

Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

IN the city. WITH our neighbors. FOR everyone.



Easter Day
April 5, 2026
10am Holy Eucharist
Rite Two (sung)



Christ Episcopal Church

Reading, PA

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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

Pastorale

Cesar Frank

Please stand

Processional Hymn 207

Jesus Christ is risen today

The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant : Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **He has given us new life and hope.**

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

Celebrant: God has claimed us as his own.

People: **He has brought us out of darkness.**

He has made us light to the world.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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 God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

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.**

Please stand

The Gospel Hymn 182

Christ is alive!

The Holy Gospel: John 20:1-18

Before the reading

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

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon

Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

After the reading

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord**

Please be seated

The Homily

Please stand

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Lord of life and salvation, we pray that filled with the joy of your Son's rising, we would proclaim your love to the world, saying, hear our prayer.

That our risen Saviour may fill us and all of your people with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection. We pray especially for Bryce, our rector, Audrey, our bishop, Kevin, our assistant bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop, Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, La Iglesia

Anglicana de Mexico and the churches and ministries of the Diocese of the Susquehanna;
Jesus, Lord of life: **hear our prayer.**

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter;
Jesus, Lord of life: **hear our prayer.**

That God may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love. We pray especially for those celebrating this week, Robert Kappenstein, Isabel Alarcon, Hannah Alarcon, Joel Handy, Armani Rodriguez and Veronica Wilson; Jesus, Lord of life: **hear our prayer.**

That he may provide for those who lack food, work or shelter; Jesus, Lord of life: **hear our prayer.**

That by his power war and famine may cease through all the world, we pray especially for those living in places of war and violence; Jesus, Lord of life: **hear our prayer.**

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them, we pray especially for those on our prayer list and any we name now...; Jesus, Lord of life: **hear our prayer.**

That, according to his promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day, remembering especially Professor Benjamin Brown; Jesus, Lord of life: **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Lord of life everlasting, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 Pel

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) George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)
 trans Richard Birch Hoyle (1875-1939)
 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.

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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 Agnus Dei

David Thorne

mp
Lamb of God, you
mf
take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
mp
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world, grant us peace.

The Communion Hymns 8 and 178 *Morning has broken*

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord

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

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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 Closing Hymn 210

The day of resurrection

The Easter Dismissal

Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in the peace of the risen Christ!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Allegro (Trio Sonata in E flat)

J.S. Bach

10am Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist

The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Crucifer

Ian Hoelscher

Organist and Choir Director

John Painter

Acolytes

Lauren Hoelscher and Elliott Brantman

Lector

Cynthia Pipkin

Ushers

Walt Frankowski and Christine Keeler

Intercessor

Mary Arguelles

Altar Guild Team

Charlotte Hoare (captain)

Communion Assistants
Kate Schuler and Cynthia Pipkin

Christine Keeler, Fran Graeff, Josephine
Lawson and Mary Jane Androne

Verger

Matthew Hoelscher

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 our dear friend, Professor Benjamin E. Bown by David and Judy Feick

Upcoming Adult Forums

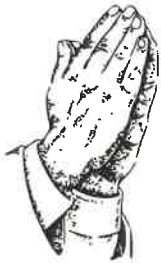
April 12—Bicentennial Planning Team Presentation
April 19—Final Updates on Plaster Restoration from Restoration Artisans
Please join us at 9:05am in the Parlor

Cover images: Christ and Mary Magdalene in the Garden by Fra Angelico
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.

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 | |

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.



Christ Church Night Out with the Fightin' Phils—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.

