

*St. Thomas Memorial Church*  
*The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost:*  
*Proper 22*  
*The Holy Eucharist — Rite 2*  
*October 5, 2025*



**Prelude**                      **“Schmucke dich, o liebe Steele”**

**Johann Walther**

**Processional Hymn #390 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

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

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

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

**Prayer for Purity**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Gloria—Hymn #S-236**

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you, for the radiance of your holy Name; we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

Glory to you, in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

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:**      Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Reader                    The Word of the Lord.

People                    *Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 37:1-10**

**The Second Lesson:** 2 Timothy 1:1-14

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

**Hymn #655 “O Jesus, I have promised”**

*Before the Gospel*

Reader                    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
People                    Glory to you, Lord Christ.  
The Holy Gospel:        Luke 17:5-10

*After the Gospel*

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

**Sermon**.....The Rev. Jeffrey D. Murph

**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**, Form V (Pg. 389, BCP)

Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy”

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 St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Johnstown, and the Rev. Nancy Threadgill, 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 Dolly Shearer, Carol Miller, Thomas Fischer, Jeffrey Murph, and Brian King, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those celebrating their wedding anniversaries this week, especially Tony & April Fusaro, and Jeff & Meloni Murph, 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 Confession** (Pg. 360, BCP)

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

### **The Absolution**

#### **The Peace**

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

### **Announcements**

#### **The Holy Communion**

##### **Offertory**

Offered by soloist Julie King

##### **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 A — page 361, 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:

**Hymnal S-130—Holy, holy, holy Lord**

**Schubert**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself;...the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world..."Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Priest and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Priest continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.....All this we ask for your Son Jesus Christ. 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*                    Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People*                    *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

**The Invitation**

**Hymn S-164—Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)**

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

*(All baptized persons are welcome to receive the sacrament at our altar rail.)*

**Communion Hymn #671 “Amazing Grace!”**

**Hymn “I Belong to You”**

Refrain: I am not my own, I belong to you. Everything I hope to be, I find in you.  
Precious in your sight, my life belongs to you.  
You’re my only confidence, I belong to you.

In your mercy there is kindness, in your goodness I find grace.  
In your wisdom, there is justice. In your presence I find joy. (Refrain)

To your mercy I surrender all my fears and my desires.  
In my living, in my dying all my life is found in you. (Refrain)  
By Gary Harger CCLI#940217

*After Communion the Priest says*  
Let us pray.

***Priest and People***

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**

**Recessional Hymn #555 “Lead on, O King Eternal”**

**Dismissal**

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

**Postlude                      “Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott”                      Johann Walther**

**Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and to express gratitude  
for Fr. Murph, Fr. Brown, and Fr. Dan, by Mitzi Fidler.**

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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 NEW TOPIC: The Revelation of John

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 NEW TOPIC: Discipleship: A Biblical Perspective

**\*\* The Blessing of the Animals service will be held today at 4:30 pm in the sanctuary. All animals (except snakes), and their owners, are welcome to attend.**

**\*\*There will not be a Tuesday Bible Study or Wednesday Healing Service on Oct. 14 & 15, respectively.**

**\*\* St. Thomas will host its first Holy Hike on Oct. 18, and a second will be held on Nov. 18. Time and place to be determined. Speak with Fr. Brown for details.**

**\*\* Mark your calendars! New Consecration Sunday will be held on Oct. 26, with a catered luncheon following the 10:30 service. Letters and more information will be sent prior to this date.**

**\*\* Catholic Charities is hosting its annual Thanksgiving Meal Distribution Event this November to help struggling families celebrate the holidays. Please bring non-perishable Thanksgiving foods to the back of the sanctuary by Nov. 9. See the flyers throughout the church or speak with Grace Murph at 412-456-6912 with any questions.**

**Participants for this service:**

Acolytes: Shahnaz Alam-Denlinger, Thomas Fischer

First Reading: Darrell Powell

Psalm: Grace Murph

Second Reading: Meloni Murph

Leader, Prayers of the People: Helen Askin

Verger: Theresa McClain

Ushers: Dave Eber, Patrick Upperman, Lyric Davis

Coffee Hour Hostess/Host: Darrell Powell & Richard Williams

**Last week's attendance: 8:00: 29**

**10:30: 57**

**Total Donations: \$3,296.23**