

St. Thomas Memorial Church
The First Sunday in Lent
The Holy Eucharist – Rite 2
February 22, 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

“Meditation”

James Patten

Processional Hymn #142 “Lord, who throughout these forty days”

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 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)

Hymn #591 Kyrie (at the beginning of the hymn book).....Willan
Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

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: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

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

Psalm 32

The Second Lesson: Romans 5:12-19

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

Hymn #150 "Forty days and forty nights"

Before the Gospel

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

After the Gospel

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

Sermon.....The Rev. Daniel J. Isadore

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 IV (Pg. 389, BCP)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *(silence)*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *(silence)*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *(silence)*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *(silence)*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Andy King, Patsy Clive, Louis Rocchini, and Mary Dailey.

We pray for those who are celebrating their anniversaries this week, especially James & Jessica Fischer.

We pray for our Outreach Ministries, Shepherd's Heart, and our Eucharistic ministry.

We pray for the Pittsburgh Diocese, especially Emmanuel Episcopal Church, North Side, and the Rev. Dr. Don Youse, Jr.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *(Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Joe Traugott, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. (*silence*)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

(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

“Kyrie” by Jim Stanton

Song Lyrics:

Kyrie eleison / Lord, have mercy upon us
Christe eleison / Christ, have mercy upon us
Kyrie eleison / Lord, have mercy upon us

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 “Come, ye disconsolate”

Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish, come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel;
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;
Earth has no sorrow but heav'n cannot heal.

Joy of the desolate, light of the straying, hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure!
Here speaks the comforter, tenderly saying,
Earth has no sorrow but heav'n cannot cure.

Here see the bread of life; see waters flowing forth from the throne of God, pure from
above; Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing
Earth has no sorrow but heav'n can remove

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Hymn “Yield not to temptation”

Yield not to temptation, For yielding is sin, Each vict'ry will help you, some other to win;
Fight, still pressing onward, Dark passions subdue;
Look ever to Jesus, He will carry you through.

Refrain

Ask the savior to help you, Comfort strengthen and keep you; He is willing to aid you.
He will carry you through.

Shun evil companions, Bad language disdain; God's name hold in rev'rence,
Nor take it in vain; Be thoughtful and earnest, Kindhearted and true.
Look ever to Jesus, He will carry you through.

To him that o'ercometh, God giveth a crown; Through faith we will conquer,
Though often cast down; He who is our savior, Our strength will renew;
Look ever to Jesus, He will carry you through.

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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 #688 "A mighty fortress is our God"

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

"Horsley"

Davis Terry

Lent and Holy Week Services

<u>Tuesdays during Lent:</u>	11:00 a.m. Bible Study in the Guild Room
<u>Wednesdays during Lent:</u>	10:00 a.m. Healing Service
<u>Fridays during Lent:</u>	5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross (except Good Friday)
<u>Palm Sunday Services:</u>	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I (reading of Passion Gospel) 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II (reading of Passion Gospel)
<u>March 30 & 31, April 1 (M-W)</u>	6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
<u>Maundy Thursday Service:</u>	7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2 (Includes foot-washing)
<u>Good Friday Service:</u>	7:30 p.m. Friday, April 3
<u>Easter Vigil Service:</u>	7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4
<u>Easter Day Services:</u>	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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NV = Non-voting member

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 one of the many ways to fulfill our Annual Lenten Walk goals. This year's walk , entitled Walk with Mary, encompasses the 1,517 miles she walked from the hill country, to Bethlehem, to Jerusalem, and finally Ephesus. 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 located in the bulletins.**

**** We will need many volunteers to read parts in the Passion Gospel readings on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, as well as with help with the services during Holy Week. IF you are willing and able to help in any capacity, please either sign up on the sheets in the Parish Hall, or email Laurel in the office at sttomoakmont@gmail.com.**

**** Paul & Shelley Cammisa will facilitate a Six Steps to SANITY class starting Feb. 24 at 7 pm in the Guild Room. To register or for more information contact Deacon Tim Noca at 412-607-8328 or tnoca@diopitt.org.**

Participants for this service:

Acolytes: Shahnaz Alam-Denlinger, Thomas Fischer

First Lesson: Jon Dailey

Psalm: Thomas Fischer

Second Lesson: Shahnaz Alam-Denlinger

Leader, Prayers of the People: Lyric Davis

Verger: Richard Williams

Ushers: Patrick Upperman, Jon Dailey

Coffee Hour Hostess:

Last week's attendance: 8:00: 27
10:30: 58

Total Donations: \$1,965.00