

HOPE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

+ *Hope Always* +



Hope Episcopal Church
Mt. Hope, Pennsylvania

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The Rev'd Nancy Lesher, Deacon

WELCOME TO HOPE CHURCH

We are a community gathered together in the name of Jesus in the Episcopal Church in Central Pennsylvania. Whoever you are and wherever you are on your faith journey, we are so glad you are joining us for worship, community, and fellowship.

Please take a moment to go through the announcements in the bulletin, and familiarize yourself with the many ways there are to connect with us in worship, music, creation care, Bible study, outreach, GriefShare, and regional youth ministry.

We hope that you will find something in our church that speaks to you. Should you have any questions, or like to learn more, let's have a conversation. Please either call the church office at 717-665-6311 or email us at office@hopeepiscopal.org.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit +Romans 15:13

COLLECT FOR THE FIRST DAY OF FALL

Creator, As the earth tilts and the days grow shorter, we give thanks for the beauty of autumn. We marvel at the vibrant colors of the leaves, the crispness of the air, and the harvests that sustain us.

Grant us the wisdom to embrace the changes in our lives with the same grace and acceptance. Help us to find balance and peace as we transition into this new season. May we be ever mindful of the cycles of nature and the rhythms of Your creation.

Bless us with a spirit of gratitude and reflection, and guide us to use this time to draw closer to You and to one another. Amen.

CHILDREN

Children are always welcome at Hope Church. Jesus wanted the little children to come to him, and children's voices and presence are an important part of our worship here at Hope Church.

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Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST II

The symbol ♠ indicates when to stand if able.

The symbol ✠ indicates where to make the sign of the cross.

Prelude

Welcome + Good News & Announcements

Opening Hymn

Christians often begin their services of worship with music. The opening hymn gives us an opportunity to raise our voices in song while worship servers and clergy process into the sanctuary following the cross. It allows us to enter into worship together as a community.

THE WORD OF GOD

♠ Processional Hymn

#68 - "Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers"

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

✦ The Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

✦ The Collect for Purity

Celebrant 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 Hymn of Praise

1. We will glo - ri - fy the King of kings, we will glo - ri - fy the Lamb
2. Lord Je - ho - vah reigns in maj - es - ty, we will bow be - fore his throne
3. He is Lord of heav - en, Lord of earth, he is Lord of all who live;
4. Hal - le - lu - jah to the King of kings, hal - le - lu - jah to the Lamb

we will glo - ri - fy the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.
we will wor - ship him in right - eous - ness, we will wor - ship him a - lone.
he is Lord a - bove the u - ni - verse, all praise to him we give.
hal - le - lu - jah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

✦ The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 Purity

Christians have prayed this prayer for more than a thousand years. It is a prayer that orients our hearts and minds to God and prepares us for the praise and thanksgiving that is at the heart of our worship. Through the grace of the Holy Spirit we ask to be transformed so that our lives, our love, and all of our worship may reveal the glory of God and our love for the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day

This prayer gathers together the scriptural themes of the readings and the season. The collect follows a consistent pattern: We address God, naming something about God's nature (i.e., Almighty God); we ask God to work in a particular area of human living; and we acknowledge that we ask all of these things in the name of Jesus.

The Lessons

The congregation may be seated for the readings.

First Lesson

Proverbs 31:10-31

Lector A Reading from the Book of Proverbs.

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.

She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls.

She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.

Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy.

She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple.

Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.

Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Lessons

The next portion of the liturgy focuses on the readings of Holy Scripture that are appointed for the day. The readings have a thematic unity that ties together the message of the Old and New Testaments.

Lector: We will read the Psalm responsively.

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,*

nor lingered in the way of sinners,

nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *

and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,

bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *

everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; *

they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,*

nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *

but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Epistle

James 3:13:4:3, 7-8a

Lector A Reading from James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalter

The Psalter, or the Book of Psalms, is the great song book of the People of God. In Jewish and Christian worship these hymns or songs are ordinarily sung and many of them form the lyrics of hymns in our hymnals. At each celebration of Holy Eucharist we read one of the Psalms, or a portion of a Psalm, that is selected to reinforce the theme of the lessons for the day.

