Wandrey (Rector, Christ Church Reading)
Megan McNish (PA State Historic Preservation Office)
Ken Saul (Restoration Artisans)
Mayor Eddie Moran (City of Reading)
The Rt. Rev. Daniel G.P. Gutierrez (Bishop of Pennsylvania)

Schedule

2:00 pm Gather in front of the Church
~2:20 pm Removal of the Time Capsule
The 1863 cornerstone time capsule is disinterred by Restoration Artisans
2:30 pm Doors Open — Enter via Main Doors on 5th St.
2:30–2:50 pm Berks Youth Chorus
Performs as guests tour the Nave and Sanctuary
3:00–5:00 pm Reception & Self-Guided Tours
Music by Dave Cullen • Desserts by Sweet Street
Catering by At Tasha's Table
Nave and Sanctuary open for exploration

This Week at Christ Church
Sunday, April 26—The Fourth Sunday of Easter

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School
9:05AM Adult Forum The Gospel according to U2
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
11:30AM Junior EYC
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Monday, April 27

12PM—1PM NA meeting

Tuesday, April 28

9AM Literacy Class
9:30AM Centering Prayer
10AM-2PM Church Open Day
12PM—1PM NA meeting

Wednesday, April 29

9AM Staff meeting
12PM Noon Eucharist
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
5:30-7PM NA Meeting

Thursday, April 30

9AM Literacy Class
9:30AM Bible Study
9:30AM Centering Prayer
11AM Morning Prayer
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
5PM-6:30PM NA Meeting

Friday, May 1

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, May 2

12PM-2PM NA meeting

Sunday, May 3—The Fifth Sunday of Easter

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School
9:05AM Adult Forum The Gospel according to U2
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
11:30AM Junior EYC
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Upcoming Events

April 26 Junior EYC (Earth Day activities)

11:30AM-12:30PM

May 4 ECW meeting 11:00AM parlor

May 6, 9 and 13 ECW Rummage Sale
10AM-1PM

May 9 and 10 Bicentennial Celebration
Weekend (No 8AM service on May 10)

May 13 U2charist at 5:30PM in the chapel
(no noon eucharist today)

May 14 The Ascension of our Lord
Eucharist at 12 noon

May 24 Memorial Sunday with an Act of
Remembrance 10AM