

*St. Thomas Memorial Church  
The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
The Holy Eucharist – Rite 2  
May 3, 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**

**“O Thou of God the Father”**

**Johann Walther**

**Processional Hymn #432 “O praise ye the Lord!”**

Starting on Pg. 355 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

Priest            Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People            *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

**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 7:55-60

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

People                      Thanks be to God.

**Psalm** 31:1-5, 15-16

**The Second Lesson:** 1 Peter 2:2-10

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

**Hymn #487** “Come my Way, my Truth, my Life”

*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 14:1-14

*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 III (Pg. 387, BCP)

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons,  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

We remember the sick and distressed:

Give to the departed, especially Robert, Joseph, and Paul Budris, eternal rest.  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy.  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.  
*Silence*

We pray for all the men and women in the armed forces, and we pray, as your son taught us,  
for our enemies.

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

We pray for the Pittsburgh Diocese, especially Christ Church, Indiana, and the Rev. Jamie Samilio.

We remember those who are celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Pat Phillips, Dana Phillips, Janice Alcorn, Cyndie Rollinson, James M. Fitzroy, Jacqui Matthews, Janice Wolfe, Ian Dew-Becker, and Dan Trecki.

We remember those who are celebrating their anniversaries this week, especially Paul & Shelley Cammisa.

(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

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” by F.G. Rathbun

Offered by Sara Gildersleeve and Doug Brannock

##### **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 "How Can I Keep From Singing"**

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,  
I hear the sweet, though far off, hymn that hails a new creation.  
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing;  
It finds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die? My Savior still is living.

What though the shadows gather 'round? A new song Christ is giving.

No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to the Rock I'm clinging;

Since Love commands both heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble, sick with fear, and hear their death knells ringing;  
When friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing?  
In prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging;  
When friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?

I life my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue above it;  
And day by day this pathway smooths, since first I learned to love it.  
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing;  
All things are mine since I am Christ's, how can I keep from singing?

Words: v. 1,2,4 Anonymous, v.3 Doris Penn @1957 Sanga Music Inc.

Music: American gospel hymn CCLI #940217

### **Hymn "Be unto your Name"**

We are a moment, You are forever, Lord of all ages, God before time;  
We are a vapor, You are eternal, Love everlasting, reigning on high.

### **Refrain:**

Holy, holy Lord God Almighty, Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain;  
Highest praises, honor and glory, Be unto Your Name, be unto Your Name.

We are the broken, You are the healer, Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save;  
You are the love song we'll sing forever, Bowing before You, blessing Your Name. (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 #518 "Christ is made the sure foundation"**

### **The Dismissal**

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Postlude**

**"Postlude in C"**

**Michael Thomas**

**Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
Robert, Joseph, and Paul Budris, by the Pierce family.**

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 TOPIC: Newcomers / Basic  
Christianity

\*\* The St. Thomas Men's Group will hold a breakfast meeting at 7 am on May 16 in the Parish  
Hall. All men are welcome.

**Participants for this service:**

Acolytes: Shahnaz Alam-Denlinger, Thomas Fischer

First Lesson: Meloni Murph

Psalm: Thomas Fischer

Second Lesson: Shahnaz Alam-Denlinger

Leader, Prayers of the People: Karleen Shepard

Verger: Theresa McClain

Ushers: Ted Denlinger, Dave Eber

Coffee Hour Hostess:

**Last week's attendance: 8:00: 23**

**10:30: 54**

**Total Donations: \$2,302.00**