

*St. Thomas Memorial Church
The Feast of the Resurrection
Easter Day
The Holy Eucharist – Rite II
April 5, 2026*



Prelude “On Earth Has Dawned This Day of Days-
 That Easter Day with Joy was Bright”

Wilbur Held

Processional Hymn #207 “Jesus Christ is risen today! Alleluia!”

Starting on Pg. 355 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People *THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!*

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 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

The Reading of God's Word

The First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

The Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-4

Reader The Word of the Lord

People *Thanks be to God.*

Hymn #187 "Through the Red Sea brought at last"

Before the Gospel

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The Holy Gospel: John 20:1-18

The Sermon.....The Rev. Jeffrey D. Murph

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 worshiped 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.

The Prayers of the People—Form III (Pg. 387 BCP)

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;

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 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 retired clergy, including the Reverends

Theodore Babcock, Christopher Barker, Kamila Blessing, Catherine Brall, and Anne Bump.

We remember those who are celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Lachlan McClelland, Amanda Aber, Dana Rattenbury, and Vanessa Trecki.

Concluding Collect

The Confession

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory

“Forth He Came At Easter” - arr. David Williams

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant 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 #192 “This joyful Eastertide”

Hymn #178 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord!”

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 #210 “The day of resurrection!”

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

“They Saw the Stone Had Been Rolled Away”

Andrew Gant

Musicians: Rachel Almada, Jessica Fischer, Abbie Hayward, Audrey Hayward, Meloni Murph, Andrew Pierce, Ben Pierce, and John Pierce

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:

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 choir room (basement)

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

** We have far surpassed the goal of our Annual Lenten Walk, entitled Walk with Mary!
During the course of the journey, parishioners have logged a grand total of 2,309 miles
towards the 1,517 miles Mary walked from the hill country to Ephesus. Where will our next

journey take us?

** Please place your Lenten Mite boxes into the baskets located in the sanctuary, or place them into the baskets if the ushers come around to collect them. Proceeds will go towards a charitable cause determined by the St. Thomas Vestry.

** Children 12 and under are invited to search for candy-filled eggs following today's service. Anyone wishing to participate should meet out on the front lawn immediately following the service.

** There will be a newcomers/ basic Christianity course starting next Sunday during regular Adult Sunday school time (9:30 am). This course is open to everyone, but it is particularly for those wishing to enter into the Church during the Bishop's visit in June.

** The first Holy Hike of 2026, led by Fr. Guy Brown, will be held on April 11. Meet at St. Thomas at 8:30 before heading to Boyce Park. All are welcome to join in this time of prayer, exercise, and fellowship.

Participants for this service:

Acolytes: Paul, Andy and Ben Pierce

First Reading: Darrell Powell

Psalm: Andrew Pierce

Second Reading: Jon Dailey

Prayers: Kristin Brown

Verger: Richard Williams

Ushers: Darrell Powell, Noah Hunter

Coffee Hour Hostess:

Last week's attendance: 8:00 service: 28

 10:30 service: 60

Total Donations: \$8,509.70

Have a blessed and joyous Easter day!