St. Thomas Memorial Church
The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost:
Proper 27
The Holy Eucharist – Rite 2
November 8, 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 **"'Adagio' from Concertero #2"** **J.S. Bach**

Processional Hymn #436 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

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: Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 70

The Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

Hymn #620 "Jerusalem My Happy Home"

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 25:1-13

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

Sermon… .....The Rev. Brandon Cooper

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)
Deacon or other leader:

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;
Gracious and loving God, you know the needs of St. Thomas better than we know them ourselves. Be present with us as we seek the priest whom you are calling to serve among us. Guide our Search Committee, Vestry, and parish with the wisdom of your Holy Spirit. Give us patience in waiting, humility in listening, courage in discerning, and trust in your timing.

Prepare the heart of the priest whom you are calling, and prepare our hearts to receive that person with faith, openness, and love. Keep us united in Christ during this time of transition. Help us to continue worshiping faithfully, caring for one another, serving our neighbors, and growing in the mission you have entrusted to this parish.
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 Patrick Upperman, 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 St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Brackenridge, and the Rev. Julie Smith.

We remember those who are celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Ann Snyder, Bill Matthews, and TJ McGrath.

We remember those who are celebrating their anniversaries this week, especially Dick & Ann Thomas, Matthew & Felicia Kearns, Stephen & Helen Baker, and Jim & Jennifer McGrath.

(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
"Courante" from J.S. Bach's Cello Suite #1 BWV 1007
Offered by guest musician Brady Conley, on Viola

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 #S130 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.*

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.

The Invitation
(All baptized persons are welcome to receive the sacrament at our altar rail. Gluten free Host is available upon request.)

Communion Hymn #324 “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Hymn #711 "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

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

The Dismissal

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

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for God's blessings and St. Thomas Church, 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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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
Wednesdays: 7 pm Choir Practice in the Choir Room (basement)

** The Thanksgiving Day service will be held at 10:30 am on Thursday, Nov. 26.

Participants for this service:
Acolytes: Richard Williams, Matthew Fischer
First Lesson: Jon Dailey
Psalm: Sara Gildersleeve
Second Lesson: Kate Westermann
Leader, Prayers of the People: Lawrence Miguez
Verger: Theresa McClain
Ushers: Lawrence Miguez, Jon Dailey
Coffee Hour: New Consecration Sunday Luncheon

Last week's attendance: 8:00: 34
10:30: 45

Total Donations: $2,944.00