

St. Thomas Memorial Church
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 25
The Holy Eucharist — Rite 2
October 26, 2025



Prelude "Jesu Meine Freude" Freidrich Zachau

Processional Hymn #539 "O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling"

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 #5-236

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: Sirach 35:12-17

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 84:1-6

The Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
People	<i>Thanks be to God.</i>

Hymn #421 “All glory be to God on high”

Before the Gospel

Reader	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People	<i>Glory to you, Lord Christ.</i>
The Holy Gospel:	Luke 18:9-14

After the Gospel

Reader	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	<i>Praise to you, Lord Christ.</i>

Sermon... ..The Rev. Canon Dr. Catherine Brall

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 I (Pg. 383, BCP)

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord have mercy”. For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For our Bishops, especially Ketlen Solak, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For this town, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the good earth, which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those in our thoughts and for the sick, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Bob Alcorn, Maureen Long, and Samuel Manirakiza, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those celebrating their anniversaries this week, especially Bill & June Ferguson, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the ministries we support through Outreach, Shepherd's Heart, the Eucharistic Ministry, and for all our missionaries at home and abroad, to Your honor and glory, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the Pittsburgh Diocese, especially Campus Ministry, the Rev. Dan Isadore, the Children's Ministry Team, and Jen Yoon, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all men and women in the armed forces, and we pray, as your Son taught us, for our enemies. Let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of St. Thomas and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our Lord.
To Thee, 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

“Minuetto” from Cello Suite #3 by J.S. Bach
Offered by guest violist Brady Conley

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 #314 "Humbly, I adore thee"

Hymn "How deep the Father's love for us"

How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son, to make a wretch his treasure?
How great the pain of searing loss? The Father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the chosen One, Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon the cross, my sin upon his shoulders,
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice, call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there, until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom,
but I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.
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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 #637 "How firm a foundation"

Dismissal

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

Postlude

"Toccatà in D Moll"

J. S. Bach

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for
St. Thomas Church, by Meloni and Jeff Murph.

We welcome the Rev. Canon Dr. Catherine Brall as our guest clergy for today.
We also welcome Brady Conley, who played the offertory on viola today.

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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

**** St. Thomas will hold its All Saints Sunday services on Nov. 2. If you have a friend or family member who has passed away during the past year (since last November 1) and would like their name added to the prayers for that Sunday, please email or call Laurel at the office no later than Oct. 27.**

**** 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: Rachel Almada, Elisabeth Fischer

First Reading: Sara Gildersleeve

Psalm: Julie King

Second Reading: Darrell Powell

Leader, Prayers of the People: Helen Askin

Verger: Theresa McClain

Ushers: Blake and Luke Krushinski

Coffee Hour Hostess: New Consecration Sunday Luncheon

Last week's attendance: 8:00: 30

10:30: 50

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