

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 18, 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 293 I Sing a Song of the Saints of God *Grand Isle*

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Blessings for Anniversaries and Birthdays

The Peace

Offertory Hymn 60 How Great Thou Art *LEVAS*

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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 410 Praise My Soul the King of Heaven *Lauda anima*

Dismissal Response: *Thanks be to God*

Postlude



10:00 am – The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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Prelude

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

Collect and Readings (*pages 3-4*)

Sequence Hymn 633 Word of God Come Down on Earth *Mt. St. Alban NCA*

The Gospel (*page 4-5*)

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Offertory

Offertory Hymn 60 LEVAS How Great Thou Art *Swedish Folk Melody*

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Hymn 255 LEAVS *Sanctus*

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The Breaking of the Bread

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Dismissal Response: *Thanks be to God*

Postlude



The Collect

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

Psalm 111

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

- 2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.

The Second Reading

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel

John 6:51-58

Jesus said, “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.”

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my

flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

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.



Welcome visitors and newcomers; we are glad you are here! Fill out a blue visitor card found in the pew and give to an usher or place in the offering plate or speak to a greeter or usher. We look forward to connecting with you.

Liturgical Ministers

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Paul Briggs

Organist: Clarissa Brown

8:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Amy Frankel

Readers: Amy Frankel, Edmund Hartt

Intercessor: Terry Mello

Usher: Edmund Hartt

10 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Bill Freeman, Jacqueline Recht

Readers: Doc Wallace, Haunani Wallace

Intercessor: Bill Freeman

Ushers: Cheryl Reif, Cheryl White

Bread baker: Benjy Lowry

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People in our Prayers

Healing: Ruth Tolman, Fr. Tom Pike, Edmund, Andrew, Helene, John, Phyllis, Michael, Bob, Sylvia, Matthew Jackson, Marlene, Percy, Joan Grey, 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, Alexandra

Birthdays: Anne Ayers (August 20), Carlos Mello (August 23)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Christ Church Dark Harbor, Isleboro; and for the victims of human trafficking and those working to combat it

This Week at St. Thomas'

Sunday, August 18:

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

Wednesday, August 21:

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

Sunday, August 25:

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

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

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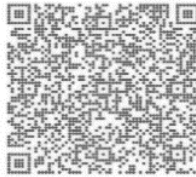
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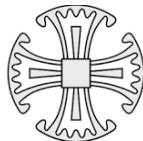
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Anne Rogers-Popejoy, *Vestry Clerk*

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