

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



**THE HOLY EUCHARIST  
RITE II  
for  
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sunday, August 11, 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

*Sing my soul*

H467 (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

SB5

*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.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 READINGS

### A Reading from the Second Book of the Prophet Samuel 2 Samuel 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33

The king, David, ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David.

Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.

And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man."

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

Reader        The Word of the Lord.

*People        Thanks be to God.*

### The Psalm

### Psalm 130

Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice; \*  
*let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.*

If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, \*  
*O Lord, who could stand?*

For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
***therefore you shall be feared.***

I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; \*  
***in his word is my hope.***

My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
***more than watchmen for the morning.***

O Israel, wait for the LORD, \*  
***for with the LORD there is mercy;***

With him there is plenteous redemption, \*  
***and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.***

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

**Ephesians 4: 25-5:2**

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

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## THE ALLELUIA

## Celtic Alleluia, verse 1

*“Speak, Lord, your servant is list’ning.  
 Speak your words of wisdom,  
 for the words you speak  
 are everlasting life.”*

**A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Saint John**  
*People      Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

**John 6: 35, 41-51**

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

*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 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (B)**

*Intercessor* Let us call on God whose Son has spoken the word of life, and provides food for the journey, 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 we may be witnesses of his grace, and ministers of his reconciliation. Holy God, *hear our prayer.*

For this Parish family, that we who are nourished by the bread of life may put on the mind and heart of Christ. Holy God, *hear our prayer.*

For ourselves, that we may be open to the vision God holds for us, and be free to rely on God as we encounter trials, struggles, and doubts. Holy God, *hear our prayer.*

For peace in all places of war, unrest, and conflict, that God will open new pathways for justice, and safety for those whose lives are threatened by violence. Holy God, *hear our prayer.*

For all who grow and harvest food, for travelers and those on vacation, and for safety from violent storms. Holy God, *hear our prayer.*

For those threatened by storms, floods, and wildfires, that God will keep them safe, and give them strength to rebuild their lives and communities. Holy God, *hear our prayer.*

For all who are needy, lonely, desolate, and forgotten, and all those in need of our prayers, . . . . ., that God will provide healing in their hearts, and renewal in their lives. Holy God, *hear our prayer.*

For those who have died, remembering especially, . . . . ., that having tasted the Bread of Heaven they may live forever in Christ. 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* Gracious God, giver of the bread of life, hear the prayers we offer this day and grant that we may come at last to that heavenly banquet promised to us through Jesus Christ our Savior who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **The Prayer List for this week**

**August 11, 2024**

For all victims of sex trafficking, Alta, Alex, Amy, Barbara, Barbara Ann, Barbara H, Bret, Bill B, Carson, Connie, Donna, Ellie, George, Greg, Gus, Janet, Jeanne, Jeff, Jeremy, Jim, Jim M., Joanne, Juli, Kathy, Larry, 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 those affected by Hurricane Debby.

## **THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

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

S130

***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

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,  
for ever and ever. 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     *I am the bread of life*     H335 (vs. 3-4)

## 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

*Sing my soul*

H467 (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**

Jess Beebe

**The Reader**

Liz Beebe

**The Prayers of the People**

Betty Flanders

**Offertory**

Juli Bahn

**Music**

Liz Beebe

**Digital Evangelist**

Betty Flanders

**The Counter**

Betty Flanders

**Hospitality**

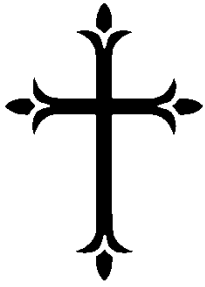
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Saint Thomas is a Welcoming Historic Episcopal Church at the heart of Morgantown, Pennsylvania. We were founded in 1740 to minister and serve poor Welsh and English-speaking immigrants in a predominantly German speaking culture. We continue that legacy through our Services today, and through our Outreach Programs that serve the marginalized, oppressed, and abused.

At St. Thomas we are committed to core values and priorities--as a community of faith, based on the words and actions of Jesus. We seek to live out loving and caring service; “we look out for each other,” and “we look for opportunities to serve those in need.”

We understand “Episcopal” to mean a faith community that values Tradition, Scripture, Reason and Experience. Thus, we welcome and encourage questions! We are committed to dialogue, listening to each other, sharing our opinions, and to discernment (what is God calling us to do here and now, and in the future)--in a safe, respectful place.

We have discerned that God is calling us, to the best of our ability, to listen and support each other by living in harmony with our Sisters and Brothers.

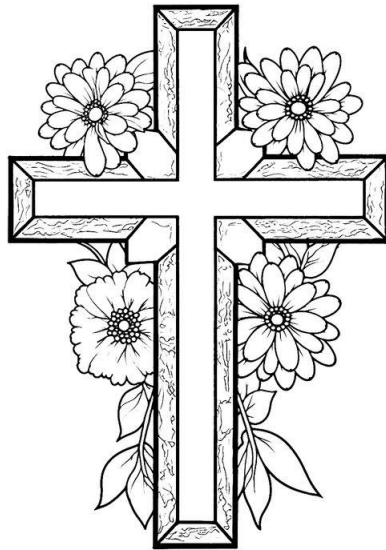
We attempt to offer meaningful and entrusting worship experiences which draw people closer to God, engage their intellect, and empower them to put into action God’s loving, affirming mission in the places where they “live, move and have their being”.

We have learned that if we create a community in which each person freely offers their gifts, talents and abilities, we can accomplish more together than we could individually. “It’s not all about me!”

We are an intentionally inclusive welcoming and affirming community. When we say that “***There’s a place at the table for ALL God’s children,***” we really mean it. Every person is welcome here! There are no exceptions.

Are you looking for a caring community which acknowledges the complexities, struggles and grey areas of living? If so, please stop in and give us a try!





## 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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