♠ Gradual Hymn

“Through North or South”

Through north and south and east and west May God's im-mor-tal name be
blessed: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Till
ev' - ry - where be - neath the sun, God's reign be - gins; God's will is
done: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

✠The Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. ✠✠✠

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

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Bradley Mattson

The Gospel

We customarily stand and face the Gospel Book as the Gospel of the Lord is read. It is a sign that the Word of the Lord is living and we honor its presence among us.

The Sermon

The purpose of the sermon is to help us understand the meaning of the word of God in Scripture and to make it real in our lives.

The Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed has been used by Christians of all traditions for over 1700 years and reminds us of the basics of our faith. The Creed is not a definition of Christianity, but briefly states the essentials of Christian teaching. We say it together to respond to the Word of God in the Scriptures and the sermon. We are saying in effect, "Yes! This is the faith that we believe and live!"

✠The Nicene Creed

To be read in unison.

**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

The people kneel or stand as able. The Leader and People pray responsively

God of earth and sky, we lift our hearts to you in gratitude for the beauty and abundance of your creation. You have called us to be stewards of this gift, to care for the land, the waters, and all living things. Open our eyes to your glory, woven into every blade of grass, every stream, and every creature that sings your praise. God of creation,

We give thanks for your generosity.

For the Church, and especially for the Creation Care Green Team of Hope Church, we pray for wisdom and perseverance. May their efforts inspire us to live in harmony with your creation, to restore what has been broken, and to honor the earth as an expression of our love for Jesus Christ. Strengthen their work, that it may bear witness to the world of your grace and goodness. God of creation,

We give thanks for your generosity.

We thank you for the Center for Watershed Protection and their dedication to safeguarding the health of our rivers, streams, and watersheds. May their work continue to sustain life, quenching the thirst of the earth and its creatures. Guide them in their mission, and may we, too, be protectors of these waters, reflecting your love for all who depend on them. God of creation,

We give thanks for your generosity.

For Interfaith Partners of the Chesapeake, who unite people of different faiths to care for the waters that sustain us all, we ask for your blessing. May their collaboration remind us that we are all interconnected, sharing in the responsibility to protect the earth. Through their work, may we learn to care for creation as a reflection of our love for you and for one another. God of creation,

We give thanks for your generosity.

For Lancaster Clean Water Partners, we offer our prayers of gratitude. Their work brings renewal to the streams and rivers of our region, allowing life to flourish. Grant them continued strength as they restore the health of your creation, that we may all bear witness to your love through the care we give to the earth. God of creation,

We give thanks for your generosity.

We thank you for the National Fish and Wildlife Federation and their tireless efforts to protect habitats and wildlife. Bless their work in conserving the creatures that share this world with us, and remind us that to care for the least of these is to care for you. May we all learn to live more gently upon the earth, honoring the intricate balance of life that you have created. God of creation,

We give thanks for your generosity.

The Prayers of the People

The prayers of the People follow the form of a litany, with the Leader offering petitions to God and the People responding or affirming the petition. These are the prayers of the entire community where we offer to God our concerns for the Church and the surrounding world. Prayers of the People always follow a particular order: prayers for the Universal Church, its mission and its members, for the Nation and all in authority, for the welfare of the world, for the concerns of the local community, for those who suffer or are in any trouble, for life's blessings, and for the departed.

For all these organizations, and for the ways they partner with us to love our neighbors and care for the earth, we offer our gratitude. Through their generosity and shared vision, may we continue to bear witness to the world that our care for creation is rooted in our love for Jesus Christ. May we be bold in our proclamation of the gospel through stewardship, generosity, and the work of healing your creation. God of creation,

We give thanks for your generosity.

We ask all these things in the name of Christ, the one in whom all things hold together, and by whom all things are being made new.

Amen.

