

Prelude	“All Glory Be To God On High”	Johann Walther
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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.*

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.

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.
<i>People</i>	<i>And also with you.</i>
Priest	Let us pray.

The Reading of God's Word

The First Lesson: Isaiah 51:1-6
Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138

The Second Lesson: Romans 12:1-8

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

Hymn #707 “Take My Life and Let it Be”

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 16:13-20

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 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 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 retired clergy, including the Reverends Robin Jarrell, Darrell Johnson, Douglas Kinsey, Barbara Manzo, and Dorsey McConnell.

We remember those who are celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Christy Gaul, Mary Keller, and Colin Dew-Becker.

We remember those who are celebrating their anniversaries this week, especially John & Carla Shearer, and Richard Williams & Darrell Powell.

(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

“Build My Life” by Matt Redman
Offered by soloist 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 C (Pg. 369, BCP)

Priest The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Priest Lift up your hearts.
People *We lift them to the Lord.*
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

God of all power...you are worthy of praise.

Glory to you forever and ever.

At your command...and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements...and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again...to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By His blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Therefore, we praise you...to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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 page 371, BCP (Please kneel)

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by Him...to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our fathers...that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises...from generation to generation. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father, who art in heaven,...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 #304 “I Come with Joy to Meet the Lord”

Hymn “More Like You”

More like You, Jesus; More like You.

Fill my heart with Your desire to make me more like You.

More like You, Jesus; More like You.

Touch my lips with holy fire and make me more like You.

Lord, You are my mercy; Lord You are my grace

All my deepest sins have forever been erased.

Draw me in Your presence; Lead me in Your ways.

I long to bring You glory in righteousness and praise.

More like You, Jesus; More like You.

Fill my heart with Your desire to make me more like You.

More like You, Jesus; More like You.

Touch my lips with holy fire and make me more like You.

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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

“Mach mit mir, Gott, nach deiner Gott”

Johann Walther

**Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of our
10th Wedding Anniversary, by Darrell Powell & Richard Williams.**

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:

Sundays at 9:30 Adult Sunday School in the Guild Room

Tuesdays and Thursdays Evening Prayer from 6:30 - 7pm in the church

** Please join us in a celebration of Fr. Guy Brown's ministry at St. Thomas with a special coffee hour reception following the 10:30 service on Aug. 30. This will be Fr. Brown's last day at St. Thomas, at least for a while, as he has been transferred to another parish within the diocese.

** Philip A. Pew will be set up at the back of the church awaiting back to school items that will be used during the Blessing of the Backpacks on Aug. 30. Please consider filling up his pew with your donated items, such as pencils, pens, highlighters, crayons, markers, glue sticks, folders, 3-ring binder paper, etc..

** A Six Steps to Sanity facilitated by Paul & Shelley Cammisa will start on Aug. 25 and run for 10 weeks. These meetings designed for those with friends and/or family struggling with addiction will be held from 7-8:30 pm in the Guild Room. Advanced registration is required. To register or for more information, please contact Deacon Tim Noca at 412-607-8328 or tnoca@diopitt.org.

** Ladies of all ages are invited to join in fellowship and to share fun conversations Thursday, Sep. 3 from 7-8:30 pm in the Guild Room. Refreshments are provided. Childcare will be available upon request. For more information and/or to request childcare, contact Darrell Powell at 412-828-0502 or DL7JP_2W8@yahoo.com.

** Anyone interested in being part of a discernment prayer group supporting St. Thomas in its time of transition and search for a new rector is still able to join and participate. Please speak with a vestry member if you are interested.

Participants for this service:

Acolytes: Paul, Andrew, and Ben Pierce

First Lesson: Darrell Powell

Psalm: Andrew Pierce

Second Lesson: Kate Westermann
Leader, Prayers of the People: Lawrence Miguez
Verger: R.J. King
Ushers: Lawrence Miguez, Darrell Powell
Coffee Hour Hostess:

Last week's attendance: 8:00: 24
10:30: 43

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