

St. Thomas Memorial Church
The Sixth Sunday of Easter:
Rogation Sunday
The Holy Eucharist – Rite 2
May 10, 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

“Prelude in G Minor”

J. S. Bach

The Service begins at the back of the church.

Priest Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

People The Maker of heaven and earth.

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

The Prayers of the Day

Almighty God, we thank you for making the earth fruitful, so that it might produce what is needed for life. Bless those who work in the fields; give us seasonable weather; and grant that we may all share the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Rogation Day Gospel: Matthew 6:25-34

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³² For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth; We humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the harvests of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labor to gather them, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Rogation Blessing on the Soil and Seed

Almighty and everlasting God, Creator of all things and giver of life, let your blessing be upon this soil and the seeds to be planted in it and grant that it may serve to your glory and the welfare of your people, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Processional Hymn #291 “We plow the fields and scatter”

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

Priest 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 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: Acts 17:22-31

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 66:7-18

The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:13-22

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

Hymn #292 “O Jesus, crowned with all renown”

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 14:15-21

After the Gospel

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

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 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)

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 the Community of Celebration, Bill Farra, the
Rev. Steven McKeown, Shepherd Wellness Community, and Richard Krug.

We remember those who are celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Zachary Aber,
Linda Getts, Anne Gocke, Jonathan Dailey, Reilly Cass, Bill Keller, and Zachary Farmer.

We remember those who are celebrating their anniversaries this week, especially Michael &
Gretchen Kurzawa, and Dan & Jill Squire.

(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

A Prayer for Mother's Day

O Lord our God, your son Jesus Christ knew the love of his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, from his birth. On this day when we give honor and thanks for all mothers everywhere; bless all women who are mothers, or who would be mothers, or who offer a spiritual motherhood to others for they all reflect your love to us; thru Jesus Christ our savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God in glory everlasting. Amen.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

“Rain Down On Me” by Ruth Elaine Schram

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 #265 “The angel Gabriel from heaven came”

Hymn “Break thou the bread of life”

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me. As thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord; My spirit pants for thee, O living word!

Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me. As thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall, And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

Teach me to live, dear Lord, only for thee. As thy disciples lived in Galilee;
Then, all my struggles o'er, then, vict'ry won, I shall behold thee, Lord, the living one.
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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 #409 "The spacious firmament on high"

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

"Savannah"

Resalie Bonighton

**Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for
finding this church, by Patti Gemmell.**

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 the Choir Room (basement)
Sundays at 9:30 Adult Sunday School in the Guild Room TOPIC: Newcomers / Basic
Christianity

** Happy Mother's Day!

** The St. Thomas Men's Group will hold a breakfast meeting at 7 am on May 16 in the Parish Hall. All men are welcome.

** Volunteers are needed to help to clean up and beautify the church grounds for the summer. Please arrive at the church at 9 am on May 16.

** There will not be a Tuesday Bible study on May 26, and there will not be a Wednesday Healing Service on May 20 and May 27.

** If you would like to read a portion of the Pentecost readings in any language other than English during the 8:00 or 10:30 service on May 24, please call or email the office as soon as possible.

Participants for this service:

Acolytes: Paul, Andrew, and Ben Pierce
First Lesson: Darrell Powell
Psalm: Paul Pierce
Second Lesson: Kate Westermann
Leader, Prayers of the People: Lyric Davis
Vergers: Theresa McClain
Ushers: Patrick Upperman, Darrell Powell
Coffee Hour Hosts: The Pierce Family

Last week's attendance: 8:00: 29
10:30: 53

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