Silence

Gracious and loving God, we come before You with hearts full of gratitude for the many ministries at Hope Church. We ask for Your blessings on Grief Share, Creation Care, Outreach, Property, Yarn, Youth, and Music Ministries, our Vestry, and our shared work with neighboring churches and our convocation. May Your grace guide us, Your wisdom light our way, and Your love sustain us.

Bless Grief Share with gentle comfort, Creation Care with a reverence for Your earth, and Outreach with the compassion of Christ. Guide Property in crafting sacred spaces, and Yarn Ministry in weaving warmth into every stitch. Empower Youth Ministry to kindle faith, and Music Ministry to lift our souls in joyful praise. Strengthen our collaborations and grant our Vestry the wisdom and vision to lead us faithfully forward. Amen.

The Priest says

Accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Deacon says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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 your Son 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.

Silence

The Absolution

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

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

The Offertory

The offering will be taken at this time.

Please take this time to make an offering to Hope Church:

1. Online: <https://hopeepiscopal.breezechms.com/give/online> or scan the QR code in the margin of your bulletin

2. Text: “[AMOUNT]” to (717) 999-5991 to make a donation to the General Fund. If it is your first time using text giving, you will receive a link by return text to complete the donation.

3. Offering plate: cash or a check payable to “Hope Episcopal Church”. You may designate any ministry in the ‘memo’ line.

Thank you very much for your contribution to advance the mission of Hope Episcopal Church! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Offertory Hymn #480 - “When Jesus Left His Father’s Throne”



1 When Je - sus left his Fa - ther's throne, he chose an hum - ble birth;
2 Sweet were his words and kind his look, when mo - thers round him pressed;
3 When Je - sus in - to Zi - on rode, the chil - dren sang a - round;



like us, un - hon - ored and un - known, he came to dwell on earth.
their in - fants in his arms he took, and on his bos - om blessed.
for joy they plucked the palms and strowed their gar - ments on the ground.



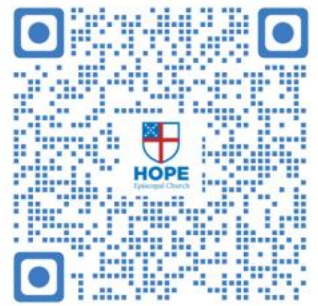
Like him may we be found be - low, in wis - dom's path of peace;
Safe from the world's al - lur - ing harms, be - neath his watch - ful eye,
Ho - san - na our glad voic - es raise, ho - san - na to our King!



like him in grace and know - ledge grow as years and strength in - crease.
thus in the cir - cle of his arms may we for ev - er lie.
Should we for - get our Sa - vior's praise, the stones them - selves would sing.

The Peace

After the Prayers of the People, the Priest extends Christ's peace to the congregation and the congregation shares the peace with one another. The Peace is real and also symbolic. It is real because in the forgiveness of our sins we are restored to Christ's peace. It is also the way we remind ourselves that because we have received the gift of God's forgiveness we can and must be reconciled to one another.



The Holy Communion or Holy Eucharist

Eucharist means “thanksgiving.” This celebration of thanksgiving with its bread and wine is at the heart of the Christian faith. The Eucharist can also be called Holy Communion, the Lord’s Supper, or the Mass. In Holy Eucharist Christians give thanks for the gift of salvation given to us in the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ Jesus and the gift of new life that comes from it.

Gathering Together for the Meal of Christ

Offertory: At the beginning of the Eucharist we offer gifts to God, which are really just a return of the gifts God has given us—bread and wine for the Lord’s Supper, our financial gifts, and our lives.

Ablutions: The Priest comes to the front of the altar and wash his or her hands. This symbolic washing cleanses the Priest on behalf of all of the People so that we might all come to the holy meal refreshed. It is a reference to Psalm 26:6-12 which starts, “I wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, that I may go in procession around your altar.”

Sursum Corda: Literally, “we lift up our hearts.” Here in the *Sursum Corda* the People affirm that they have turned wholeheartedly to God.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Doxology

The congregation stands

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

✠The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer

The people stand.

