

Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

IN the city. *WITH* our neighbors. *FOR* everyone.



The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2026

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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 for ever. Amen.**

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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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 : Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before

us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Hallelujah!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his mercy endures for ever.

**Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord
or show forth all his praise?**

Happy are those who act with justice
and always do what is right!

**Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for your people,
and visit me with your saving help;**

That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people,
that I may glory with your inheritance.

**We have sinned as our forebears did;
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.**

Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb
and worshiped a molten image;

**And so they exchanged their Glory
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.**

They forgot God their Savior,
who had done great things in Egypt,
**Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham,
and fearful things at the Red Sea.**

So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach,
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

The Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things

that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14

Before the reading

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

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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: Gracious Lord, we pray that we may have the faith and courage to go where you are calling us and that Christ may be seen in the life of the Church, as we say: in your mercy, hear us.

Intercessor: You have called us into the family of those who are the children of God. May our love for our brothers and sisters be strengthened by your grace. We pray for Bryce, our rector, Audrey, our bishop, Kevin, our assistant bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop, Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, The Anglican Church of Burundi, and the churches and ministries of the Diocese of the Susquehanna. Jesus, Lord of the Church, **in your mercy, hear us.**

You have called us to be a temple where the Holy Spirit can dwell. Give us clean hands and pure hearts, so that our lives will reflect your holiness. We pray for those celebrating this week, Richard Wah, James Whalen and Michelle Rowles-Cranmer. Jesus, Lord of the Church, **in your mercy, hear us.**

You have called us to be a light to the world, so that those in darkness come to you. May our lives shine as a witness to the saving grace you have given for all. Jesus, Lord of the Church, **in your mercy, hear us.**

You have called us to be members of your body, so that when one suffers, all suffer together. We ask for your comfort and healing power to bring hope to those in distress, especially those on our prayer list printed in the bulletin and any that we name now..., Jesus, Lord of the Church, **in your mercy, hear us.**

You have called us to be the Bride, where you, Lord, are the Bridegroom. Prepare us for the wedding feast, where we will be united with you forever, remembering Mr. and Mrs. Matthias Roland and Mr. and Mrs. Solan Parkes. Jesus, Lord of the Church, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Celebrant: May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; may his grace prosper the work of our hands; and bring his kingdom evermore into this world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

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The Peace

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

Announcements

Prayers for the Preparation of the Table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Holy Communion

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

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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 361

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 362

Celebrant: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: **Christ has died**

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 363

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Invitation to Communion

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Everyone is invited to receive. There will be two chalices for receiving: communion rail, 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**

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The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Free Lunchtime Concert

Monday November 2nd

12-12:30pm

Musicians: Julie Drey & Robin Lilarose

Free lunch is included!

Thank you to Centro Hispano for providing the lunches.

Cover images:

Center: "Jesus Preaching called the La Tombe" by Rembrandt (1652)

Bottom left: The shield of the Diocese of the Susquehanna

Bottom right: Line drawing of Christ Church, Reading

Celebrant at 8AM and 10AM
The Reverend Bryce P. Wandrey

Homilist at 8AM and 10AM
The Reverend Ross Tortora

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

Greeting Team
Brenda Guardian, Daniel Harris and Justin Skwiat

8am Service Participants

<i>Lector and Intercessor</i>	<i>Usher</i>
Terry Rowles	Ellen Sunderman

Communion Assistant
Ellen Sunderman

10am Service Participants
Organist and Choir Director
John Painter

Lector
Fran Graeff

Gospel Book
Andrea Griffith

Intercessor
Cynthia Pipkin

Crucifer
Kate Schuler

Communion Assistants
Chuck Brantman and Kate Fanning

Acolytes
Elliott Brantman and Alex Brantman

Verger
Kathleen Brantman

Ushers
Larry Whalen, Christine Keeler and Zoe
Morris

Christ Church (Episcopal)

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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 book in the pews).

