

St. Thomas Memorial Church
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost:
Proper 18
The Holy Eucharist – Rite 2
September 6, 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 **“Prelude in C Major”** **S.H. Bodenschatz**

Processional Hymn #390 “Praise to the Lord the Almighty”

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: Ezekiel 33:7-11
Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:33-40

The Second Lesson: Romans 13:8-14

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

Hymn #652 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

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 18:15-20

After the Gospel

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

Sermon.....The Rev. Canon James D. Shoucair

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 Elisabeth Fischer,
Lisa Kelly, Daniel King, and George McClelland.

We pray for those who are celebrating their anniversaries this week, especially Bruce &

Linda Johnston.

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

We pray for the Pittsburgh Diocese, especially Historic Old St. Luke's Church, Scott Township, the Very Rev. Scott Quinn, and the Social Justice & Outreach Committee.

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, 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

The Holy Communion

Offertory

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” arr. Dale Wood

Offered by soloist Matt Derby

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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord — Hymnal #5130

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 362, BCP

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,...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 #307 “Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor”

Hymn “Lead Me Lord”

Lead me Lord, lead me in your righteousness.
Make your way plain before my face. (repeat)
For it is you, Lord, you Lord, only that makest me dwell in safety.

Lead me Lord, lead me into holiness
Teach me to love and trust in Thee. (repeat)
Thou art our God, the God of our salvation. All nations shall praise Thy holy name.
By Bruce Penner 1997 Song Words Used by Permission CCLI#940217

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 #376 “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

The Dismissal

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

People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Postlude

“Postlude in G Minor”

Fr. Walczynski

**Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of
God’s many blessings, by Richard & Dory Dietz.**

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

Tuesdays at 11 am Bible Study in the Guild Room—**NEW TOPIC: The Parables of Jesus**

Wednesdays at 10 am Healing Service in the Thomas House Chapel

**** All of the donated school supplies have been set up on a table in the sacristy vestibule area. Please feel free to take what your students need. Any leftover items will be donated.**

**** 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. **IF YOU ARE ABLE, PLEASE BRING A BRUNCH ITEM TO SHARE FOLLOWING THE 8:00 OR 10:30 SERVICES. Sign up sheets are located in the Parish Hall.**

**** 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.**

**** Laurel will be out of the office from Sep. 9-16.**

Participants for this service:

Acolytes: Elisabeth Fischer

First Lesson: Darrell Powell

Psalm: Elisabeth Fischer

Second Lesson: Pam Derby

Leader, Prayers of the People: Helen Askin

Verger: Richard Williams

Ushers: Darrell Powell, Luke Krushinski
Coffee Hour: Julie King

Last week's attendance: 8:00: 36
10:30: 50

Total Donations: \$1,718.00