

# **Church of the Messiah Gwynedd**



# **Holy Eucharist**

**September 8, 2024  
9:30 am**

THE EUCHARIST, also called the Mass, Holy Communion, or the Lord's Supper, is by Christ's command the central act of Christian worship.

In this service the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ is proclaimed in Word and Sacrament. It unites us with the offering of Christ's sacrifice, his death and resurrection, and we are fed and nourished by Jesus himself, who is truly present in this Blessed Sacrament.

*"The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.'"*

*1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

*Jesus said: "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 for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."*

*John 6:48-51*

**Prelude – Canzona in G minor**  
*Domenico Zipoli*

**Opening Hymn - #401 – The God of Abraham praise**

*Priest*      Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
*People*      **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Priest says*

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.**

**Gloria in excelsis S 280**

**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**

The Lord be with you.  
*People*     **And also with you.**  
*Priest*     Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lessons**

*Please sit for the Readings.*

A Reading from Isaiah (35: 4-7a)

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
    ‘Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God.  
    He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.  
    He will come and save you.’

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
    and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
    and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
    and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;

The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

Please join in the reading of Psalm 146

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul! \*

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \*  
for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \*  
and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
and food to those who hunger.

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The Lord loves the righteous;  
the Lord cares for the stranger; \*

he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The Lord shall reign for ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Hallelujah!

A reading from James (2: 1-10, 14-17)

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn - #429** – I'll praise my Maker while I've breath  
*Final verse follows the Gospel reading*

## **The Gospel**

*All stand and face the Gospel. The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (7: 24-37).

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

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And

immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

*After the Gospel, the Priest says*

People      The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. David Beresford

## **The Nicene 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 (Form VI)

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

For this community, the nation, and the world; ***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; ***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Daniel our Bishop and David our Rector; and for all bishops and ministers;  
***For all who serve God in his Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For Dee Miller; Elisabeth Campbell; Paul Scullin; Brad and Paula Tate; Laquita Haney; Tonia Uffner; Kurt Zalegowski; Vicky Zalegowski; Gurnee Barrett; William Garrett; Gibby Jefferies; Meredith Loomis; Julie Novak; Joe; Barbara and Gail; Doris Schopfer; Kim and Debbie Schopfer; Joan Fulmer; Ellen Scullin; Bobby; Don; Peggy; Nora and Roger; Barb; Sue; Ken and Valerie Baker; Eamonn; John and Lara; Debbie Schmid; Keith Kujak; Lexi Benck; Brad Herring; Michelle Miller; Kevin Gallagher; Nanci Remmey; Derik Stover; Peter Topken; Russell Herrick; Sam Nice; Scott Bender; Bruce Baumann; Lindsey Myers; Joey Myers, Phillip Myers Sr., Barb Krisan; Sue Costella; Sherri Howell; Ed and Jane; Janice Mintz; Anthony Mintz; Nancy; Emily Vance; Diana Hamilton; Jake and Nancy Poulin.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;  
***For your mercy is great.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King; ***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.*

*The Priest says*

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**

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Please share a brief greeting of peace with your neighbor*

Peace be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**Offertory Music** As the Deer/Give Me Jesus  
*Martin Nystrum & Trad. Spiritual/Arr. Marcia Wells*

# **The Holy Communion**

## **The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

## **Sanctus and Benedictus**

David Thorne

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and  
might, Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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 Breaking of the Bread

*The Priest breaks the consecrated Bread*

*Priest* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## Agnus Dei

David Thorne

Lamb of God, you  
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world: have mer-cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world: Grant us peace.

*Holy Communion is given with these words.*

The Body of Christ. **Amen.**  
The Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

## Communion Music – Adagios No. 4 & 5 C.H. Rinck The Post Communion Prayer

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 your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## **The Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn - #375** – Give praise and glory unto God

*The service concludes with a blessing and a dismissal*

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

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** – Azmon  
*Barbara Harbach*



## Announcements

### Father David's last day

Father David's last Sunday will be September 15. There will be one service that day at 9:30 am, followed by the parish picnic. Please join us as we give thanks for Father David's ministry at Messiah over the past fourteen months.

### Annual Church Picnic – Sunday, September 15th

Mark your calendars for Messiah's Annual Church Picnic on Sunday, September 15th following the 9:30 am service. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or you can contact the office to sign up to bring something. Hope to see you there! **PLEASE NOTE – there will be ONE service (9:30 am) on September 15<sup>th</sup>.**

### First Day of Sunday School!! - September 15th

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the first day of Sunday School on September 15th. Join us upstairs in the Parish Hall at 9:30 then have fun at the Parish Picnic!

### Eucharistic Ministers

Are you interested in joining our team of EMs who administer the chalice during communion? If so, there is a training program available on October Saturday, October 5, from 9 a.m. – 12 Noon. If you would like to take part, please see Sue Hess, the Rector's Warden.

