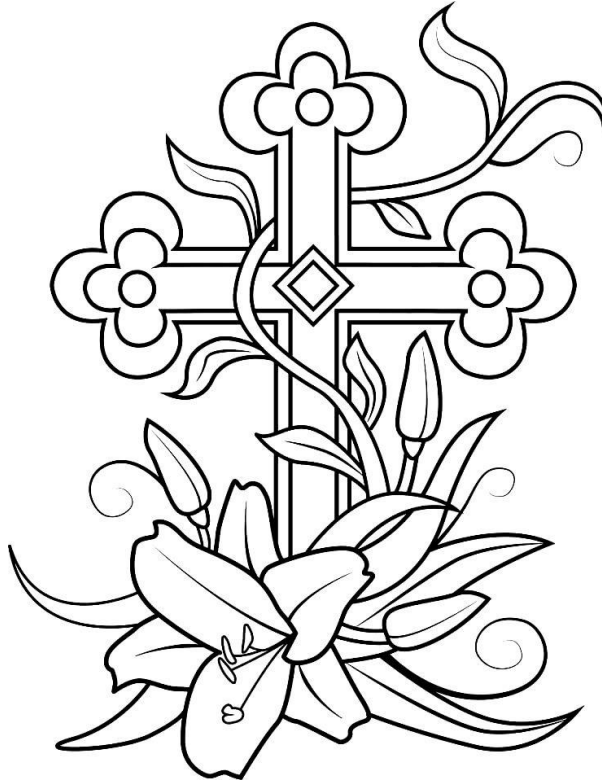


**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF
SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE
IN MORGANTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA**



**HOLY EUCHARIST
RITE II
FOR
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Sunday, April 21, 2024
at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.**

**6251 Morgantown Road
PO Box 97
Morgantown, PA 19543**

THERE IS ROOM AT THE TABLE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN

He is Risen!

H180 (vs. 1-2)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*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.*

A CANTICLE FOR EASTER

PASCHA NOSTRAM

*Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.*

*Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.*

*Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR OUR PATRON, SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

*Ever living God,
who strengthened your Apostle, Thomas,
with firm and certain faith in your Son's resurrection:
Grant us so perfectly, and without doubt,
to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God,
that our faith may never be found wanting in your sight;
through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.*

THE COLLECT FOR REUNIFICATION DISCERNMENT

*Lord,
we pray for Your continued guidance and blessings
for our dedicated Bishops, Kevin, and Audrey,
for the leadership of both dioceses,
and especially for our
reunification discernment committee.*

*As members of Christ's church in the world,
may we be light bearers both now and in the future.*

*May our light help to bring about the vision and
mission of God in this time and place.*

*Remembering that change, growth and opportunities never cease,
let us live in awe of the possibilities
at work through the Spirit.*

May we experience the fullness of this present time and show up fully. Amen.

THE LESSONS

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 4: 5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

`the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

The Psalm

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

A Reading from the First Letter of John

John 10: 11-18

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA

*The Right Hand of God raised me up.
The hand of the Lord has triumphed.
I shall never die,
I shall live telling God's deeds.*

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John

John 10: 11-18

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

*Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON

THE CREED

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.*

*We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER B

Intercessor Let us pray for the needs of all God's children in the name of Jesus the Good Shepherd, saying, *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the Church, especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin, our bishop, that we may give bold witness to Jesus the source of life and salvation. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, that we who are known by Christ may gladly welcome into this flock all who answer the Lord's call. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all who are searching, that they may encounter life and wholeness, and so find the shepherd who searches and cares for them. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, and all places where war and violence threaten lives, that God will shepherd and shield all those in danger. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the leaders of nations, that God will give them hearts like the Good Shepherd, compassion toward those who suffer, and wisdom to seek dialogue and peace. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all those in need of our prayers, remembering especially,, that they may be strengthened by the goodness and mercy of the Good Shepherd. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who have died, remembering especially,, that they may dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the God-bearer, Mark, the Evangelist, Saint Thomas the Apostle, our Patron, and all the saints who have borne witness to the Risen Christ, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *Alleluia! To you, O Lord, we give praise and glory.*

