

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**May 12, 2024**



**St. Thomas' Episcopal Church**  
**Camden, Maine**

## 8:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist, Rite I

*Children are always welcome in the church.*

*Please be sure your cell phone is inaudible.*

### Prelude

**Opening Hymn 214**                      Hail the day that sees him rise                      *Llanfair*

**Easter Acclamation**                      Book of Common Prayer, page 323

**The Collect for Purity**                      page 323

**Gloria**                      page 324

**Collect, Readings and Gospel** (*pages 3-5*)

**Sermon**                      Michael Douglas

**Nicene Creed**                      page 326

**Prayers of the People Form III**                      page 387

**Blessings for Anniversaries and Birthdays**

**The Peace**

**Offertory Voluntary**

**Offertory Hymn 328**                      Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord                      *Song 46*

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer I**                      page 333

**The Lord's Prayer**                      page 336

**The Breaking of the Bread**                      page 337

**Prayer of Humble Access**                      page 337

**The Communion**                      *This is God's table, all are welcome.*

*Gluten free wafers are available; ask the priest when you come to the altar rail.*

*You can request that Communion be brought to your pew by letting an usher know.*

**Communion Voluntary**

**Postcommunion Prayer**                      page 339

**Dismissal Hymn 477**                      All praise to thee                      *Engelberg*

**Dismissal**    *Response: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia*

**Postlude**



# 10:00 am – The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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## Prelude

**Opening Hymn 214** Hail the day that sees him rise *Llanfair*

**Easter Acclamation** Book of Common Prayer, page 355

**Gloria** (*insert in Hymnal*) *Robert Powell* Hymnal S280

**Collect and Readings** (*pages 3-4*)

**Sequence Hymn 817** (*page 4*)

**The Gospel** (*page 4-5*)

**Sermon** Michael Douglass

**Nicene Creed** page 358

**Prayers of the People Form III** page 387

**Blessings for Anniversaries and Birthdays** page 360

**The Peace** page 360

**Offertory**

**Offertory Hymn 328** Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord *Song 46*

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A** page 361

**Sanctus** (*insert in Hymnal*) *Robert Powell* Hymnal S129

**The Lord's Prayer** page 364

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**The Communion** *This is God's table, all are welcome*

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**Communion Voluntary**

**Postcommunion Prayer** page 365

**Dismissal Hymn 477** All praise to thee *Engelberg*

**Dismissal** *Response: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia*

**Postlude**



## The Collect

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

## The First Reading

**Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

## Psalm 1

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

## The Second Reading

1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

**Sequence Hymn 817**  
(10 a.m. Liturgy only)

Christ is Risen from the dead

*Early America, adapt*

(three times)

Christ is ri - sen from the dead, tramp - ling down death by death and on

those in the tombs be - stow - ing life, be - stow - ing life!

## The Gospel

John 17:6-19

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy

Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”



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**W***elcome visitors and newcomers; we are glad you are here! If you would like more information about the community of St. Thomas, please speak to a greeter or a member of the clergy. To receive information by email, please fill out a blue card found in the pew and give to an usher or place in the offering plate.*

### **Liturgical Ministers**

Celebrant: The Rev. Paul Briggs

Preacher: Michael Douglass

Organist: Clarissa Brown, Minister of Music

**8:00 a.m.**

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Pam Bardon

Lay Readers: Clarissa Brown

Intercessor: Amy Frankel, Pat Ayers

Usher: Isa Babb

**10 a.m.**

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Jacqueline Recht

Lay Readers: Doc Wallace, Haunani Wallace

Intercessor: Sue Foltz

Ushers: Roy Gilley

## People in our Prayers

**Healing:** Theo, Fr. Tom Pike, Edmund, Andrew, Jan Dolcater, Helene, John, Cheryl, Phyllis, Michael, Bob, Sylvia, Matthew Jackson, Marlene, Percy, Joan Grey, Bayard Chanler, Margery, Cathy, James, Jennifer Smith, Ken, Joseph, Kelli McGuire, Tony, Jo Panayotoff, Joyce S, Evie Bridges, Luke Morelli, Elizabeth and Gerard Gillespie, Leah, Tim Peters, Janice Boetsch, Lucy Ebbert, Shirley, Tiffany Andrews, Budge Walen, Chris, Sandy, Vicki Boetsch, Allison Davis, Catherine G, Annabel, Virginia

**Birthdays:** Gay Schueler (May 14)

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Patrick, Brewer, St. George, York Harbor, For postulants and candidates for Holy Orders in the Diocese of Maine

### ***This Week at St. Thomas'***

#### **Sunday, May 12:**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (*Coffee Hour Follows*)

4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer

#### **Wednesday, May 15:**

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Healing

11:00 a.m. Bible Study

#### **Thursday, May 16:**

5 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

#### **Saturday, May 18:**

9:00 a.m. Eucharist Minister Training

## **Pentecost Sunday, May 19:**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (*Coffee Hour Follows*)

4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer

*Do you read a language other than English and would you be willing to read Scripture in that language on Pentecost, May 19 at 8 a.m. or 10 a.m.? Please notify the office or contact [interimrector@stthomascamdenme.org](mailto:interimrector@stthomascamdenme.org) As we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit that day, remember that it is appropriate to wear something red.*

**A.A. meetings are held daily at 6:30 p.m.**

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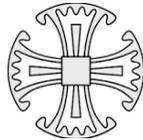
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