### Fellowship Update

We are pleased to announce Barbara Osborne and Cindy Wilkinson as Fellowship Committee co-leads. If you are interested in joining our Fellowship Committee, please speak with Barbara or Cindy - we would love to have you on our team!

**ALTAR FLOWER SPACES AVAILABLE :** There are lots of openings for Altar Flowers for Summer. Please contact the office if you would like to honor a loved one with altar flowers. The suggested donation is \$75.

### The Prayer Book

A book with a white cover and cross can be found at the back of the church. In the book please write the names of those who are sick in body, mind or spirit or in any kind of need. Their names will be included the following week in the prayers of the people.

Those whose names are entered will be prayed for on Sundays and by members of our prayer chain. Along with their names, please also write the current date. After four weeks - or before if requested -

their name will be removed from the prayer list. To continue to include them on the prayer list, after



four weeks their name must be entered again in the book.

### PHOTOS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA

We frequently take photographs in and around the church that may appear on our social media account, website and print materials. If you do not wish to be in photographs, please contact the church office, and we will be sure to respect your wishes!

### SUPPORT MANNA ON MAIN STREET

As you do your weekly shopping, please pick up some non-perishable food items, toiletries and cleaning supplies. These donations can be left on the back pew of the church or left outside the Rector's office door. These will then be delivered to Manna to stock their shelves for distribution to meet clients' needs.

WEEKLY PARISH EMAIL MESSAGES AND NOTIFICATIONS Each week, the church office sends an email to all parishioners with important notifications and information about parish events and other happenings. If you are not currently receiving these messages, please contact the Church Office (215-699-9204; office@messiahgwynedd.org) so we can add you to the database. If You Do Not Have Internet Access: Please contact the Church Office (215-699-9204; office@messiahgwynedd.org) so we can add you to the mailing list of those parishioners who receive hard copies of the messages and sermon by mail.

### IN CASE OF A PASTORAL EMERGENCY

Please contact The Rev. David Beresford: 302-468-9062

### Altar Flowers are Dedicated

To the glory of God.

### BIRTHDAYS IN THE WEEK AHEAD

- Joel Hoffman
- Kahleicy Johnson



## Announcing our new Rector, Rev. Emily Givens

Church of the Messiah, located in Lower Gwynedd, Pennsylvania, is pleased to announce the hiring of Rev. Emily Given as our full time Rector.

Emily, a Pennsylvania native, is the mother of two creative children (Kenzie, 24 and Scout, 18) and is grateful to walk in the world with her supportive partner, Jason. She is a lifelong Episcopalian who has served churches in Connecticut, Texas, and Pennsylvania. Before being ordained, Emily served for over 25 years as a lay professional working with children, youth, and families on the parish and diocesan levels.

She is an avid gardener, mixed media artist, foodie, live music fan, joyful picture taker, and willing partner in adventure. Most days off you can find her working on her ever-expanding garden in the West Oak Lane section of Philadelphia, browsing through thrift stores, or wandering through museums.

Most recently, Emily served as the Associate for Pastoral Care at St. David's Episcopal Church, Radnor. She will join Messiah on October 13, the day after her priestly ordination.

## SERVING MESSIAH THIS MORNING

Ushers	Betty Buchecker; Dave Kriebel
Lector and Intercessor	Margaret Harkins; Marss Senteio
Chalice Bearer	Eileen Patram
Altar Guild	Cathy Damico; Pam Schunke; Marsha Althouse
Altar Flowers	Nancy Alpert-Sisson
Crucifer	Maddy Putterman
Chimer	Martha Hewson

## THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH: September 9 – September 15

Monday	Church Office Hours 9:30 am- 2:30 pm
Tuesday	Church Office Hours 9:30 am- 2:30 pm
Wednesday	Church Office Hours 9:30 am- 2:30 pm
Thursday	Church Office Hours 9:30 am- 2:30 pm
Friday	Church Office Hours 9:30 am- 2:30 pm
Next Sunday	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Sung Eucharist followed by Annual Picnic

## CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH STAFF

The Rev. David Beresford, Interim Rector  
Sarah Patram, Parish Administrator and Bookkeeper  
Hannah Albrecht, Organist & Choir Director

## CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH VESTRY

Susan Hess, Interim Warden  
Sam Frenkel, Financial Warden  
Lynn Mangan, Clerk  
Class of 2025: Susan Hess; Dale Murphy, Warren Tudgay, Cathy Wallace, Marissa Beaver  
Class of 2026: Marsha Althouse, Barbara Osborne, John Sprouse, Linda Unangst  
Class of 2027: Brett Baker, Claudette Sudlow, Cindy Wilkinson