The Sursum Corda

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Altar, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right, and our deepest joy, to give you thanks, O Lord, for the wonder of your creation, a living tapestry of beauty and grace, where the mountains stand as witnesses of your strength, and the rivers flow with the music of your peace. In the whisper of the wind, in the dance of the flame, in the silence of the night and the song of the morning, your love is made known, sustaining all life with your strong, powerful hands.

You breathed into us the breath of life, calling us to steward the earth with care, to nurture what you have planted, to protect the web of life that sings your praise. Yet we have strayed from your way, forgetting that we are bound to all living things by the same Spirit that gives us life.

But in your great mercy, you did not abandon us. Through prophets, you called us back to the garden, through the law, you taught us justice and mercy, and in Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, You entered into creation, to heal what is broken and to renew the face of the earth.

Therefore, with all creation, with the creatures of the deep and the birds of the air, with the forests and the fields, and with all who dwell in the heavens, we join in their unending song of praise:

♠ Sanctus - Holy, Holy, Holy

The people kneel or stand.

F Gm/F F Bb/F F C
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and

F C/E Dm F7/C Bb F C/E
might, heav'n and earth are filled with your glo - ry: Ho -

Dm Gm C7 Fsus F Dm Am/C Bb F/A
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who comes

Gm7 F/A Bb C7 F F7/C
in the name of the Lord; ho - san - na in the

Bb F C/E Dm Gm C7 Bb/F F
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Sanctus: Sanctus means "holy." We sing this hymn that the angels and archangels sing in heaven as a reminder that our worship here is an echo of the heavenly worship of God (Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8).

Praise for the Work of God the Father

Preface: The opening prayer of the Eucharist is a prayer of blessing, praising God and giving thanks for his mercy to us. This opening prayer of blessing ends with a section that refers to the death and resurrection of Christ and focuses our prayers for the remainder of the liturgy.

Praise for the Work of God the Son

The next portion of the prayer of thanksgiving remembers the gift of salvation that came through Jesus Christ. It is followed by the Institution, the words of Jesus that explained the bread and the wine to His disciples at the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26-28).

Praise for the Work of God the Holy Spirit

This prayer asks that the Holy Spirit be present and bless and sanctify the bread and wine so that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. It also asks for blessings on the People that we might be holy. At the end of the prayers the People say, "Amen" which means, "So be it," or "So it is."

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy indeed are you, O God, and blessed is Jesus Christ, the light of the world, the gardener of our souls, who came to show us the way of abundant life. In the fullness of time, he walked this earth, touching the soil, feeling the sun, and teaching us the sacredness of every moment, the holiness of every creature.

On the night he was betrayed, He took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat: This is my Body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ✠

After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." ✠

And so, as we gather at this table, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Celebrant and people

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant continues

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these gifts of bread and wine, the fruits of your creation, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of Christ.

As we partake of this sacred meal, may we, inspired by the wisdom of your creation, to live in harmony with the cycles of life, protect what is fragile, and cultivate communities of justice and peace.

Make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one with all creation, that we may be the signs and wonders of your kingdom on earth, a people who live by the rhythms of grace, tending to the world as Christ tends to us. ✠

Celebrant

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

✠The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to pray,

Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser...,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.	Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre; venga tu reino; hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo.
Give us this day our daily bread.	Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.	Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.	No nos dejes caer en la tentación y líbranos del mal.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.	Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Behold the bread, once scattered as grain, now made one. This is the Body of Christ.

The Fraction Anthem

<i>Celebrant</i>	Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,
<i>People</i>	Have mercy on us.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,
<i>People</i>	Have mercy on us.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,
<i>People</i>	Grant us peace.

Celebrant

Behold the gifts of God, for the people of God. Come, the table is ready.

Communion

Communion is received at the altar rail. All are invited to receive communion. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

The Lord's Prayer

The last prayer of the Eucharist is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. The Priest and the People say it together (Matthew 6:9-13).

