

St. Thomas Memorial Church
The Seventh Sunday of Easter
The Holy Eucharist – Rite 2
May 17, 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

“Aria”

Domenico Zipoli

Processional Hymn #214 “Hail the day that sees him rise”

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

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Priest: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: **There is one hope in God’s call to us;**

Priest: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: **One God and Father of all**

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 1:6-14

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn #460 “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!” vv. 1,4

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 17:1-11

After the Gospel

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

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

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates (pg. 301, BCP)

Priest: The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents: I present Ryan Michael to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Parents and Godparents: I present Otto James to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Priest: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with Gods help.

Priest: Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with Gods help.

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer: I do.

The Baptismal Covenant (pg. 303, BCP)

Priest Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

Priest Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Priest Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Priest Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Priest Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Priest May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Prayers for the Candidates (pg. 305, BCP) (Please kneel)

Priest Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn #686 “Come, thou fount of every blessing”

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Priest We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift...be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Baptism and Chrismation (Pg. 307, BCP)

The Prayer for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Following the prayer the Priest says

Priest Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Priest and People **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim His resurrection, and share with us in His eternal priesthood.**

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory

“At the Name of Jesus” by Larry Shackley

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 “Because He Lives”

God sent His Son they called Him Jesus; He came to love, heal, and forgive,
He lived and died to buy my pardon, An empty grave is there to prove my savior lives.

Refrain:

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, Because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future. And life is worth the living just because He lives.

How sweet to hold a new born baby. And feel the pride and joy He gives.
But greater still the calm assurance, This child can face uncertain days because He lives.

And then one day I'll cross the river; I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns.
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Hymn “Lead me, guide me”

Refrain:

Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

I am weak and I need thy strength and power to help me over my weakest hour;
Help me through the darkness thy face to see, Lead me Oh Lord, lead me. (Refrain)

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness, be my aid when Satan and sin oppress;
I am putting all my trust in thee. Lead me Oh Lord, lead me. (Refrain)

I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am blind without thy light to see;
Lord, just always let me thy servant be. Lead me Oh Lord, lead me. (Refrain)

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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 #494 “Crown him with many crowns”

The Dismissal

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

People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Postlude

“Voluntary in E Minor”

John Stanley

**Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Paul Eric Gildersleeve, by Sara Gildersleeve.**

We welcome our newest members into the body of Christ this morning:

Ryan Michael Edwards Jr. and Otto James Edwards, sons of Deidra Styen and Ryan Edwards.

We recognize those celebrating their birthdays this week: Michael Aber, Shahnaz Alam-Denlinger, Guy Brown, Tory Bucci, Ronald McClelland Jr., Charlotte Murph, and Natalie Kurzawa

We recognize those celebrating their anniversaries this week: Jonathan & Mary Dailey, and Roger Hindenleng & Sue Uram

We pray for and remember those who have died, especially Paul Eric 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.

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St. Thomas' Vestry

Julie King <i>Sr. Warden</i>	Paul Cammisa (NV) <i>Jr. Warden</i>	Jonathan Dailey <i>Vestry Clerk</i>	Betti Rottschaefer (NV) <i>Treasurer</i>
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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 TOPIC: Newcomers / Basic
Christianity

** Thank you to everyone who helped to clean up and beautify the church grounds
yesterday.

** There will be a Holy Hike at Frick Park on May 23. See Fr. Brown for details.

** 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: Jordan McClain, Matthew Fischer
First Lesson: Pam Derby
Psalm: Grace Murph
Second Lesson: Julie King
Leader, Prayers of the People: Helen Askin

Verger: R.J. King

Ushers: Blake and Luke Krushinski

Coffee Hour Hostess: Kristin Brown

Last week's attendance: 8:00: 37

10:30: 45

Total Donations: \$3,766.00