

St. Thomas Memorial Church
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost:
Proper 22
Holy Baptism and Eucharist – Rite 2
October 4, 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 **“Schmucke dich, o liebe Steele”** **Johann Walther**

Processional Hymn #598 “Lord Christ When First Thou Cam’st to Earth”

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: Isaiah 5:1-7

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:7-14

The Second Lesson: Philippians 3:4b-14

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

Hymn #550 “Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult”

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 21:33-46

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 I (Pg. 383, BCP)

Deacon or other leader:

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, especially Sandy Chilcote, and the Rev. Terry Hunt, 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 Pam Derby, Linda Johnston, Ron McClelland, Dolly Shearer, Carol Miller, Thomas Fischer, and Jeffrey Murph, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those celebrating their anniversaries this week, especially Tony & April Fusaro, 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 St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Northern Cambria, and the Rev. Annis Rogers, 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" by John Newton
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:

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 #314 “Humbly I Adore Thee”

Hymn “Here Is Love”

Here is love vast as the ocean, loving kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our ransom, shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember, who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten throughout heaven’s eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God’s mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above;
And heaven’s peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

By Matt Redman 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 #546 “Awake My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve”

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

“Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott”

Johann Walther

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

Wednesdays at 10 am Healing Service in the Thomas House Chapel

**** The annual Blessing of the Animals Service will be held today at 4 pm. Please ensure all pets are crated and/or leashed.**

**** 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.**

**** Back by popular demand- a St. Thomas Fellowship dinner will be held on Oct. 23 from 6-8 pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the board in the Parish Hall for those interested in attending.**

**** All Saint's Sunday is Nov. 1. If you would like the name of a family member or friend who**

has died during the past year to be mentioned in the prayers, please contact the office via email (sttomoakmont@gmail.com) or phone 412-828-9680. The deadline for this list is Monday, Oct. 26.

Participants for this service:

Acolytes: Richard Williams, Matthew Fischer

First Lesson: Darrell Powell

Psalm: Julie King

Second Lesson: Kate Westermann

Leader, Prayers of the People: Lawrence Miguez

Verger: Theresa McClain

Ushers: Lawrence Miguez, Darrell Powell

Coffee Hour Hosts: The Rothermels

Last week's attendance: 8:00: 22

10:30: 70

Total Donations: \$1,722.00