

St. Thomas Memorial Church
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost:
Proper 17
The Holy Eucharist – Rite 2
August 30, 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

“Pastorale”

Domenico Zipoli

Processional Hymn #423 “Immortal Invisible God Only Wise”

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: Jeremiah 15:15-21

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 26:1-8

The Second Lesson: Romans 12:9-21

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

Hymn #577 “God is Love and Where True Love Is”

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 16:21-28

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 IV (Pg. 389, BCP)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *(silence)*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *(silence)*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *(silence)*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *(silence)*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Molly Eads, Carla Shearer, Ellie Borland, Noah Hunter, and Talia Cass.

We pray for those who are celebrating their anniversaries this week, especially Richard & Dory Dietz.

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 Christine McIlvain, Catherine Munz, John Park, Lorena Ringle, Vincente Santiago, Diane Shepard, and James Shoucair.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *(Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Myrna Small, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *(silence)*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

(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

Blessing of the Backpacks

Celebrant: Loving Father, you are the source of all wisdom and truth, we give you thanks for the schools of our community and the teachers and students who fill them. As a new academic year begins, bless each student with curiosity, understanding and respect. May their backpacks be a sign to them that they have everything they need to learn and grow this year in school. Bless also the teachers with skill, patience and compassion that they may meet the demands they face in educating their students. All this we pray through your son Jesus Christ, who as a child in the Temple showed his hunger for learning and knowledge of you, and as an adult taught by story and example your great love for us. Amen.

Blessing of Students and Educators

Eternal God, father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our great teacher and savior, bless these your servants as they begin the school-year. Grant that all who enter into places of learning as students and educators this year be filled with your grace and heavenly wisdom—that all their efforts be directed by your Holy Spirit, and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Prayer for Instruments of Teaching and Learning

Almighty God, we bring before you the instruments of teaching and learning (those present before us and those that are out of our sight, but not yours). We pray that your Holy Spirit of wisdom go forth with all who carry them this year: that all bearers of briefcases and of backpacks (everywhere) will rest secure in the knowledge of your abiding strength, peace and love. May they, like the young Jesus, grown in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and with society. Amen.

The Holy Communion **Offertory**

“You Can’t Stand Up Alone” by Martha Carson
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 C (Pg. 369, BCP)

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

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

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 #439 “What Wondrous Love is This”

Hymn #654 “Day by Day”

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 #556 “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

The Dismissal

Priest Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

“Entrada”

Edwardo Torres

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 service today. 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.

** 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.

** Please join us for a ministry Rally Day and in welcoming Canon Jim Shoucair during a special coffee hour following the 8:00 and 10:30 services on September 13. Come and meet our new Interim Rector and sign up to participate in one of St. Thomas' many ministries.

** 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: Richard Williams, Matthew Fischer

First Lesson: Julie King

Psalm: Pam Derby

Second Lesson: Sara Gildersleeve
Leader, Prayers of the People: Lyric Davis
Verge: Theresa McClain
Ushers: Noah Hunter, Patrick Upperman
Coffee Hour: Farewell Reception for Fr. Guy Brown

Last week's attendance: 8:00: 26
10:30: 36

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