Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

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



All Saints Day

November 1, 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 for ever. Amen.**
Celebrant Alleluia. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor,
People **and power and might be to our God forever and ever! 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.

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.

In a moment of silence we collect everything on our hearts and minds from this week

The Collect of the Day
Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have

prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The First Reading : Revelation 7:9-17

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: Psalm 34:1-10,22 (The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse)

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
I will glory in the Lord;
let the humble hear and rejoice.
Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt his Name together.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me out of all my terror.

Look upon him and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.
The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him,
and he will deliver them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!
Fear the Lord, you that are his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing.
The young lions lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
The Lord ransoms the life of his servants,
and none will be punished who trust in him.

The Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3
See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.
At the end of the reading
Reader: The Word of the Lord:
People**: Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12
Before the reading
Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**
When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for

they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."
At the end of the reading
Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated

The Homily

Please stand

The Nicene Creed 358

The Prayers of the People
Celebrant: United in the company of all the faithful and looking for the coming of the kingdom, let us offer our prayers to God, the source of all life and holiness, saying, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Merciful Lord, strengthen all Christian people by your Holy Spirit, that we may live as a royal priesthood and a holy nation to the praise of Jesus Christ our Savior. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Bless Bryce, our rector; Audrey, our bishop; Kevin, our assistant bishop; Sean, our presiding bishop; Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America; the churches and ministries of the Diocese of the Susquehanna and all ministers of your Church, that by faithful proclamation of your word we may be built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets into a holy temple in the Lord. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Empower us by the gift of your holy and life-giving Spirit, that we may be transformed into the likeness of Christ from glory to glory; especially those celebrating this week: June Tull, Milah Smith, Greg Allison, Lor Lowden-Gould, Heather Thomas, Bruce Bengtson, Amelia Fanning, and Glenn and Judy Sillhart. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Give to the world and its peoples the peace that comes from above, that they may find Christ's way of freedom and life; we pray for anyone living in fear and danger, especially people living in places of war, conflict and natural disaster; we also pray for our nation as we vote this week. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Hold in your embrace all who witness to your love in the service of the poor and needy, all who minister to the sick and dying, and all who bring light to those in darkness; especially those on our prayer list printed in the bulletin and any that we name now… Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Remember in your mercy all those gone before us who have been well-pleasing to you from eternity; especially Russell W. Riddell, Iva A. Riddell, Immaculata Russo, Dale L. Shelly, Rev. and Mrs. Emmert M. Moyer, and John and Stella Shelly; preserve in your faith your servants on earth, guide us to your kingdom and grant us your peace at all times. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks for the whole company of your saints in glory, with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises; by your grace may we, like them, be made perfect in your love. Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor and power, be to our God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin 360

The Peace 360

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 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:
Celebrant and People: **We remember his death,**
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory

The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 368

The Lord's Prayer 364

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 364
Everyone is invited to receive. There will be two chalices for receiving: the first is for drinking 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 Dismissal
Celebrant: Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

Cover images:
Center: "Adoration of the Trinity (Landauer Altar)" by Albrecht Dürer (1471–1528)
Bottom left: The shield of the Diocese of the Susquehanna
Bottom right: Line drawing of Christ Church, Reading

Celebrant and Homilist at 8AM and 10AM
The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Altar Guild Team
June Tull (Captain), Priscilla Hirschenhofer and Andrea Griffith

