

Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

IN the city. WITH our neighbors. FOR everyone.



The Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

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Christ Episcopal Church

Reading, PA

8am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

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).

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 and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The First Reading: Acts 2:14a,22-32

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ-- he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm 16 (The psalm is read responsively by whole verse)

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."

**All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**Their libations of blood I will not offer,
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me, night after night.

**I have set the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

**For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

The Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation 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 20: 19-31

Before the reading

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As

the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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, Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola 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: Kim Alarcon and Josh West. 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 Paul and Alice Swain and Arthur and Mary Hoare. 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 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 (Eucharistic Prayer B from *The Book of Common Prayer*, page 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 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 365

The Blessing 366

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

The Easter Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia! Alleluia! With the Spirit of the risen Christ, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Celebrant and Homilist
The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Altar Guild Team
Charlotte Hoare (Captain), Christine Keeler, Fran Graeff, Josephine
Lawson and Mary Jane Androne

8am Service Participants

Lector and Intercessor
Rick Wolf

Usher
Chris Spohn

Communion Assistants
Ellen Sunderman and Chris Spohn

10am Service Participants

Organist and Choir Director
John Painter

Crucifer
Derek Morris

Lector
Runette Gabrielle

Acolytes
Cadence Carvalho and
Dalia Carvalho

Intercessor
Kat Brantman

Communion Assistants
Kate Schuler and Jill Braun

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

Verger
Jeff Morris

Gospel Book Bearer
Ozi Abara

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10am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Hymns can be found in the blue books labelled *Hymnal 1982*. 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

Charles-Marie Widor

Please stand

Processional Hymn 212

Awake, arise, lift up your voice

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.

Gloria

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:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The First Reading: Acts 2:14a,22-32 (see page 2)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

The Gospel Hymn 205 *Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! (omit verse 2)*

The Holy Gospel: John 20: 19-31 (see page 4)

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

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The Prayers of the People (see page 5)

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

The Offertory Anthem

Christ the Lord is risen

Walter Pelz

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 Burch Hoyle (1875-1939) George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)
 MACCABAEUS 10 11 11 11 and Refrain

The Holy Communion

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

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- Celebrant: The Lord be with you:
- People: **And also with you.**
- Celebrant: Lift up your hearts:
- People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
- Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:
- People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues the Great Thanksgiving

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.

The Celebrant continues with 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 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.
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

Jack Warren Burnam

The Cantor sings the following verse and then all sing the Refrain again:

Cantor, then all
 The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread. *Fine*

1. The bread which we break, Alleluia, Is the communion of the Body of Christ.

Music: Jack Warren Burnam (b. 1946). Copyright © 1986 Jack Warren Burnam.

The Invitation to Communion

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The Agnus Dei

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. *f* Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na
 11 *mf* in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the
 16 *f* Lord. *ff* Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Communion Hymn 335 *I am the bread of life*

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 192 *This joyful Eastertide*

The Easter Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia! Alleluia! With the Spirit of the risen Christ, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Postlude *Movement I (Trio Sonata in E-Flat)* J.S. Bach

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.

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.

Altar Candle Memorials for April 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 Paul and Alice Swain and Arthur and Mary Hoare by Charlotte and Stephen Hoare

Upcoming Adult Forums

April 19—Final Updates on Plaster Restoration from Restoration Artisans

Please join us at 9:05am in the Parlor

Cover images: "The Doubting Thomas, from "The Small Passion"" by Albrecht Dürer (1510)

Bottom left: The shield of the Diocese of the Susquehanna

Bottom right: Line drawing of Christ Church, Reading



Bob Marley Music Mass with David Cullen

Wednesday, April 15 at 5:30pm



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.



Christ Church Night Out with the Fightin' Phis—April 25

Get your tickets today (\$12 each) in our Green Group Box.

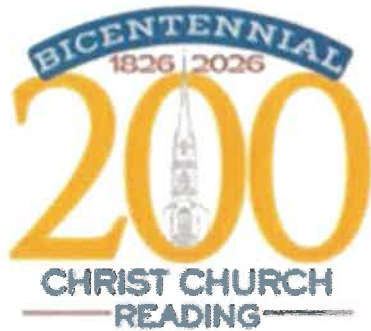
Game starts at 5:15pm.

You can purchase tickets from Brenda at the desk in our Foyer.

For those in need of our prayers....

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| 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 | Ashley | Randy | Cindy |
| Mary | Cathy | Kevin | David |
| Lisa | Deb | Bruce | Ryan |
| Kelly | | | |

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.



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 12—The Second Sunday of
Easter

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School
9:05AM Adult Forum Bicentennial
Planning Team Presentation
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
**11:30AM-1:30PM EYC Mission Trip
Training**
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Monday, April 13
12PM—1PM NA meeting

Tuesday, April 14
9AM Literacy Class
9:30AM Centering Prayer
12PM—1PM NA meeting

Wednesday, April 15
9AM Staff meeting
10AM-1PM ECW Rummage Sale
12PM Noon Eucharist
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
5:30PM Bob Marley Eucharist
5:30-7PM NA Meeting

Thursday, April 16
9AM Literacy Class
9:30AM Bible Study
9:30AM Centering Prayer
11AM Morning Prayer
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
5PM-6:30PM NA Meeting

Friday, April 17
12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, April 18
12PM-2PM NA meeting

Sunday, April 19—The Third Sunday of
Easter
8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School
9:05AM Adult Forum Final Updates on
Plaster Restoration from Restoration
Artisans
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Upcoming Events

April 15 Bob Marley Eucharist 5:30PM
April 24 Senior EYC 6PM-8PM
April 25 CCR Night at the Fightin' Phils
5:15PM
April 26 Junior EYC (Earth Day activities)
11:30AM-12:30PM
May 9 and 10 Bicentennial Celebration
Weekend
May 13 U2charist at 5:30PM (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