

Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

IN the city. WITH our neighbors. FOR everyone.



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

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Christ Church (Episcopal)

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.
Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (The psalm is read responsively by whole verse)

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.

**Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold;
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.**

Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.

**My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**

Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and in your loving-kindness save me.

The Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner”, and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

The Holy Gospel: John 14: 1-14

Before the reading

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

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

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me

will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

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: Let us pray to the Lord, who has conquered death and given us the hope of everlasting life.

Intercessor: Jesus, bread from heaven, you satisfy the hungry with good things: grant us a share with all the faithful departed in the banquet of your kingdom. We remember Gail Braun and Christopher Powell; Hear us, risen Lord, **our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, the light of the world, you gave the man born blind the gift of sight: open the eye of faith and bring us from darkness to your eternal light and glory. We pray for Bryce, our rector, Audrey, our bishop, Kevin, our assistant bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop, Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, The church of North India (United) and the churches and ministries of the Diocese of the Susquehanna; Hear us, risen Lord, **our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, Son of the living God, you summoned your friend Lazarus from death to life: raise us at the last to full and eternal life with you. We pray especially for those celebrating this week: Mickey Getty, Ashley Hyneman and Ellen Sunderman; Hear us, risen Lord, **our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, crucified Saviour, in your dying you entrusted each to the other, Mary your mother and John your beloved disciple: sustain and comfort all who mourn and be with those who are sick, suffering or any kind of need, especially those on our prayer list and those we name now...; Hear us, risen Lord, **our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, our way and truth and life, you drew your disciple Thomas from doubt to faith: reveal the resurrection faith to the doubting and the lost. Hear us, risen Lord, **our resurrection and our life.**

Celebrant: May God in his infinite love and mercy bring the whole Church, living and departed, to a joyful resurrection and the fulfillment of his eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin 360

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! 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
Chris Spohn

Usher
Chris Spohn

Communion Assistants
Ellen Sunderman and Rick Wolf

10am Service Participants

Organist and Choir Director
John Painter

Crucifer
Benjamin Frymoyer

Lector
Anita Powell

Acolytes
Cadence Carvalho and Dalia
Carvalho

Intercessor
Ashleigh Hoelscher

Gospel Book
Lillian Arguelles

Communion Assistants
Kate Schuler and Jill Braun

Verger
Matt Hoelscher

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

For those in need of our prayers....

Runette
Connie
Joe
Laraine

Kristin
Randall
Matt

Linda
Byron and Sherry
Mertz Family

Beverly
Darryl
Penny

*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

Recit de tierce en Taille

Nicholas de Gringy

Please stand

Processional Hymn 518

Christ is made the sure foundation

The Liturgy of the Word

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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.

Gloria in excelsis

David Thorne

Moderato *ff*

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

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

11
Heav'n - ly King, Al migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we_

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

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

27
Lamb of God, you take_ a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;

31
You are seat-ed at the righthand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

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

41
Ho - ly one, You a - lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the most high,

46
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the Glo-ry of God the

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

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The First Reading: Acts 7: 55-60 (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 194 *Jesus lives! Thy terrors now*

The Holy Gospel: John 14: 1-14 (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

Christo Resurgens

Francois Couperia

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 fil - 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 Bodry (1854-1932)
 trans. Richard Burch Hoyle (1875-1939)
 MACCABAEUS 10 11 11 11 and Refrain
 George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

The Holy Communion

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

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People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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,
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The Lord's Prayer

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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.

The Communion Hymn 711 *Seek ye first* and 644 *How sweet the name of Jesus sounds*

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 365

The Blessing 366

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

The Closing Hymn 599 *Lift every voice and sing*

The Easter Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

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

Postlude *Tuba Tune* C.S. Lang

Altar Candle Memorials for May 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 for today are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Gail Braun from her family.

Lectern flowers are given today in Loving Memory of her brother, Christopher Powell from Anita Powell.

Cover images: Stained glass (detail) from Christ Church, Reading

Bottom left: The shield of the Diocese of the Susquehanna

Bottom right: Line drawing of Christ Church, Reading

Regular Christ Church Office hours:

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

Wednesday 8:00 am - 2:00 PM

IN the city. WITH our neighbors. FOR everyone.

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.



**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.



1826 Throwback Service of the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion

Sunday, May 17th at 8am and 10am

Let's worship like it's 1826!

This is a special service going back as closely as we can to what worship would have sounded like when our historic building was originally consecrated.



PLEASE JOIN US ON

MEMORIAL SUNDAY

MAY 24TH AT 10AM

FOR A SPECIAL ACT OF REMEMBRANCE



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

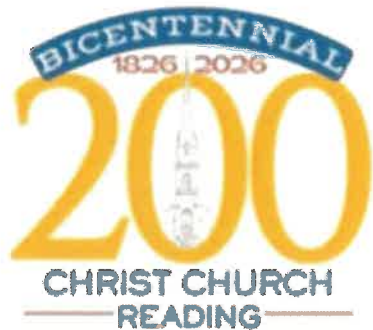
Class Prep Playlist (not mandatory): "New Year's Day," "Two Hearts Beat as One," "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For," "Red Hill Mining Town," "Acrobat," "One," "Staring at the Sun," "Kite," "When I Look at the World," and "Sometimes You Can't Make It on Your Own."



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

U2CHARIST

(featuring the music of U2)



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, 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)

4PM—5PM NA meeting

Monday, May 4

11AM- ECW meeting in the parlor

12PM—1PM NA meeting

Tuesday, May 5

9AM Literacy Class

12PM Centering Prayer in the chapel

10AM-2PM Church Open Day

12PM—1PM NA meeting

Wednesday, May 6

9AM Staff meeting

10AM-1PM ECW Rummage Sale

12PM Noon Eucharist

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

5:30-7PM NA Meeting

Thursday, May 7

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 8

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, May 9

10AM-1PM ECW Rummage Sale

12PM-2PM NA meeting

2PM-5PM Bicentennial Celebration

Sunday, May 10—The Sixth Sunday of Easter—Bicentennial Celebration

(No 8AM service today)

9AM Sunday School

10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)

4PM—5PM NA meeting

Upcoming Events

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 15 Senior EYC 6PM-8PM

May 16 EYC Shells Mini Golf 3PM

May 17 1826 Throwback Service 8AM and
10AM

May 24 Memorial Sunday with an Act of
Remembrance 10AM