

*St. Thomas Memorial Church*  
*The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost:*  
*Proper 10*  
*The Holy Eucharist – Rite 2*  
*July 12, 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**                      **“I Will Not Leave My Lord”**                      **Johann Walther**

**Processional Hymn** **“On Christ the Solid Rock”**

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

Refrain: On Christ the solid Rock, I stand.  
All other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in ev’ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

His oath, his covenant and blood, support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;  
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. (Refrain)

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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.*

**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:**    Isaiah 55:10-13  
Reader                The Word of the Lord.  
People                *Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm** 65:[1-8], 9-14

**The Second Lesson:** Romans 8:1-11

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

**Hymn #679 “Surely, it is God who saves me”**

*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 13:1-9, 18-23

*After the Gospel*

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

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

**(Please Stand)**

**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 Louisa Miguez, Jan Koehler, James Fischer, and Audrey Hayward.

We pray for those who are celebrating their anniversaries this week, especially Jim Becker & Mary Amanda Dew.

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

We pray for the Pittsburgh Diocese, especially the Rt. Rev. Ketlen Solak, Scott Solak, and all Clergy Spouses.

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, 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.**

Heavenly Father, You are the Good Shepherd who guides and watches over Your flock with love and wisdom. We lift up to You Fr. Murph, who is retiring. Grant him and his family, in the midst of change, courage in the face of the unknown, and a deep trust in Your providence.

We also pray for the parish and people affected by this transition. Comfort those who feel the sorrow of parting, and prepare the hearts of those who will welcome new leadership. Let these changes be moments of renewal and growth, drawing all closer to You and to one another. Unite us in the bond of Your love, and remind us that in every place and season, You are with us- faithful, present, and unchanging, and we are always held in the palm of your hand.

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**  
“Grace” by Carolyn Hamlin

**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 B (Pg. 367, 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* page 368, BCP

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation...In Him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us.....“Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine.....“Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
*Celebrant and People*  
We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine... 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,... 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 #314 “Humbly, I adore thee”**

#### **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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#### **Hymn “Be Unto Your Name”**

We are a moment, You are forever, Lord of all ages, God before time;  
We are a vapor, You are eternal, Love everlasting, reigning on high.

Refrain:

Holy, holy Lord God Almighty, Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain;

Highest praises, honor and glory, Be unto Your Name, be unto Your Name.

We are the broken, You are the healer, Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save;  
You are the love song we'll sing forever, Bowing before You, blessing Your Name. (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 #539 "O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling"**

**The Dismissal**

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

**Postlude                      "All Glory Be To God On High"                      Johann Walther**

**Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and to honor Father Jeff Murph  
and his 32 years of selfless dedication to Saint Thomas Church.  
With love and gratitude from his parish family!  
Happy Retirement!**

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:**

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

\*\* The M-Th 9:00 am morning prayer, Tuesday morning Bible Study and the Wednesday morning Healing services will be postponed for the remainder of the summer following Fr. Murph's retirement on July 12. They are expected to resume again in September.

\*\* Ladies of all ages are invited to join in fellowship and fun conversation on Wednesday, July 22 at 7 pm in the Guild Room. Refreshments will be provided. Childcare will be available upon request. For more information, contact Darrell Powell at 412-828-0502 or [DL7JP\\_2W8@yahoo.com](mailto:DL7JP_2W8@yahoo.com).

\*\* As part of entering into a time of transition, with the retirement of Fr. Murph as rector of St. Thomas Church, the vestry is inviting all parishioners to a season of prayer for God's future for our parish. Most vestry members will host or lead prayer groups over the next couple months to pray for our church, for guidance and discernment that we might identify who and what kind of leader God wants for the future of our parish. Small groups will meet for about an hour every two weeks to discuss and pray together. The answers to these prayers will be brought back to a plenary meeting to be discerned and used in the search. This prayer season will begin soon, so please contact a vestry member or sign up in the parish hall or call the church office if you are willing to participate. (There will be zoom-accessible groups for those unable to travel)

**Participants for this service:**

Musicians: Rachel Almada, Chase Eber, Jessica Fischer, Abbie Hayward, Audrey Hayward, Meloni Murph

Acolytes: Shahnaz Alam-Denlinger, Thomas Fischer

First Lesson: Shahnaz Alam-Denlinger

Psalm: Thomas Fischer

Second Lesson: Jon Dailey

Leader, Prayers of the People: Ted Denlinger

Verger: R.J. King

Ushers: Ted Denlinger, Jon Dailey

Coffee Hour: Fr. Murph's Retirement Luncheon

**Last week's attendance: 8:00: 29**

**10:30: 53**

**Total Donations: \$3,375.00**