8am Service Participants

Lector and Intercessor
Jeffrey Melvin

Usher
Ellen Sunderman

Communion Assistants
Rick Wolf and Ellen Sunderman

Stewardship Moment
Jeff Morris

10am Service Participants

Organist and Choir Director
John Painter

Lector
Kate Schuler

Intercessor
Anita Powell

Communion Assistants
Kate Schuler and Jill Braun

Stewardship Moment
Jeff Morris

Thurifer
Karin Long

Verger
Matt Hoelscher

Crucifer
Ian Hoelscher

Acolytes
Alex Brantman and Lauren Hoelscher

Gospel Book
Kate Schuler

Ushers
Larry Whalen, Christine Keeler and Zoe Morris

Greeting Team
Brenda Guardian, Daniel Harris and Justin Skwiat

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 *Salve Regina (I, II)* Olivier Latry
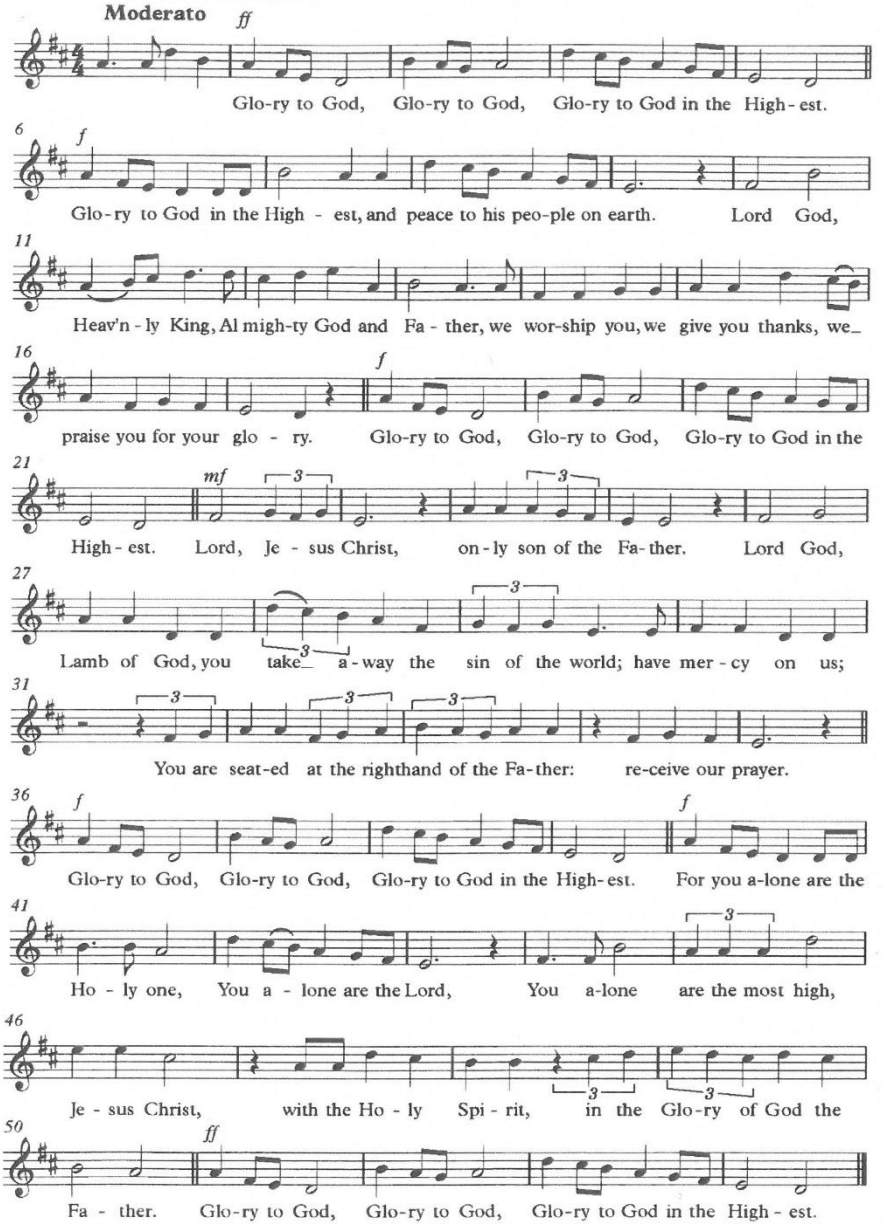
Processional Hymn 287 *For all the saints* (vss 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8)

The Liturgy of the Word

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The Collect for Purity (said together)
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Gloria David Thorne



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Please be seated

The First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17 (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

Gospel Hymn *238* *Blessed feasts of the blessed*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12 (see page 4 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

Nicene Creed 358

The Prayers of the People (see page 5)
Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,
All: **Hear our prayer.**

Confession of Sin 360

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 *Holy is the true light* William H. Harris

The Presentation Hymn *231 By all your saints still striving (vs 1)*

By all your saints still striving,
for all your saints at rest,
your holy Name, O Jesus,
for evermore be blessed.

