

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 11, 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 632 O Word of God Incarnate *Munich*

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Blessings for Anniversaries and Birthdays

The Peace

Offertory Hymn 318 Here O my Lord I See Thee Face to Face *Nyack*

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The Breaking of the Bread page 337

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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

Dismissal Hymn 392 Come We that Love the Lord *Vineyard Haven*

Dismissal Response: *Thanks be to God*

Postlude



10:00 am – The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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Prelude

Opening Hymn 632 O Word of God Incarnate *Munich*

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Gloria (*insert in Hymnal*) *William Mathias* Hymnal S278

Collect and Readings (*pages 3-4*)

Sequence Hymn 787 We are Marching in the Light of God (books will be in pews)

The Gospel (*page 4-5*)

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Offertory

Offertory Hymn 318 Here O my Lord I See Thee Face to Face *Nyack*

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Sanctus (*insert in Hymnal*)

The Lord's Prayer page 364

The Breaking of the Bread

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Postcommunion Prayer page 365

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Dismissal Response: *Thanks be to God*

Postlude



The Collect

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

The king, David, ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, “Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.” And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David.

Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.

And ten young men, Joab’s armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, “Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.” The king said to the Cushite, “Is it well with the young man Absalom?” The Cushite answered, “May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.”

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, “O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!”

Psalm 130

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.

- 4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
for with the LORD there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

The Second Reading

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Gospel

John 6:35, 41-51

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."



Sending Eucharistic Visitors Blessing

Eucharistic Visitors who are to take the Sacrament to the homebound approach the altar immediately following the Communion of the people. The Eucharistic Visitors are commended for this ministry with the following words:

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

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Liturgical Ministers

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Paul Briggs

Organist: Clarissa Brown

8:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Pam Bardon

Readers: Clarissa Brown, Pam Bardon

Intercessor: Pat Ayers

Usher: Peggy Daniels

10 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Jeff Conrad, Sarah Groman

Readers: Donovan Bowley, B.S.G., Sarah Groman

Intercessor: Jeff Conrad

Ushers: Dean Jackson, Phil Groman

People in our Prayers

Healing: Ruth Tolman, Fr. Tom Pike, Edmund, Andrew, Helene, John, Phyllis, Michael, Bob, Sylvia, Matthew Jackson, Marlene, Percy, Joan Grey, Bayard Chanler, Cathy, James, Jennifer Smith, Ken, Joseph, Kelli McGuire, Tony, Jo Panayotoff, Joyce S, Jan Schaefer, Christine & Paul M, Jason, Kristen, Jeanie, Cathie, Brian, Bob S., Jan Dolcater, 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, Pam Kaler, Margery, Nick, Stephanie

Birthdays: Shelley Gallender (August 15)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Ann, Kennebunkport; for the spouses, companions, and families of clergy in the diocese

This Week at St. Thomas'

Sunday, August 11:

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (*Coffee Hour Follows*)
4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer

Tuesday, August 13:

4:00 p.m. Outreach Meeting
6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, August 14:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Healing
11:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, August 17:

11:00 a.m. Summer Luncheon

Sunday, August 18:

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (*Coffee Hour Follows*)
4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer

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

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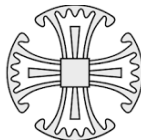
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