St. Thomas Memorial Church
The Last Sunday after Pentecost:
Proper 29
Christ the King
The Holy Eucharist – Rite 2
November 22, 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
(played by Parishioner Matthew Kearns, on bagpipes)

Processional Hymn #494 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" *(found in the blue hymnals located in the pews)*

THE WORD OF GOD

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.*

Collect 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 *("S" Music is located in the front portion of the blue hymnals)*
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.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day
Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Reading of God's Word
The First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
11 For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. **12** As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. **13** I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. **14** I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. **15** I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. **16** I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. **20** Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. **21** Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, **22** I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.**23** I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. **24** And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken.

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

Psalm 95:1-7a
1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7 For he is our God, *
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

The Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23
15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this
reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, 17 that the
God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and
revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you
may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious
inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us
who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this power to work in
Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly
places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name
that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22 And he has put all things
under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body,
the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

Hymn #478 "Jesus Our Mighty Lord"

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 25:31-46
31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on
the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate
people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will
put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at
his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for
you from the foundation of the world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was
thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was
naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you
visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you
hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it
that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when

was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' 45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

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)

The Leader prays:
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.

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.
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Dora Dailey, Alexander Murph, Laurel Almada, Brad Krushinski, Michael Hayes, Katherine Kimes, and Julie Bucci.

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

We pray for the Pittsburgh Diocese, especially St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Mt. Lebanon, and the Reverends Noah Evans and Theodores Somes.

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 James C. Taylor, and James E. Taylor, 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)

Deacon or Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Celebrant and people 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
Priest Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace
Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

Announcements

The Holy Communion
<u>Offertory</u>
"Rejoice the Lord is King" by Stan Pethel

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, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, 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; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, 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.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. 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. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through 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 for ever. AMEN.
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Priest and People Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, 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
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.
(All baptized persons are welcome to receive the sacrament at our altar rail. Gluten free Host is available upon request.)

Communion Hymn #435 "At the Name of Jesus"

Hymn #433 "We Gather Together"

After Communion the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

Celebrant 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 #460 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!"

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Rev. James C. Taylor and James E. (Preach) Taylor, by Sara Gildersleeve. I miss you every day.

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.

** All are welcome to come to a fellowship dinner being held from 6-8 pm on Dec. 4. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the kiosk in the Parish Hall.

** There will be a speaker from NAMI (National Association for Mental Illness) to speak about depression/suicide on Dec. 6 during the Adult Sunday School time.

** Calling all children!! We are in need of children to participate in the annual Christmas pageant which takes place during the 4:30 pm Christmas Eve service. Practices will be held on Dec. 13 and 20 at 9:30 am. Parents, please contact Jessica Fischer at 412-491-7628 or JLFISCHER316@gmail.com.

Participants for this service:
Acolytes: Chase Eber, Lauren Brown
First Lesson: Sara Gildersleeve
Psalm: Chase Eber
Second Lesson: Matt Derby
Leader, Prayers of the People: Kristin Brown
Verger: Richard Williams
Ushers: Dave Eber, Noah Hunter
Coffee Hour Hostess:

Last week's attendance: 8:00: 28
10:30: 60

Total Donations: $2,729.50