Easter Flower donations 2026

In Memory Of

Gerald and Helen Androne, Erling and Viola Peterson by Mary Jane and Richard Androne
William and Ruth D. Maier by Ruth Anne Bengtson
Ida Mae Emes; Bernard E. Emes and Pamela C. Graul by David Emes
Evelyn and Earl Faust, Naomi and Earl Naftzinger, Irvin, Audrey Hentrich, Lydia Speller and Walt and Judith Kreiger by Sherry Faust
Charles and Sherry Feick Chandler by David and Judy Feick
Jere L. Gabrielle by Runette Gabrielle
Loved Ones by Priscilla and John Hirschenhofer
Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Yiengst, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Weidner, The Rev. David T. Weidner by Brian and Fiana Holt
Our Loved Ones by Robert and Christine Keeler
Harold, Mary, Daniel Lambert and Frank, Dorothy and Kay Laedlein by Richard and Marcia Laedlein
George and Joyce Miller, Muriel Crowther by Dane and Chiyo Miller
Mr. & Mrs. Matthias Roland and Mr. and Mrs. Solan Parkes by the estates of Charles and Grace Parkes
My parents, Polly and Bill Pflum by Cynthia Pipkin
Tom and Betty, Sandy, Todd and Nancy Buckwalter; Joe and Regina, Chris Powell by Anita Powell and Cliff Buckwalter
Abby Rinehart by Jim and Nancy Rinehart
The Donnelly Family, The Rowles Family by Terry and Michael Rowles
Dale L. Shelly by Nancy Shelly
Ethel and Warren Skibbe; Virginia and Hesper Sillhart by Judy and Glenn Sillhart
Herman and Polly Sunderman, Michelle Omlor, Sarah Bell, John and Louise Tumolo, Don and Mark Thomas by The Sunderman Family
Donald and Dorothy Uhrich, Lola and Adam Swigart, Jr. by Michele Uhrich
Our parents by Alison and Larry Whalen
Helen and Bill Widing, June and Walter McManus by Bill Widing
Our families: Russo, Riddell, Fulton and Wilson by Victoria and James Wilson

In Honor of

Bruce, Sallie and Matthew Bengtson and families from Ruth Anne Bengtson
Nate, Elizabeth and David by Sherry Faust
Brad and Stacy Feick by David and Judy Feick
Ben and Debbie Buckwalter, Leah and Isaac Mogajane, Marley and Scott Wong by Anita Powell and Cliff Buckwalter
Ms. Joanne K. Ruyak by The Rev. Mark A. Ruyak
Family and Friends of CCR by Doris Schilpp
Kathryn Smith by Marcia Smith
Matt lovino by the Sunderman Family
Our children and grandchildren by Alison and Larry Whalen

In Thanksgiving for:

Scott Androne by Mary Jane and Richard Androne

John Painter and our choir by Ruth Anne Bengtson

Kathy, Britt and Kelsey by Walt Frankowski

New Beginnings by Fran Graeff

Blessings Received by Stephen and Charlotte Hoare

Porter William Holt, Dillon Prescott Holt and Christopher W. Holt by Brian and Fiana Holt

Friends and Family by Linda Jones

Our Grandchildren by Robert and Christine Keeler

Juliana, Lennon and Theo Wong, Matthew and Micah Buckwalter. Mila and Zoe Mogajane by Anita Powell and Cliff Buckwalter

All the Rowles children and grandchildren by Terry and Michael Rowles

Our thanks and appreciation to everyone who contributed for Easter plants for the church and/or for the support of the Courtyard Fund or Safe Berks. If you sponsored a plant, please be sure to take it after the 10:00 am service. Thank you to everyone for your help in making our beautiful church even more beautiful.



AUSTIN'S
RESTAURANT & BAR



COASTAL
GRILLE

YOU'RE INVITED TO A FUNDRAISING EVENT

ORGANIZATION:
**Christ Episcopal Church
Women's Missions**

EVENT DATE:
April 8 and 9, 2026

Bring this invite to:

Austin's Restaurant & Bar - 1101 Snyder Road - West Lawn 610-678-5500
Coastal Grille - 2713 N. Meridian Boulevard - Wyomissing 610-743-4006

20% of your food purchases – alcohol not included
(dine in or take out) will be given to:

**Christ Episcopal Church
Women's Missions**

Invitation must be presented for purchase to qualify
VOID IF DISTRIBUTED AT RESTAURANT
Reservations Suggested

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, April 5—Easter Day

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Bunnies in the Courtyard
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Monday, April 6 Office closed

12PM—1PM NA meeting

Tuesday, April 7

9AM Literacy Class
9:30AM Centering Prayer
12PM—1PM NA meeting

Wednesday, April 8

9AM Staff meeting
10AM-1PM ECW Rummage Sale
12PM Noon Eucharist
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
Austin's and Coastal Grill Fundraiser
5:30-7PM NA Meeting

Thursday, April 9

9AM Literacy Class
9:30AM Bible Study
9:30AM Centering Prayer
11AM Morning Prayer
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
Austin's and Coastal Grill Fundraiser
5PM-6:30PM NA Meeting

Friday, April 10

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, April 11

12PM-2PM NA meeting

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 Mission Trip training
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Upcoming Events

April 8 ECW Rummage Sale 10AM-1PM

April 8 and 9 Austin's and Coastal Grill
Fundraiser

April 12 Mission trip training 11:30AM-
1:30PM

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