

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



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

**Sunday, August 18, 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

*Praise to the Lord*

H390 (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.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son 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.*

## A Reading from the First Book of Kings

1 Kings 2: 10-12; 3: 3-14

David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

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

## The Psalm

Psalm 111

Hallelujah!  
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, \*  
*in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.*

Great are the deeds of the LORD! \*  
*they are studied by all who delight in them.*

His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
*and his righteousness endures for ever.*

He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
*the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.*

He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
*he is ever mindful of his covenant.*

He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
*in giving them the lands of the nations.*

The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
*all his commandments are sure.*

They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
*because they are done in truth and equity.*

He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
*holy and awesome is his Name.*

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
*those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.*

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

**Ephesians 5: 15-20**

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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## THE ALLELUIA

## Celtic Alleluia, verse 2

*“The Word of the Lord lasts forever.  
What is the word that is living?  
It is brought to us  
through God’s Son: Jesus Christ.”*

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

**John 6: 51-58**

Jesus said, “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.”

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

*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 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (B)**

*Intercessor*            Let us call on our God of majesty and splendor, whose Son gives us the food and drink of eternal life 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 filled with the Spirit and constantly give thanks for all God's blessings. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For this Parish Family, that we who are fed with the Bread of Life may put on the mind and heart of Christ. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For this nation, that the leaders of government and business will be led by the wisdom of God to choose good rather than evil, honesty rather than deceit, and service rather than greed, ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For all who hunger for freedom, for respect, and for meaning in life, that through the words and example of Christ they may find fulfillment for the longings of their hearts. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For all who whose lives are threatened by heat, fire and floods, and for all those in need of our prayers, . . . . . , that God will provide healing and renewal in their lives. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For those who have died, remembering especially, . . . . . , that having tasted the Bread of Life on earth, they may be raised up on the last day to live forever. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the God-bearer, Saint Bartholomew, 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*            God of abundance, hear our prayers this day and feed us with the living bread, that we may grow in wisdom and walk in your ways all our days, through Jesus Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

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, Tootie, Ty, Will, The People of Ukraine, The People of the Middle East, for the Peace of Jerusalem, and for all who will be impacted by Hurricane Ernesto.

## 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

*Let all mortal flesh*

**H324 (vs. 2-3)**

## 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

*Praise to the Lord*

H390 (vs. 3-4)



### **THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP**

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

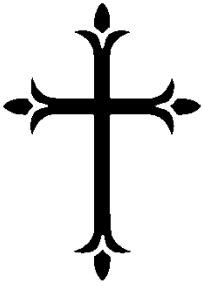
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| <b>Altar Guild</b>               | Liz Beebe and Pat Mast |
| <b>The Server</b>                | Betty Flanders         |
| <b>The Reader</b>                | Evans Goodling         |
| <b>The Prayers of the People</b> | Amy Smith              |
| <b>Offertory</b>                 | Juli Bahn              |
| <b>Music</b>                     | Liz Beebe and Pat Mast |
| <b>Digital Evangelist</b>        | Jess Beebe             |
| <b>The Counter</b>               | Liz Beebe              |
| <b>Hospitality</b>               | Betty Flanders         |

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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.

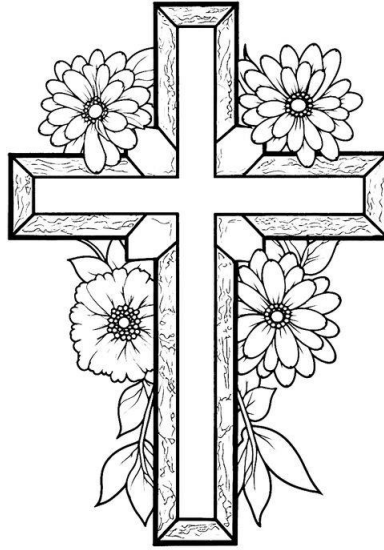
We attempt to offer meaningful and entrusting worship experiences which draw people closer to God, engage their intellect, and empower them to put into action God’s loving, affirming mission in the places where they “live, move and have their being”.

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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