

Church of the Messiah Gwynedd



Holy Eucharist

**September 29, 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

Opening Hymn - #531 – O Spirit of the living God

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.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from Numbers (11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29)

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this

people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

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

Please join in the reading of Psalm 19: 7-14

7 The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

A reading from James (5: 13-20)

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn - #509 – Spirit divine

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 (9: 30-37).

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

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

After the Gospel, the Priest says

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

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 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 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; Joey Myers, Phillip Myers Sr., Barb Krisan; Sue Costella; Sherri Howell; Ed and Jane; Janice Mintz; Anthony Mintz; Nancy; Emily Vance; Diana Hamilton; Jake; Brandon and Emmy; Sharon; Nancy Poulin; Nora and Roger; Dee Miller; Elisabeth Campbell; Carol Huston; Celia Blitzer; Lisa S. Ray, Mary Jane, Doug; Tess; Lisa; Bobby; Peggy and Don.

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 Hymn - #398 – I sing the almighty power of God

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

mp
Lamb of God, you

mf
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us.

mf
Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sin of the world: have mer-cy on us.

mp
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

p
world: Grant us peace.

Holy Communion is given with these words.

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

Communion Music

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 - #344 – Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

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 – Musette en Rondeau
Louis-Claude Daquin

Announcements

Office Closed

The office will be closed Thursday, October 3. Should you need anything, please call Sarah at 267 664-1557 or email office@messiahgwynedd.org

Messiah Name Tags

We look forward to welcoming our new rector, Rev Emily Given, on Sunday, October 13th and encourage wearing your name tags to assist her with getting to know all of us. To request a Messiah magnetic name tag, please add your name to the sign up sheet in the Narthex, contact the office at 215 699-9204 or email office@messiahgwynedd.org

Ordination of Rev. Emily Given - Transportation

October 12th: The Rev. Emily Given, Ordination to the Priesthood, 10.00 a.m., St. John's Diocesan Center, Norristown. If you would like to attend Rev. Emily Given's Ordination on Saturday, October 12, but are concerned about driving yourself and parking, we have contacted Tropiano Transportation, and they can provide a shuttle bus to and from the event. The cost will be \$31 per person. The bus we reserved can hold a maximum of 24 people. We will meet at Church of the Messiah at 9 am and the bus will pick us up from St. John's at 12 pm. If you are interested, please call the office at 215 699-9204 or email office@messiahgwynedd.org ASAP! Thank you!

Messiah Meals

Your help is needed. Messiah Meals will be cooking in the church kitchen on Tuesday, 10/1. If you can join us at 5:00, it won't take long for us to compile 50 meals for Caring For Friends. This foundation serves the hunger needs of folks in Philly and the surrounding suburbs.

Thanksgiving Meal Bags

The Keystone Opportunity Center in Souderton will once again be distributing bags filled with the makings for a bountiful Thanksgiving meal to families in need. Along with a gift card for a turkey or other meat of their choice, each household will receive canned and packaged vegetables, mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, coffee, fruit and brownie mix. We are hoping to fill 25 bags, but we need your help in order to do so . . .

- Please make a monetary donation to the "Church of the Messiah" and write "Thanksgiving Meals Bags" on the memo line to purchase the food items for each bag.
- The needed food items will then be purchased to fill the 25 bags.
- On Sunday, October 20th, the Church School will fill the bags.
- Later that week, the bags will be delivered to Keystone Opportunity Center for distribution in plenty of time for the holiday.

Please help us brighten the Thanksgiving holiday for those in need.

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.

ALTAR FLOWER SPACES AVAILABLE : There are lots of openings for Altar Flowers for Fall. 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. Winston Smith: 215-659-1674

Altar Flowers are Dedicated

In loving memory of Muriel Patram, by Eileen Patram and family.

BIRTHDAYS IN THE WEEK AHEAD

- Barb Harvey
- Dale Murphy
- Dr. John Myers
- Cora DiMauro
- Tyler Boldt
- Jennifer Marsh

SERVING MESSIAH THIS MORNING

Ushers	Walt and Linda Unangst
Lector and Intercessor	Brenda Weir; Vincent Ahonkhai
Chalice Bearer	Eileen Patram
Altar Guild	Betty Buchecker; Dale Murphy; Eileen Patram
Altar Flowers	Dale Murphy
Crucifer	Maddy Putterman
Chimer	Martha Hewson

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH: September 30 – October 6

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	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Sung Eucharist

CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH STAFF

The Rev. Betsy Ivey, Supply Priest
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



God willing and the people consenting
The Right Reverend Daniel G.P. Gutiérrez
XVI Bishop of Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania,
will ordain

Emily E. Given

to the Sacred Order of Priesthood
In Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church

Saturday, October 12, 2024
at ten o'clock in the morning at

Saint John's Church at Diocesan Center
23 East Airy Street
Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401

Your prayers and presence are requested.
Reception to follow.
Clergy are requested to vest in red stoles.

For livestream visit
www.youtube.com/@EpiscopalPA

All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend the ordination as a show of support for Emily. A sign up sheet will be in the Narthex for people who need a ride and those that can provide a ride from Messiah to St. John's. Some of you may be familiar with the

Diocesan Center and know that there is a small parking lot behind the church off of E. Marshall Street. Please do not park there unless you and/or your passengers have mobility issues. This parking lot provides access to a flat entrance into the church.