Breaking of Bread

The Priest breaks the bread so that it might be shared among the People. It is seen as a symbol of the breaking of Christ's body on the cross and an invitation to each of us to enter into the life of Christ.

The Communion

In 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17, St. Paul says, "The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread". In receiving Communion week after week, Christians are sacramentally united with Christ in His life, death, and resurrection.

The Prayer of Spiritual Reception of the Sacrament

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.

Music During Communion

Post Communion Hymn

#301 - "Bread of the World"

Bread of the world, in mer - cy bro - ken, Wine of the
soul, in mer - cy shed, by whom the words of life were
spo - ken, and in whose death our sins are dead:
look on the heart by sor - row bro - ken, look on the
tears by sin - ners shed; and be thy feast to us the
to - ken that by thy grace our souls are fed.

Prayer after Communion

In this prayer of thanksgiving for the gifts of grace we are given in the Communion we ask God to send us out into the world as ambassadors of the good news of the Gospel. It is important to remember that the gifts we have been given during worship are gifts given to us to share with all the world.

The Thanksgiving

The congregation stands

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.

♣ The Blessing

The Recessional Hymn #490-“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look-ing for—the com-ing of Christ.

I want to fol-low Je-sus.
 I want to look at Je-sus.
 I want to be with Je-sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and
 When we have run—with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life—is Je-sus.
 show me the way to the Fa-ther.
 shall know the joy of Je-sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The

night and the day are both a-like. The

The Blessing and Dismissal

In the blessing and dismissal we are reminded that we carry the peace and love we have received from Christ into the world. We are challenged to live out the Gospel in our lives outside the walls of the church so that others may see and be drawn into new life in Christ.

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- 4th - Elijah Puskar
- 4th - John Groh
- 7th - Rev. Tim Small
- 9th - Jeremy Brown
- 13th - Amy Dissinger
- 14th - Mike Geib
- 15th - Dec. Stacey Catigano
- 17th-Rev. Jennifer Mattson
- 19th - Gunner Tuscan
- 19th - LeAnne Burchik
- 27th - Jae Dupler
- 27th - Lydia Engle

This Month's Anniversaries:

- 8th - Jae & Deb Dupler
- 18th - Brandon & Kathleen Peach
- 19th - Jeremy & Katie Brown

Thanks to everyone who helped provide lunch today!

To add people to our Parish Prayer List, including those in the military please call the church office so they can be added to our prayer list.

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

✦The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Three-Fold Amen

Postlude

Worship Servers - September 22, 2024

- Ushers - Steve Norton, Tom Brown
- Lectors - Lynette Brown, Jo Steffy
- Psalm - Stephanie Seaman
- Prayers of the People - Jo Steffy
- Altar Guild - Lynette Brown
- Acolytes - J.D. Hynick, Keegan Brown, Max Brown, Liam Peach, Ethan Weckerly, Claire Wrage

Please remember in your prayers:

Elizabeth Grace & the Mattson Family, John, Marian, Michael, Bob, Barbara, Angie, Katie, Jerry, Paul, Braiden, Diane, Nancy, Judith, Lydia, Jeff, Lester, Susan, Beth Ann, Mose, Ed, Daphne, Peg, Stephanie, Bertha, Janice, Lily, Carol, Steve, Lori, Patrick, the Beal Family, the Solis Family, the Leibley Family, Betsy and our Grief Share, Creation Care, Outreach, Property and Yarn Ministries.

- Those suffering from all illnesses and those who caring for them;
- Those impacted by natural disasters and violence;
- The People of Ukraine and all those supporting them;
- Those living in nursing homes, group homes, and prisons;
- The People of the Diocese of Navajoland and all indigenous peoples;
- Those serving in the military;

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: All Saints Episcopal Church, Hanover
 The Church of North India (United)



A Jubilee Parish

A parish of The Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania
The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop, Episcopal
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The Right Rev. Audrey Cady Scanlan, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania

Worship at Hope Church

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist and live-streamed on YouTube.

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