Prelude

Autumn

Charles Ives

Processional Hymn 367

Round the Lord in glory

The Liturgy of the Word

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People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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

David Thorne

Andante

mf

Lord____ have mer - cy, Lord____ have mer - cy,

f

Christ____ have mer - cy, Christ____ have mer - cy.

mf **mp**

Lord____ have mer - cy, Lord____ have mer - cy.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you
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Celebrant: Let us pray

The Collect of the Day

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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: Philippians 4:1-9 (see page 4 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

Gospel Hymn 517 *How lovely is thy dwelling place*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14 (see page 5 for the text of the reading)

Before the reading

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
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 6)

Intercessor: Jesus, Lord of the Church,

All: **in your mercy, hear us.**

Confession of Sin

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The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements and Children's Message

The Offertory Anthem

When I survey the wondrous cross

Gilbert Martin

The Presentation Hymn 380 From all the dwell below the skies (vs 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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Sanctus

David Thorne

Moderato *mf*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might,

6 *f*

Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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* *ff*

Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Fraction Anthem

Jimmy Owens

1. This is my body, broken for you, bringing you wholeness,
 2. This is my blood, poured out for you, bringing forgiveness.

making you free. Take it and eat it, and when you do, do it in love for me.
 making you free. Take it and drink it, and when you do, do it in love for me.

The Invitation to Communion

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The Agnus Dei

David Thorne

mp Lamb of God, you
mp take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
mp Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
 world, grant us peace.

The Communion Hymn 348

Lord we have come

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 *The Church of Christ in every age* (see page 17)

The Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

Altar Candle Memorials for October 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 Mr. And Mrs. Matthias Roland and Mr. and Mrs. Solan Parkes from the estates of Charles and Grace Parkes.

1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise. A car - ing
 4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change but spir - it led, must claim and test its her - i -
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for bread to
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's sac - ri -
 se - ver in our blood. And teach us how to share our
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all with - out re -

lage and keep on ri - sing from the dead.
 eat and nev - er live un - til they die.
 fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty,
 bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude
 serve. And spread Christ's lib - er - a - ting word.

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For those in need of our prayers....

Runette	Todd	Beverly	Mertz Family
Connie	Randall	Byron and Sherry	Randi
Donna	Ryan	Scott	Casey and Kenzie
Jenn	Kendra	Jeri	Nate
Corat Family	Joey	Terra	Haia
Meir	Faith	Kevin	Monica
Darryl M	Heather Jean	Caroline	Jennifer, Jasiah, Jaiven
Lola	Sandi	Bruce	M.J.
Jackie	David	Lou	Elizabeth

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 the church.

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.



We have installed a vending machine with both drinks and snacks in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider purchasing a cold drink or snack when you are visiting the church!

October 18th marks the kickoff of our fourth All The Company of Heaven competition. Start studying up on your favorite saints so you can nominate them on this special Sunday in our year.



On Sunday October 25th we will be blessing the Halloween Costumes during our 10AM service. Why not invite a friend so they can have their Halloween blessed and receive some early treats too?



The ECW of Christ Church would like to announce the 2026 Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Shopping Event. For a \$5.00 donation, you get a pass for 25% most items for one day only, Wednesday, October 21 from 8AM to 11PM. Please see any ECW member for a ticket.

This Week at Christ Church
Sunday, October 11—The Twentieth
Sunday after Pentecost

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)

9AM Sunday School

9:05AM Adult Forum *The Chosen*

10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)

11AM-1PM Art Gallery

4PM—5PM NA meeting

Monday, October 12

10AM-2PM Church Open Day

12PM—1PM NA meeting

Tuesday, October 13

9:30AM Centering Prayer

9AM Literacy Conversation Class

12PM—1PM NA meeting

Wednesday, October 14

9AM Staff meeting

10AM-1PM ECW Rummage Sale

12PM Noon Eucharist

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

5:30-7PM NA Meeting

Thursday, October 15

9:30AM Centering Prayer

9AM Literacy Conversation Class

11AM Morning Prayer

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

5PM-6:30PM NA Meeting

Friday, October 16

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, October 17

12PM-2PM NA meeting

Sunday, October 18 —Saint Luke: The
Evangelist

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)

9AM Sunday School

9:05AM Adult Forum *The Chosen*

10AM Holy Eucharist with Healing
Prayers (sung)

4PM—5PM NA meeting

Upcoming Events

October 11 The Revd Ross Tortora (guest preacher and Adult Forum leader)

October 18 St Luke—The Evangelist with All the Company of Heaven
Nominationtide

October 25 The Blessing of the Halloween Costumes 10AM
Food Collection Sunday

October 28 All Souls' Mass (Musician: David Cullen) 5:30PM

November 1 Pasi3n y Arte (PyA) at the WCR 3PM

November 2 Lunchtime Concert with free lunch 12PM (details page 9)

November 8 Veterans Sunday

November 9 Kristallnacht Memorial Service 7PM at CCR