

St. Thomas Memorial Church
The Third Sunday in Lent
The Holy Eucharist – Rite 2
March 8, 2026



BEFORE WORSHIP: Please remember that many use the time before the first hymn quietly to pray and to prepare themselves for worship. If you need to speak to someone when you come into church then please do so in soft voices so as not to disturb those around you who may be praying.

Prelude

“Rockingham”

Elizabeth Hill

Processional Hymn #685 “Rock of ages, cleft for me”

Starting on Pg. 355 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

Priest Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People *His mercy endures for ever.*

The Decalogue— page 317, BCP

God spoke these words, and said:

1) I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

2) You shall not make to yourself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them, nor worship them.

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

3) You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

4) Remember that you keep holy the Sabbath day.

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

5) Honor your father and your mother.

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

6) You shall not murder.

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

7) You shall not commit adultery.

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

8) You shall not steal.

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

9) You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

10) You shall not covet.

Lord have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

The Penitential Sentence

Celebrant: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8, 9

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The Confession (Pg. 320, BCP)

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Absolution (pg. 321, BCP)

Priest The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Priest Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

The Reading of God's Word

The First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 95

The Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-11

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

Hymn #679 “Surely, it is God who saves me”

Before the Gospel

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*
The Holy Gospel: John 4:5-42

After the Gospel

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

Sermon... ..The Rev. Guy W. Brown

The Nicene Creed (Pg. 358, BCP)

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 worshipped 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.*

Prayers of the People

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For our Priests and for all bishops, especially Ketlen Solak, and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For our Outreach Ministries and Shepherd's Heart and our Eucharistic ministry, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the Pittsburgh Diocese, especially All Souls Church, North Versailles, and the Rev. Dr. Terry Hunt, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For this congregation [for those who are present, and for those who are absent], that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those who are celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Lauren Brown, Henry Luck, Ann Thomas, Lourana Thomas, Joe Noll and Matt Noll, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or

grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Thomas and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. *To you, O Lord our God.*

(concluding prayer read by the Celebrant)

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory

“Surely It Is God Who Saves Me” by David Ashley White

With Meloni Murph playing the flute solo

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below;

Praise him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Offering of Bread, Wine and Alms

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B (Pg. 367, BCP)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing.....Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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:

Hymn #S114 Sanctus

Willan

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues (Pg. 368 BCP)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation... ..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.....“Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine.....“Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
Celebrant and People
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

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...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 forever. 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

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

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Invitation

Hymn S158 O Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) -Willan
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.
(All baptized persons are welcome to receive the sacrament at our altar rail.)

Communion Hymn #692 “I heard the voice of Jesus say”

Hymn “As the deer pants for the water”

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship You.

Refrain:

You alone are my strength, my shield; To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship You.

You’re my friend and You are my brother even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other, so much more than anything.

I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver and the apple of my eye.

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After Communion the Priest says
Let us pray.

Priest and People

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 #690 “Guide me, O thou great Jehovah”

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude

“Postlude in A Minor”

H. Gotze

Lent and Holy Week Services

Tuesdays during Lent: 11:00 a.m. Bible Study in the Guild Room
Wednesdays during Lent: 10:00 a.m. Healing Service
Fridays during Lent: 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross (except Good Friday)
Palm Sunday Services: 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I (reading of Passion Gospel)
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II (reading of Passion Gospel)

March 30 & 31, April 1 (M-W) 6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
Maundy Thursday Service: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2 (Includes foot-washing)
Good Friday Service: 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 3
Easter Vigil Service: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4
Easter Day Services: 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I (regular schedule)
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II (regular schedule)
We welcome you to join us!

We at St. Thomas, members of the Body of Christ, are called by God to Grow;
Spiritually, in Parish Life, in Community Life, and as a Congregation.

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UPCOMING / ONGOING EVENTS:

Monday—Thursday 9 am Morning Prayer in the Thomas House Chapel

Tuesdays at 11 am Bible Study in the Guild Room

Wednesdays at 10 am Healing Eucharist Service in the Thomas House Chapel

Wednesdays at 7 pm Choir Practice in the Choir Room (basement)

Sundays at 9:30 Adult Sunday School in the Guild Room

** Please consider participating in our Annual Lenten Walk, entitled Walk with Mary, which encompasses the 1,517 miles she walked from the hill country to Ephesus. So far, we have logged 791 miles. Only 726 to go! More information can be found on leaflets located at the

back of the church, as well as on the tryptic board in the Parish Hall. Tally sheets are in the bulletins. Place your completed form in any collection plate.

****** Lenten Mite boxes are available at the back of the church and Parish Hall. These are for spare change and dollars that will be used for a charitable cause determined by the Vestry.

****** Laurel will be out of the office the week of March 9. There will not be a News to Know that week. She will be back in the office on March 15.

****** St. Thomas is scheduled to host one of the Diocesan-wide Lenten preaching series services on March 24. Dinner will be provided at 6 pm with the service starting at 7. Volunteers will be needed to help with the set up, serving of food, and clean up. Volunteers are also needed for the service—acolytes, a vergier, readers, prayer leader, and ushers. If you are able to help, please speak with Laurel in the office or Fr. Murph.

Participants for this service:

Acolytes: Richard Williams, Matthew Fischer

First Lesson: Julie King

Psalm: Matt Derby

Second Lesson: James Fischer

Leader, Prayers of the People: Darrell Powell

Vergier: R. J. King

Ushers: James Fischer, Noah Hunter

Coffee Hour Hostesses: Kristin Brown, Kaitlin Marcus

Last week's attendance: 8:00: 28

10:30: 60

Total Donations: \$2,690.00