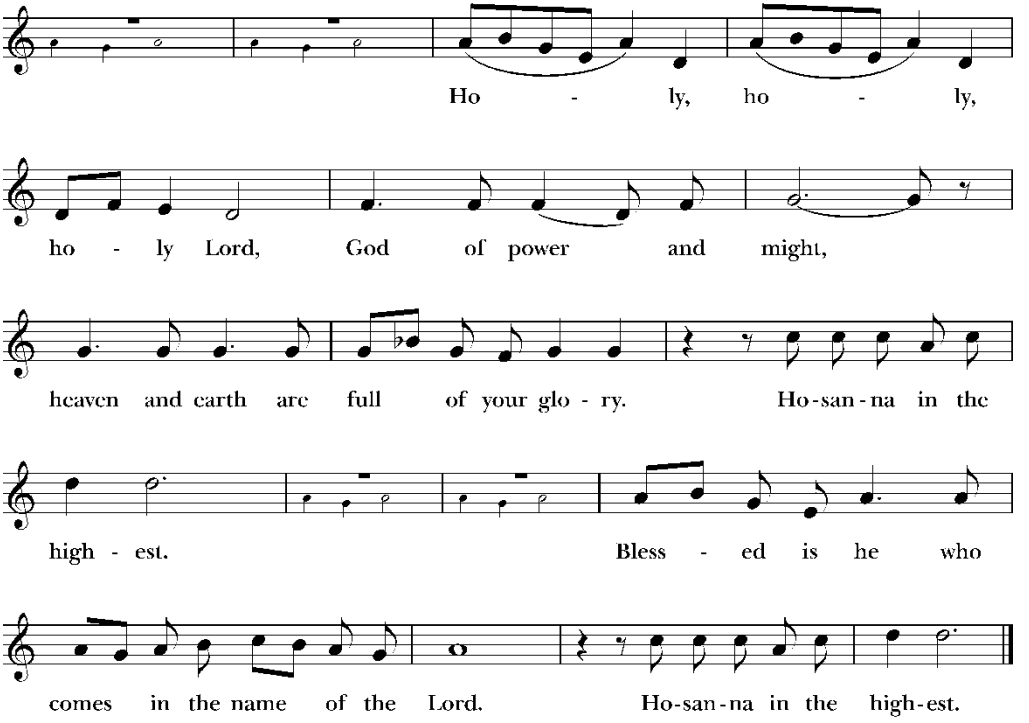
You rose, our King victorious,
that they might wear the crown
and ever shine in splendor
reflected from your throne.