Presider God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, hear our prayers, give us the cup of salvation to drink, and keep us always in the fold of your divine love, May your goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our life. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. *Amen.*

THE PRAYER LIST FOR WEEK OF

April 21, 2024

All Victims of Senior Abuse, Alta, Alex, Amy, Ann, Arlene, Barbara, Barbara H., Bill B., Bret, Christian, Connie, Debbie, Donna, Ellie, George, Gus, Ian, India, Janet, Jeanne, Jeff, Jim, Judy, Kathy, Larry, Liz, Marcia, Mark S., Mike, Nikki, Payton, Peggy, Ron, Sam, Ty, Walt, Will, the People of Ukraine, the People of the Middle East, Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, for the Peace of Jerusalem, and for the Candidates for Presiding Bishop.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND BIRTHDAYS

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

THE COMMON DOXOLOGY

H380 (v.3)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE SURSUM CORDA

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves. The first two staves are for the Celebrant and People, with lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The third and fourth staves are also for the Celebrant and People, with lyrics: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise." The melody is simple and homophonic, using quarter and eighth notes with slurs.

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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THE PROPER PREFACE

All thanks and praise
are yours at all times and in all places,
our true and loving God;
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.
You laid the foundations of the world
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;
You brought forth all creatures of the earth
and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,
all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;
And so as the morning stars sing your praises
we join the heavenly beings and all creation
as we shout with joy:

THE SANCTUS

*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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,
your Word has never been silent;
you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,
you delivered them from bondage
and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus
to be human, to share our life,
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign
and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.
Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
you have freed us from sin,
brought us into your life,
reconciled us to you,
and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us
Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
gave it to his friends and said:
“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,
poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
longing for Christ’s coming in glory,
and presenting to you these gifts
your earth has formed and human hands have made,
we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

THE EPICLESIS

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be to us
the Body and Blood of your Christ.
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power,
may be a people of hope, justice and love.
Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,
and in the fullness of time gather us
with Saint Thomas the Apostle, our Patron, and all your people
into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
we worship you our God and Creator
in voices of unending praise.
Blessed are you now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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,
forever and ever. Amen.*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE PRAYER FOR THOSE JOINING US VIA LIVE-STREAM

Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart.

I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Shepherd of Souls

H343

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

*Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of Christ,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

BLESSING

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia.

People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia.*

THE CLOSING HYMN

He is Risen!

H180 (vs. 3-4)

Those Assisting in Worship

Millard S. Cook, CFC, (Postulant), the Priest-in-Charge,
will preside and preach.

Altar Guild	Liz Beebe and Pat Mast
Crucifer	Bill Bahn
The Server	Jess Beebe
The Reader	Bill Bahn
The Prayers of the People	Betty Flanders
Offertory	Juli Bahn
Music	Liz Beebe
Digital Evangelist	Amy Smith
Hospitality	Betty Flanders
Counter	Betty Flanders
Flowers	The Beebe Family

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THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

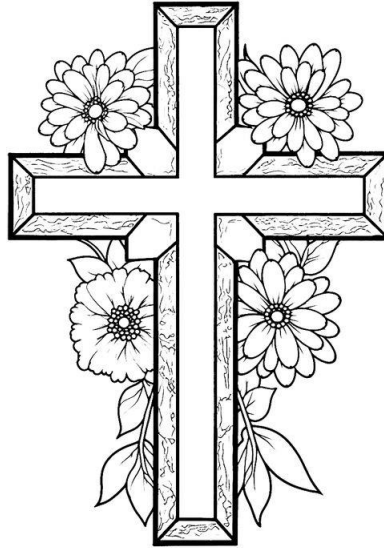
2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.



LEADERSHIP IN THE PARISH

The Reverend Millard S. Cook, CFC (Postulant), Priest-in-Charge
Liz Beebe, Junior Warden
Betty Flanders, Senior Warden
Evans Goodling, Clerk
Donna McLay
Amy Smith, Treasurer
Ministers: All the Baptized

We give thanks to the **Reverend Canon Cliff Carr** for the Prayers of the People which we will be using each week. It is a labor of love for Father Cliff, and a gift which he shares with the Diocese of Bethlehem.

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