

St. Thomas Memorial Church
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost:
Proper 13
The Holy Eucharist — Rite 2
August 2, 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”

Noel Rawsthorne

Processional Hymn #690 “Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah”

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 55:1-5

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

Psalm 145:8-9, 15-22

The Second Lesson: Romans 9:1-5

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

Hymn #565 "He Who Would Valiant Be"

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 14:13-21

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 II (Pg. 385, BCP)

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops, for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church. *(Silence)*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. *(Silence)*

I ask your prayers for the President and the Congress and our government. I ask your prayers for our enemies that all our hearts may be transformed. *(Silence)*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. *(Silence)*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him. *(Silence)*

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Kim Brannock. Pray for those who have died. *(Silence)*

I ask your prayers for the ministries we support through Outreach, Shepherd's Heart and the Eucharistic ministry, and for all our missionaries at home and abroad, to Your honor and glory. *(Silence)*

I ask your prayers for the Pittsburgh Diocese, especially retired clergy, including the Reverends William Geiger, Judith Gentle, John Golden Jr., Louis Hays, Carol Henley, and Marc Jacobson. *(Silence)*

I ask your prayers for all the men and women in the armed forces. *(Silence)*

Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present. *(Silence)*

I ask your thanksgiving for those celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Andrew Fischer, John Westermann, Rachel Almada, Nathaniel Kurzawa, Amelia Miguez, and Dan Isadore. *(Silence)*

I ask your thanksgiving for those celebrating their anniversaries this week, especially Gary & Beth Maxwell, and Matt & Pam Derby.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored, especially the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Thomas and all the saints. Pray that we may have grace to glorify

Christ in our own day. (*Silence*)

(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

“Jesus Messiah” by Chris Tomlin
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 #328 “Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord”

Hymn “I Belong to You”

Refrain: I am not my own, I belong to you. Everything I hope to be, I find in you.

Precious in your sight, my life belongs to you.

You're my only confidence, I belong to you.

In your mercy there is kindness, in your goodness I find grace.

In your wisdom, there is justice. In your presence I find joy. (Refrain)

To your mercy I surrender all my fears and my desires.

In my living, in my dying all my life is found in you. (Refrain)

By Gary Harger CCLI#940217

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 #432 "O Praise Ye The Lord!"

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

"Wacht Auf, Ruft Uns Die Stimme"

Johann Walther

**Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Kim Brannock, by Doug Brannock.**

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

** 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.

** Ladies of all ages are invited to join in fellowship and fun conversation on Thursday, Aug. 6 from 7-8:30 pm in the Guild Room. Refreshments are provided. Childcare available upon request. For more information or to request childcare, contact Darrell Powell at 412-828-0502 or DL7JP_2W8@yahoo.com.

** Philip A. Pew will be set up at the back of the church awaiting back to school items that will be used during the Blessing of the Backpacks on Aug. 30. Please consider filling up his pew with your donated items, such as pencils, pens, highlighters, crayons, markers, glue sticks, folders, 3-ring binder paper, etc..

** 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: Rachel Almada, Elisabeth Fischer, Andrew Fischer

First Lesson: Pam Derby

Psalm: Darrell Powell

Second Lesson: Julie King

Leader, Prayers of the People: Karleen Shepard

Verger: R.J. King

Ushers: Noah Hunter, Darrell Powell

Coffee Hour Hostess:

Last week's attendance: 8:00: 33
10:30: 52

Total Donations: \$2,561.00