

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



THE HOLY EUCHARIST
RITE II
FOR
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 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

THE PRELUDE

THE ENTRANCE HYMN

In Christ there is

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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.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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 7: 1-14a

When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 89: 20-37

I have found David my servant; *
with my holy oil have I anointed him.

My hand will hold him fast *
and my arm will make him strong.

No enemy shall deceive him, *
nor any wicked man bring him down.

I will crush his foes before him *
and strike down those who hate him.

My faithfulness and love shall be with him, *
and he shall be victorious through my Name.

I shall make his dominion extend *
from the Great Sea to the River.

He will say to me, 'You are my Father, *
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'

I will make him my firstborn *
and higher than the kings of the earth.

I will keep my love for him for ever, *
and my covenant will stand firm for him.

I will establish his line for ever *
and his throne as the days of heaven."

"If his children forsake my law *
and do not walk according to my judgments;

If they break my statutes *
and do not keep my commandments;

I will punish their transgressions with a rod *
and their iniquities with the lash;

But I will not take my love from him, *
nor let my faithfulness prove false.

I will not break my covenant, *
nor change what has gone out of my lips.

Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: *
'I will not lie to David.

His line shall endure for ever *
and his throne as the sun before me;

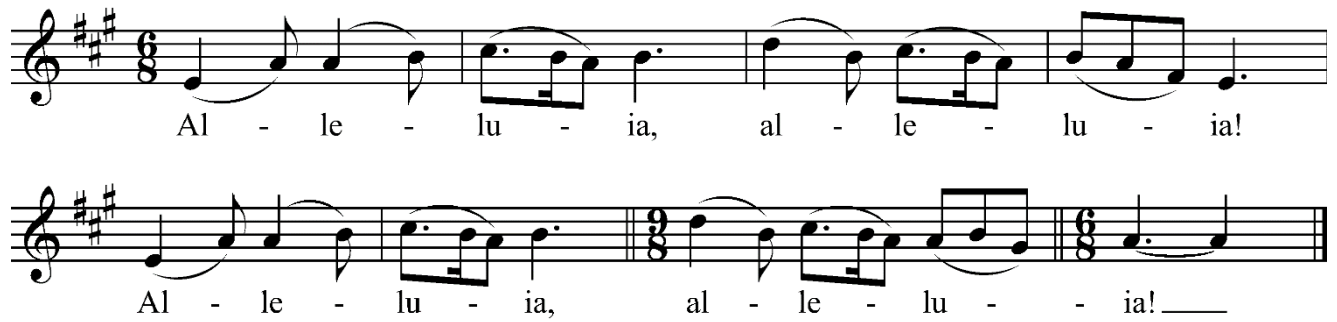
It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, *
the abiding witness in the sky.' "

A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians

Ephesians 2: 11-22

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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



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THE ALLELUIA

Verse 5

*“The sheep of my flock,” says the Lord,
 “hearing my voice, will listen.
 They will follow me,
 for I know them; they are mine.”*

A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Saint Mark Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

*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 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (B)**

Intercessor As disciples gathered together with Jesus, let us raise our prayers for all God's people who are the Lord's sheep, 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 together we may be instruments of compassion and care to all who find life's journey burdensome. Holy God, *hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, that in these summer days we may find times of rest, renewal, and refreshment. Holy God, *hear our prayer.*

For our troubled nation, wounded by confusion, violence, hatred, and division, that God will guide us to walk in the Way of Love, that we may be signs of God's healing and peace. Holy God, *hear our prayer.*

For peace in places where there is war and unrest, especially in Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza, that God will shepherd them to a new place of security, safety, justice, and dignity. Holy God, *hear our prayer.*

For all who live a life of service, especially those who wait on customers, or serve the poor and needy, or care for the sick, that they may offer their services joyfully, and be renewed by God's love. Holy God, *hear our prayer.*

For those who suffer from the power of fire and flood, heat and drought, that God will show them a shepherd's care at the hand of others in their communities. Holy God, *hear our prayer.*

For all those in need of our prayers, remembering especially,, that they may find healing in body, mind, and spirit. Holy God, *hear our prayer.*

