

SAINT THOMAS
CHURCH

Prelude	“Domine Deus, Agnus Dei”	Francois Couperin
---------	--------------------------	-------------------

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.*

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.

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	<i>And also with you.</i>
Priest	Let us pray.

The Reading of God's Word

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99

The Second Lesson: 2 Peter 1:16-21

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

Hymn #135 “Songs of thankfulness and praise ” vv. 1,2,4

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 17:1-9

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 Tim Dexter, Darlene McCauley, Jordan McClain, and Julie King.

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

We pray for the Pittsburgh Diocese, especially St. David's Episcopal Church, Peters Township, and the Rev. Kristian Opat.

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 Christopher James Cuda, 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

“The Blood Will Never Lose It’s Power” by Andrea Crouch
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:

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

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, 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.

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 #324 “Let all mortal flesh keep silence”

Hymn “I’m pressing on the upward way”

I’m pressing on the upward way, New heights I’m gaining every day;
Still praying as I onward bound, “Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.”

Refrain:

Lord, lift me up, and let me stand, By faith, on heaven’s table land;
A higher plane than I have found, Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

My heart has no desire to stay, Where doubts arise and fears dismay;
Though some may dwell where these abound, My prayer, my aim is higher ground.

I want to live above the world, Though satan's darts at me are hurled;
For faith has caught a joyful sound, The song of saints on higher ground.

I want to scale the utmost height, And catch a gleam of glory bright;
But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found, "Lord, lead me on to higher ground."

Words: J. Oatman, Jr. Music: C.H. Gabriel 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 #628 "Ye watchers and ye holy ones"

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

"Cebell"

Henry Purcell

**Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory
of Christopher James Cuda– happy heavenly birthday, by Sara Gildersleeve.**

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.

SAINT THOMAS MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

378 Delaware Avenue

Oakmont, PA 15139

412-828-9680

www.st-tom.org

Email: sttomoakmont@gmail.com

The Rev. Jeffrey D. Murph, Rector

The Rev. Daniel J. Isadore, Associate Rector

The Rev. Guy W. Brown, Assistant Priest
Mrs. Louise Lugar, Organist/Choir Director

St. Thomas' Vestry

Julie King
Sr. Warden

Paul Cammisa (NV)
Jr. Warden

Jonathan Dailey
Vestry Clerk

Betti Rottschaefer (NV)
Treasurer

Shahnaz Alam-Denlinger, Kristin Brown, Mitzi Fidler,
James Fischer, LuAnn Brink Hunter, Bill Lugar, Richard Williams
NV = Non-voting member

UPCOMING / ONGOING EVENTS:

Monday—Thursday 9 am Morning Prayer in the Thomas House Chapel

Tuesdays at 11 am Bible Study in the Guild Room

Wednesdays at 10 am Healing Eucharist Service in the Thomas House Chapel

Wednesdays at 7 pm Choir Practice in the Choir Room (basement)

Sundays at 9:30 Adult Sunday School in the Guild Room

** The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, hosted by St. Thomas' men, will be held on Tuesday from 5:00-7:00 pm. Tickets (sold at the door) are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. See Fr. Brown to volunteer.

** Ash Wednesday services will be held on Feb. 18 at 7 am, 10 am, and 7 pm at St. Thomas, with an additional service at St. Margaret's at noon.

** Stations of the Cross will be conducted each Friday during Lent (excepting Good Friday) in the Sanctuary at 5:30 pm.

** The funeral for former St. Thomas Rector Austin Hurd will be held at 1 pm on Saturday, Feb. 21 in the sanctuary, with a light cookie reception to follow in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend.

** Paul & Shelley Cammisa will facilitate a Six Steps to SANITY class (for those dealing with a loved one's addiction) starting Feb. 24 at 7 pm in the Guild Room. To register or for more information contact Deacon Tim Noca at 412-607-8328 or tnoca @diopitt.org.

Participants for this service:

Acolytes: Chase Eber, Lauren Brown

First Lesson: Elaine Chilcote

Psalm: Chase Eber

Second Lesson: Pam Derby

Leader, Prayers of the People: Helen Askin

Verger: R.J. King

Ushers: Dave Eber, Noah Hunter

Coffee Hour Hostess:

Last week's attendance: 8:00: 14

10:30: 50

Total Donations: \$14,037.00