

St. Thomas Memorial Church
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost:
Proper 12
The Holy Eucharist — Rite 2
July 26, 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

“Melodie”

Theodor Kirchner

Processional Hymn #410 “Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven”

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: 1 Kings 3:5-12

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

Psalm 119:129-136

The Second Lesson: Romans 8:26-39

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

Hymn #635 "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"

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 13:31-33, 44-52

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 I (Pg. 383, BCP)

Deacon or other leader:

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord have mercy”.
For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls,
let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all
peoples, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For our Bishops, especially Ketlen Solak, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the
Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the
Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For this town, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to
the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the good earth, which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let
us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let
us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those in our thoughts and for the sick, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and
captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have
mercy.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially Gail
Westermann, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the
Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us
pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Domenic Dozzi, Barbara Keeney,
Jack Middlemas, Josué Almada, and Jill Luck, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those celebrating their anniversaries this week, especially Dan & Hallie Isadore, let us
pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the ministries we support through Outreach, Shepherd's Heart, the Eucharistic Ministry, and for all our missionaries at home and abroad, to Your honor and glory, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the Pittsburgh Diocese, especially non-parochial clergy, including the Reverends Daniel Hall, Kathryn Lalonde, and Elizabeth Locher, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all men and women in the armed forces, and we pray, as your Son taught us, for our enemies. Let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of St. Thomas and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our Lord.

To Thee, O Lord our God.

(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

We welcome Mr. Scott Lynch, with Gideons International, today.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

“Shepherd” by CityAlight

Offered by soloist Doug Brannock

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 C (Pg. 369, BCP)

Priest The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Priest Lift up your hearts.
People *We lift them to the Lord.*
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

God of all power...you are worthy of praise.

Glory to you forever and ever.

At your command...and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements...and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again...to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By His blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Therefore, we praise you...to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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 371, BCP

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by Him...to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our fathers...that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises...from generation to generation. 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 #530 “Spread O Spread Thou Mighty Word”

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 #388 “O Worship the King”

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

“Postlude in E Flat”

Johann Rinck

**Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Gail Marie Westermann, by John & Kate Westermann.**

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. They are expected to resume again in September.

****** Vestry member Mitzi Fidler is leading evening prayer on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 – 7:00 pm in the church. All are welcome to attend.

****** The vestry is inviting all parishioners to a season of prayer for God's future for our parish during this transitional time. 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:

Acolytes: Richard Williams, Matthew Fischer

First Lesson: James Fischer

Psalm: Grace Murph

Second Lesson: Elaine Chilcote

Leader, Prayers of the People: Helen Askin

Verger: Theresa McClain

Ushers: Luke Krushinski, James Fischer

Coffee Hour Hostess: Kyria McClain

Last week's attendance: 8:00: 29

10:30: 38

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