The Holy Communion

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Sanctus William Mathias



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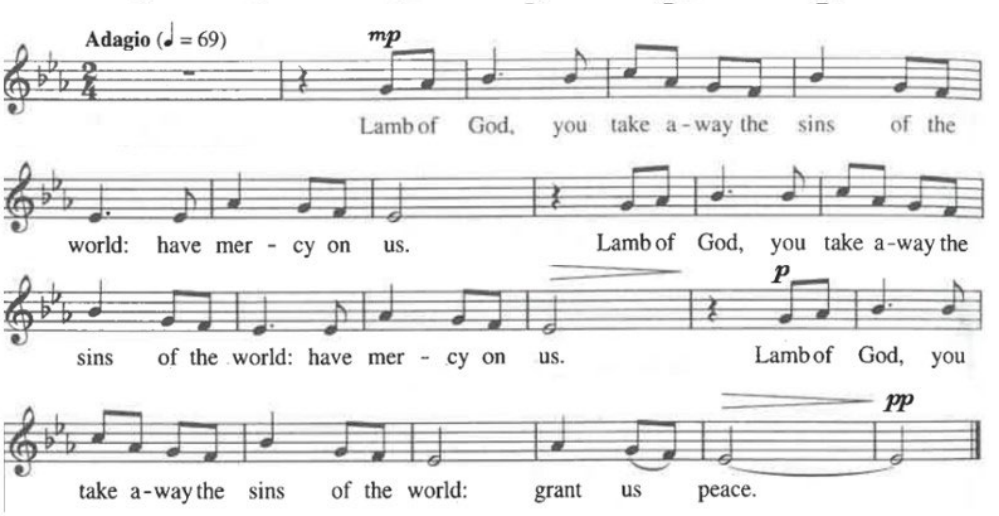
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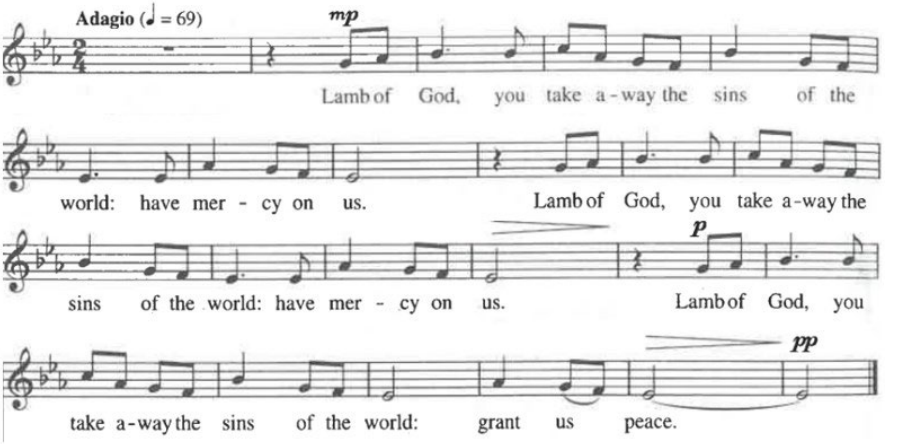
The Fraction Anthem



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The Agnus Dei Kevin Mayhew



The Communion Hymn 624 *Jerusalem the golden*

If Eucharistic 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 of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen**

The Closing Hymn WLP775 *Give thanks for life*

The Dismissal

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

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

Postlude *Fugue in G minor* Marcel Dupre

Altar Candle Memorials for November 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 today to the Greater Glory of God and in Lovig Memory of Russell W. Riddell, Iva A. Riddell and Immaculata Russo from Victoria and James Wilson.

Lecter flowers for today in given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of her husband, Dale L. Shelly; her parents, The Reverend and Mrs. Emmert M. Moyer and John and Stella Shelly; from Nancy Shelly

Regular Christ Church Office hours:
Monday: 8:00AM - 2:00PM; Tuesday 8:00AM - 12:30PM
Wednesday 8:00AM - 2:00PM

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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.

For those in need of our prayers….

Runette	Todd	Beverly	Mertz Family
Connie and Randall	Joan	Byron and Sherry	Randi
Janet	Kate	Max	Faith
Sue	Carol	Darryl	Chris
Monica	Kevin	Frances	Joey

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



The ECW is holding their Monthly Rummage Sale on November 4th, 7th, and 11th from 10AM to 1PM. Come check out our holiday merchandise and all the other new items we have!



Plenty Good Room

There's Always Room for One More

In our household when I was growing up, and it is still true today, there was always room for one more in our home and at our table. It was not uncommon to awaken and find someone asleep on our sofa – whether an old friend of the family who just happened by or a family acquaintance who was experiencing a challenging time in their life. It could even have been the children of one of our upstairs neighbors who were experiencing conflict in the family. My parents opened our home to our schoolmates to keep them from going to a shelter while things were resolved with their parents. We shared our room and a space at our table to accommodate three additional guests. No matter the season there was always room at the Bennett Inn, there were loaves and fishes, and there was always plenty good room at our table.

Praying shapes believing and practice not only gets you to Carnegie Hall, it also makes perfect. 'You give them something to eat." Jesus' words – an admonition to some an invitation to others – we get to embody in table fellowship where all are treated equally and all are fed. This way of being, this way of discipleship, this spirit of generosity and compassion was modeled for us by our family, in our church, and at our babysitter's home where no child was a stranger and tables were set in the eat-in kitchen and railroad length hallway and Sunday morning we were all given our envelopes with a dollar enclosed for the collection plate (if we didn't already have one). There was always room for one more and enough to share. There was plenty good room. Even now at our family gatherings we prepare for the unknown guest who may be invited to share our table.

