

*St. Thomas Memorial Church
District Two Lenten Series Service
The Holy Eucharist – Rite II
March 24, 2026 7:00 pm*



Prelude

“Stabat Mater”

Rosalie Bonighton

Processional Hymn “Once to every man and nation”

Once to ev’ry man and nation Comes the moment to decide,
In the strife of truth with falsehood, for the good or evil side;
Some great cause, God’s new Messiah, Off’ring each the bloom or blight,
And the choice goes by forever, ‘Twi’xt that darkness and that light.

Then to side with truth is noble, When we share her wretched crust,
Ere her cause bring fame and profit And ‘tis prosp’rous to be just;
Then it is the brave man chooses, While the coward stands aside
Till the multitude make virtue Of the faith they had denied.

By the light of burning martyrs Jesus’ bleeding feet I track,
Toiling up new Calvaries ever With the cross that turns not back;
New occasions teach new duties, Time makes ancient good uncouth;
They must upward still and onward Who would keep abreast of truth.

Though the cause of evil prosper, Yet ‘tis truth alone is strong;
Though her portion be the scaffold, And upon the throne be wrong,
Yet that scaffold sways the future, And, behind the dim unknown,
Standeth God within the shadow Keeping watch above his own.

Ebenezer/Williams/Lowell

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People *His mercy endures forever.*

The Decalogue— page 317, BCP (*Please Kneel*)

Please sing the antiphon where indicated with an asterisk ().*

God spoke these words, and said:

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.*

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.*

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.*

Remember that you keep holy the Sabbath day.

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

Honor your father and your mother.

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

You shall not murder.

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

You shall not commit adultery.

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

You shall not steal.

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

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

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

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: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14, 16*

The Confession (Pg. 320, BCP)

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

Sermon... ..The Rev. Canon Dr. Julie Smith

Prayers of the People Form II (pg. 385, BCP)

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God’s people throughout the world; for our Bishops, for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church. *(Silence)*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. *(Silence)*

I ask your prayers for the President and the Congress and our government. I ask your prayers for our enemies that all our hearts may be transformed. *(Silence)*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. *(Silence)*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him. *(Silence)*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died. *(Silence)*

I ask your prayers for the Pittsburgh Diocese, especially non-parochial clergy, including the Reverends Simon Barnes, Norman Erb-White, and Mabel Fanguy. *(Silence)*

I ask your prayers for all the men and women in the armed forces. *(Silence)*

Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present. *(Silence)*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored, especially the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Thomas and all the saints. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *(Silence)*

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 #314 “Humbly I adore thee”

Hymn “Sing of Mary”

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 “On Christ the Solid Rock”

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

Refrain: On Christ the solid Rock, I stand.

All other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev’ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

His oath, his covenant and blood, support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. (Refrain)

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Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ

People *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude

“Crucifixus”

Noel Rawsthorne

Participants for this service:

First Lesson: Matt Derby

Psalm: Kate Westermann

Second Lesson: Sara Gildersleeve

Leader, Prayers of the People: Bill Lugar

Acolyte: Theresa McClain

Verger: R.J. King

Ushers: Richard Williams, Lawrence Miguez

Organist: Louise Lugar