

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: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

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

Psalm 23

The Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14

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

Hymn #533 "How wondrous and great thy works"

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 9:1-41

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)

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. Barnabas Church, Brackenridge, and the Rev. Dr. Julie Smith, 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 Stacy Eber, Tony Fusaro, Richard Williams, and Tanya Hayes, 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

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” by Lloyd Larson
With Flute Solo played by Meloni Murph

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

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. The mileage from last week will be added to this week, but we are definitely very close to the goal! 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.

** 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: TBD, Elisabeth Fischer

First Lesson: Jon Dailey

Psalm: Grace Murph

Second Lesson: Kate Westermann

Leader, Prayers of the People: Lawrence Miguez

Vergier: Richard Williams

Ushers: Lawrence Miguez, Jon Dailey

Coffee Hour Hostesses: Michelle Cosnotti, Patti Gemmell

Last week's attendance: 8:00: Will be included in next week's bulletin

10:30: Will be included in next week's bulletin

Total Donations: Will be included in next week's bulletin