For all the departed, remembering especially,, that they may be welcomed into the household of God. Holy God, *hear our prayer.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the God-bearer, Mary Magdalen, Saint James the Apostle, 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 Wise and merciful God, hear the prayers we offer this day, and kindle within us the compassion that stirred in the heart of Jesus, so that we may be living instruments of his love and peace. Glory to you for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Prayer List for this week

July 21, 2024

An end to gun violence, the safety of all involved in the political process, Alta, Alex, Amy, Ann, Barbara, Barbara Ann, Barbara H, Bret, Bill B, Connie, Connie H., 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, and for the Peace of Jerusalem.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:29-31

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

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

THE COMMON DOXOLOGY

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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

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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 *Shepherd of Souls*

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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

Blessed Jesus at thy word

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THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

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

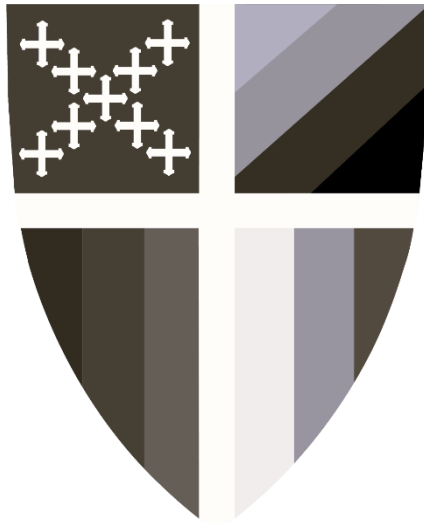
Altar Guild	Liz Beebe and Pat Mast
Crucifer	Bill Bahn
The Server	Jess Beebe
The Reader	Amy Smith
The Prayers of the People	Betty Flanders
Offertory	Juli Bahn
Music	Liz Beebe and Pat Mast
Digital Evangelist	Betty Flanders
The Counter	Liz Beebe
Hospitality	The Bahn Family

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From our “Baptismal Covenant” (*The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 305)

“Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,
Loving your neighbor as yourself?”

“Will you strive for justice and peace
among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?”



“God is love! This love
revealed by Jesus,
described in the Scriptures,
and proclaimed by the Church,
IS GOOD NEWS FOR ALL-WITHOUT EXCEPTION.
That is why we believe that LGBT+ people
Are a precious part of God’s creation—
For each of us is ‘fearfully and wonderfully made’ (Psalm 139:14),
And each is equally loved.”
One of the best descriptions of what
RADICAL WELCOME
actually looks—and feels--like
that we have seen
(borrowed from Coventry Cathedral and modified)

We extend a special welcome to those who are
single, married, divorced, widowed, straight, gay, confused, well-heeled or down-
at-heel.

We especially welcome
wailing babies and excited toddlers.

We welcome you whether you can sing like Pavarotti, or just growl quietly to yourself.

You're welcome here if you're just browsing, just woke up, or just got out of prison.

We don't care if you're more Christian than the Archbishop of Canterbury or
haven't been to church since they were children.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60, but not grown up yet,
and to teenagers who are growing up too fast.

We welcome
keep-fit moms, football dads, starving artists, tree huggers, latte sippers,
vegetarians, junk food eaters.

We welcome
those who are in recovery, or still addicted.

We welcome you if you're having problems, are down in the dumps,
or have been hurt, wounded, or been rejected by some Christian Church in the
past.

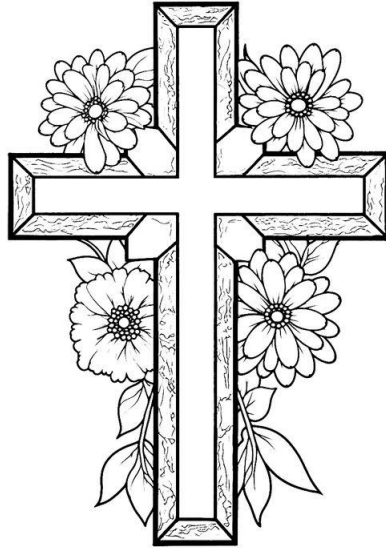
We offer welcome to those who
think the Earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell,
or are here because Granny is visiting and guilted you to come to Church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both, or neither.

We offer a special welcome to
those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throats
as kids,
or got lost, and wound up here by mistake.

We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters.

WE WELCOME YOU!



LEADERSHIP IN THE PARISH

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

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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