

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



**THE HOLY EUCHARIST  
RITE II  
FOR  
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sunday, July 14, 2024  
at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.**

**6251 Morgantown Road  
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***THERE IS ROOM AT THE TABLE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN.***



## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE PRELUDE

### THE ENTRANCE HYMN

*O day of radiant gladness*

H48 (vs.1-2)

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* *And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.*

### 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.*

### THE GLORIA

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*Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider*        The Lord be with you.

*People*         ***And also with you.***

*Presider*        Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 READINGS

### A Reading from the Second Book of the Prophet Samuel      2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

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

### The Psalm

### Psalm 24

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, \*  
*the world and all who dwell therein.*

For it is he who founded it upon the seas \*  
*and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.*

"Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? \*  
***and who can stand in his holy place?"***

"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, \*  
***who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.***

They shall receive a blessing from the LORD \*  
***and a just reward from the God of their salvation."***

Such is the generation of those who seek him, \*  
***of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.***

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
***and the King of glory shall come in.***

"Who is this King of glory?" \*  
***"The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle."***

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
***and the King of glory shall come in.***

"Who is he, this King of glory?" \*  
***"The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory."***

### **A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians**

**Ephesians 1: 3-14**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

## THE ALLELUIA

*Father of all, you are blessed,  
creator of earth and heaven,  
for the mysteries  
of the Kingdom shown to children.”*

## A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Saint Mark

Mark 6: 14-29

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

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her.

Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

*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 FOR  
THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (B)**

*Intercessor* As a people redeemed and forgiven, let us pray to God who freely bestows the riches of grace on all in Christ the Beloved, saying, Holy God, ***hear our prayer.***

For the Church, especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Presiding Bishop-elect and Kevin, our bishop, that in all things we may proclaim Christ with courage and conviction. Holy God, ***hear our prayer.***

For this Parish Family, that we may be faithful witnesses to the love of God in our lives, our work and our relationships. Holy God, ***hear our prayer.***

For the grace to travel lightly, that God will show us how to live the Way of Love through vulnerability, reliance on one another and journeying with Christ. Holy God, ***hear our prayer.***

For all political leaders, that God will help them to understand the greatest needs of those whom they serve and work to promote the common good. Holy God, ***hear our prayer.***

For farmers and a good harvest, for all those traveling and on vacation, for safety from storms and protection from violence. Holy God, ***hear our prayer.***

For all those who are suffering, those who live in places of violence, and those seeking employment and employees, that they may trust in God to guide them. Holy God, ***hear our prayer.***

For all those for whom we ought to prayer, remembering especially, . . . . . , that they may be strengthened by God's healing love. Holy God, ***hear our prayer.***

For those who have died, remembering especially, . . . . . , that sealed by the Holy Spirit, they may remain Christ's own forever. Holy God, ***hear our prayer.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the God-bearer, Saint Thomas the Apostle, our Patron, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. ***To you, O Lord our God.***

*Presider* Blessed are you, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Hear the prayers we offer this day, and grant us our inheritance as your own people, that we may walk in the way of love, the way of the cross, and the way of Jesus. Glory to you for ever and ever.  
***Amen.***

## The Prayer List for this week

July 14, 2024

All migrant workers, postal employees, and all delivery people who have to work in the heat, Alta, Alex, Amy, Ann, Barbara, Barbara Ann, Barbara H, Bret, Bill B, Connie, Connie H., Debbie, Donna, Ellie, George, Gus, Janet, Jeanne, Jeff, Jeremy, Jim, Jim M., Joanne, Kathy, Larry, Lisa and Vinnie, Maddie, Marcia, Mark S., Mike, Millard, Nikki, Payton, Peggy, Ron, Ron B., Sam, Ty, Will, The People of Ukraine, The People of the Middle East, for the Peace of Jerusalem, and all those affected by Hurricane Beryl.

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14, 16*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## THE PEACE

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS, AND ANNIVERSARIES

## 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 COMMON DOXOLOGY

H380 (v. 3)

## 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 our thanks and praise.***

### THE PROPER PREFACE

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

### THE SANCTUS

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***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of the universe and giver of life.  
You formed us in your own image  
and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care  
that we might be your faithful stewards  
and show forth your bountiful grace.  
But we failed to honor your image  
in one another and in ourselves;  
we would not see your goodness in the world around us;  
and so we violated your creation,  
abused one another,  
and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us,  
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.  
Through Abraham and Sarah  
you called us into covenant with you.  
You delivered us from slavery,  
sustained us in the wilderness,  
and raised up prophets  
to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time,  
you sent your eternal Word,  
made mortal flesh in Jesus.  
Born into the human family,  
and dwelling among us,  
he revealed your glory.  
Giving himself freely to death on the cross,  
he triumphed over evil,  
opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us,  
Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:

“Take, eat:  
This is my Body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine,  
and when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to them, and said:  
“Drink this, all of you:  
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,  
which is poured out for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

## **THE EPICLESIS**

Remembering his death and resurrection,  
we now present to you from your creation  
this bread and this wine.  
By your Holy Spirit may they be for us  
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.  
Grant that we who share these gifts  
may be filled with the Holy Spirit  
and live as Christ’s Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage  
of your daughters and sons,  
that with Saint Thomas the Apostle, our Patron, and all your saints,  
past, present, and yet to come,  
we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
to you be honor, glory, and praise,  
for ever and ever. ***AMEN.***

## **THE GREAT AMEN**

**S146**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.*

## THE FRACTION ANTHEM

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

*We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.*

## 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.*

THE COMMUNION MEDITATION     *Now thank we all our God*

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## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

*Eternal God,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Savior. Amen.*

## THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. **Amen.**

The Lord make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious to you. **Amen.**

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you  
and give you peace. **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

*Presider* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## THE CLOSING HYMN

*O day of radiant gladness*

**H48 (vs.3-4)**

### THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

The Reverend Brother Millard S. Cook, CFC will preside and preach.

**Altar Guild** Liz Beebe and Pat Mast

**Crucifer** Bill Bahn

**The Server** Betty Flanders

**The Reader** Donna McLay

**The Prayers of the People** Bill Bahn

**Offertory** Juli Bahn

**Music** Liz Beebe and Pat Mast

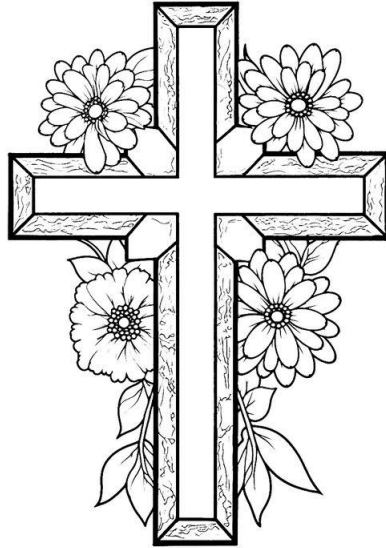
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The Reverend Brother Millard S. Cook, CFC, Priest-in-Charge  
Liz Beebe, Junior Warden  
Betty Flanders, Senior Warden  
Evans Goodling, Clerk  
Donna McLay  
Amy Smith, Treasurer  
Ministers: All the Baptized

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