A spirit of generosity and abundance finds its root in the beatitudes, in the story of the walk to Emmaus, in the wedding feast at Cana, and in the commandment to" love one another as I have loved you." Jesus made space for the vulnerable, the marginalized, the poor, and the list could go on ending with all of us. There was plenty good room at his table. When we respond to God's generosity in kind, there will always be enough, there will always be loaves and fishes, and there will always be plenty good room.

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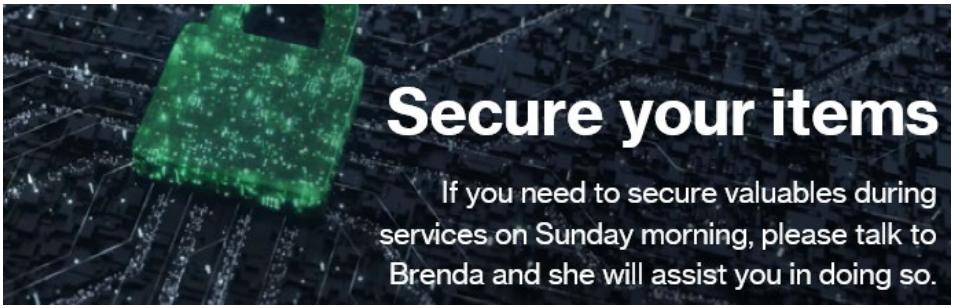
Questions for Reflection:

So who's missing from your table? Is there space at your table or do you need to add another in response to God's generosity and abundance?



The Rev. Debra Q. Bennett is rector of the Church of our Saviour, Akron and is past-president of the board of TENS.

TENS THE EPISCOPAL NETWORK FOR STEWARDSHIP



Food Collection Drive

On Sunday, November 22nd, we will be collecting food for both Berks County Veterans and our food pantry. Thank you for your generosity!

VETERANS COALITION OF PENNSYLVANIA





Kristallnacht Commemoration Service

Monday, November 9, 2026
6:30 P.M. Circle of Light candle lighting on the church steps
7 P.M. Interfaith Service indoors
Reception to follow

Hosted this year at
Christ Episcopal Church
435 Court St. Reading, PA 19601

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, November 1—All Saints' Day
8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School
9:05AM Adult Forum *The Chosen*
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
3PM FFA Pasión y Arte (PyA) at the WCR
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Monday, November 2
10AM—2PM Church Open Day
11AM Election Eve Prayer Vigil (Chapel)
12PM Lunchtime concert with free lunch
12PM—1PM NA meeting

Tuesday, November 3
9AM Literacy Council Class
9:30AM Centering Prayer
12PM—1PM NA meeting

Wednesday, November 4
9AM Staff Meeting
10AM—1PM ECW Rummage Sale
12PM Noon Eucharist
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
5:30—7PM NA Meeting

Thursday, November 5
9AM Literacy Council Class
9:30AM Bible Study
11AM Morning Prayer
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
5PM—6:30PM NA Meeting

Friday, November 6
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
7:30PM FFA "4000 miles" at WCR

Saturday, November 7
10AM—1PM ECW Rummage Sale
12PM—2PM NA meeting
4PM Wedding of Brittany and Miguel
7:30PM FFA "4000 miles" at WCR

Sunday, November 8—The Twenty fourth Sunday after Pentecost and Veterans Sunday
8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School
9:05AM Adult Forum *The Chosen*
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
3PM FFA "4000 miles" at WCR
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Upcoming Events

November 1 Pasión y Arte (PyA) at the WCR 3PM
November 2 Election Eve Prayer Vigil (Chapel) 11AM
November 2 Lunchtime Concert with free lunch 12PM (details on page 17)
November 4, 7, 11 ECW Rummage Sale 10AM-1PM
November 6—8 FFA 4000 Miles at the WCR: 6th & 7th 7:30PM, 8th 3PM
November 7 Wedding of Brittany and Miguel 4PM
November 8 Veterans Sunday
November 9 Kristallnacht Memorial Service 7PM at CCR
November 15 Rabbi Brian Michelson, Guest Preacher 10AM
November 22 Blessing of the Stewardship Pledges
November 22 Annual Thanksgiving Food Gathering (benefitting Veterans and our food pantry)