

*St. Thomas Memorial Church  
The Second Sunday of Easter  
The Holy Eucharist – Rite 2  
April 12, 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**

**“Eya! Resurrexit Jesu Christus”**

**Stanly Vann**

**Processional Hymn #203 “O sons and daughters, let us sing”**

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:** Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People                      Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 16**

**The Second Lesson:** 1 Peter 1:3-9

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

**Hymn #193** “That Easter day with joy was bright”

*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 20:19-31

*After the Gospel*

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

**Sermon**.....The Rev. Guy W. Brown

**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 Joseph Dailey, Patiente Irakoze, Brandon Hunter, Jim Kelly, and April Fusaro, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those celebrating their anniversaries this week, especially Jack & Coleen Middlemas, and Dan & Barbra Urban Trecki, 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 Calvary Church, East Liberty, the Reverends Jonathon Jensen, Cameron Soulis, Bonnie-Marie Yager-Wiggan, and Geoffrey Royce, and the Bookstore at Calvary, 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**

“Amazing Grace” arr. J. Jefferson Cleveland

Offered by Soloist Sara Gildersleeve

#### **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 (Pg. 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 #691 “My faith looks up to thee”**

**Hymn “I have found such joy in my salvation”**

I have found such joy in my salvation, since I gave my heart to You.  
I have found the reason I’m living, so in love so near to you.

**Refrain**

*I worship You, my Lord, with all my life, praise Your name, I worship You, worship You my Lord.*

O my Lord, my life I’m giving a living sacrifice to you.

O my Lord, the reason I’m living is to serve and worship you. (Refrain)

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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 #208 “The strife is o’er, the battle done”**

**The Dismissal**

Priest Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Postlude**

**“Lumen Christe”**

**Noel Rawsthorne**

**Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory  
of Tafila Huot and Kathi Huot, by Michelle Cosnotti.**

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 NEW TOPIC: Newcomers / Basic Christianity

\*\* The Altar Guild would like to thank everyone who participated in any way to prepare the Altar and the church during the Lent and Easter Season. Your help was welcomed and appreciated.

\*\* There will be a newcomers/ basic Christianity course starting today during regular Adult Sunday school time (9:30 am). This course is open to everyone, but it is particularly for those wishing to enter into the Church during the Bishop's visit in June.

Participants for this service:

Acolytes: Richard Williams, Matthew Fischer

First Lesson: Meloni Murph

Psalm: Matt Derby

Second Lesson: Pam Derby

Leader, Prayers of the People: Ted Denlinger

Verger: Theresa McClain

Ushers: Blake and Luke Krushinski

Coffee Hour Hostess:

Last week's attendance: 8:00: 42

10:30: 108

Total Donations: \$10,655.00