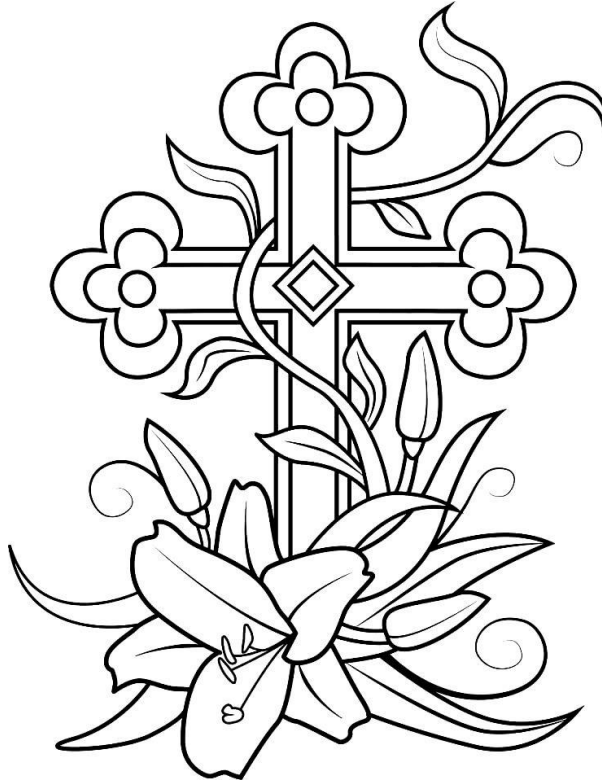


**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF
SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE
IN MORGANTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA**



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

**Sunday, May 5, 2024
at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.**

**6251 Morgantown Road
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Morgantown, PA 19543**

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

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN

Be thou my vision

H488

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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, 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 10: 44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 98

Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.

The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

A Reading from the First Letter of John

1 John 5: 1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

THE ALLELUIA

*The stone which the builders rejected,
becomes the cornerstone chosen.
Praise the work of God
for this marvel in our eyes!*

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER B

Intercessor God loved us, and sent the Son who laid down his life, and called us his friends. Let us offer prayers to God for the whole human family and the world, saying *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the Church, especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin, our bishop, that we who are baptized into Christ may abide in his love, and bear the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, that we who have been born of God, and know the God who is love, may be instruments of love and healing in the world. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all those in communities and places threatened by discord and unrest, that the words “division, hatred and violence” may be banished from all hearts and be replaced by the grace of God's justice and love. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all those whom we find it difficult to love, that God will touch our hearts to recognize them as sisters and brothers who, like us, are loved by God. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For a new sense of responsibility for the earth and its resources, that the Spirit will strengthen our resolve to care for God's creation, and ensure resources for future generations. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all those in need of our prayers, remembering especially, , that they may be strengthened and renewed with the power of God's love. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who have died, remembering especially, , that they may abide in Christ's love and know forever the victory of our God. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the God-bearer, 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 Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, who gives the Holy Spirit to all who believe. Hear our prayers for all people, and grant that all the earth may abide in your love, and know the joy of your friendship, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE PRAYER LIST FOR WEEK OF

May 5, 2024

All Police Officers who are abused and mistreated, Alta, Alex, Amy, Ann, Barbara, Barbara H., Bill B., Bret, Christian, Connie, Debbie, Donna, Ellie, George, Gus, Ian, India, Janet, Jeanne, Jeff, Jim, Joanne, Judy, Kathy, Larry, Lisa, Liz, Marcia, Mark S., Mike, Nikki, Payton, Peggy, Ron, Ty, Vinny, Walt, Will, the People of the Middle East, the People of Ukraine, 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

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

All things bright and beautiful

H405

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

Through the resurrection of his Son God has redeemed you and made you his children. May he bless you with joy. ***Amen.***

DISMISSAL

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

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

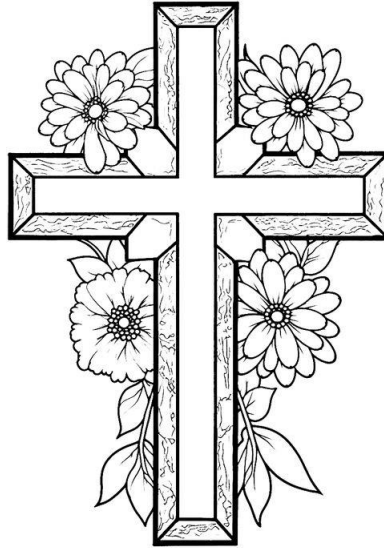
THE CLOSING HYMN *All creatures of our God and king* **H400 (vs. 5-7)**

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	Pat Mast
The Prayers of the People	Bill Bahn
Offertory	Juli Bahn
Music	Liz Beebe and Pat Mast
Digital Evangelist	Betty Flanders
Hospitality	The Beebe Family
Counter	Pat Mast

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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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