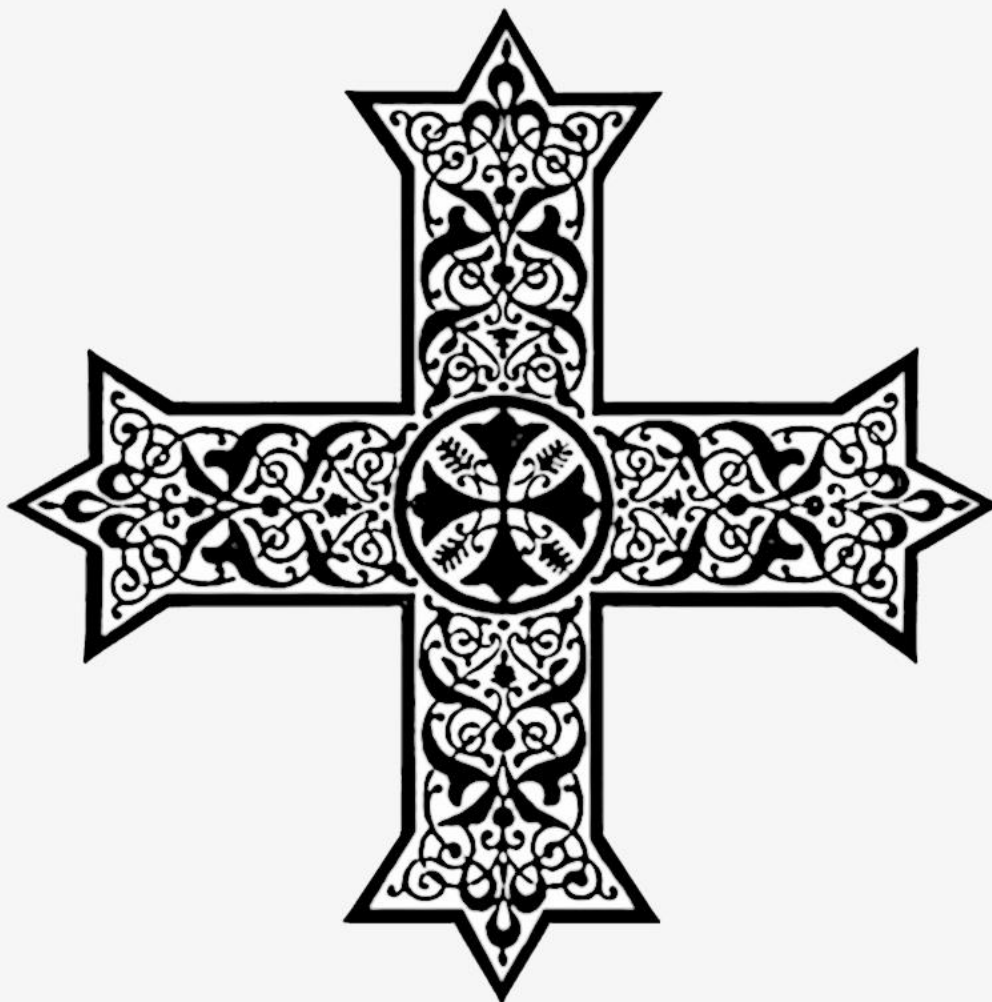


# The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 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 416** For the beauty of the earth *Lucerna Laudoniae*

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**Offertory Hymn 380** From all that dwell *Old 100th*

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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** page 339

**Dismissal Hymn 493** O for a thousand tongues *Azmon*

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

**Postlude**



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

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## Prelude

**Opening Hymn 416** For the beauty of the earth *Lucerna Laudoniae*

**Acclamation Response:** *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen* page 355

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

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

**Sequence Hymn 429** I'll praise my maker while I've breath *Old 113th*

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

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**Offertory**

**Offertory Hymn 380** From all that dwell *Old 100th*

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**Hymn 255 LEVAS** *Sanctus*

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**The Breaking of the Bread**

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## The Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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

## Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

## Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10

- 1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;  
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; \*  
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.
- 2 You are the fairest of men; \*  
grace flows from your lips,  
because God has blessed you for ever.
- 7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, \*  
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;  
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.
- 8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you \*  
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.
- 9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, \*  
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.
- 10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; \*  
on your right hand is the queen,  
adorned with the gold of Ophir.

## The Second Reading

James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

## The Gospel

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.”

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”



*Welcome 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 & Preacher: The Rev. Paul Briggs

Organist: Jim Swist

**8:00 a.m.**

Eucharistic Minister: Amy Frankel

Readers: Terry Mello, Amy Frankel

Intercessor: Jan Lyle

Usher: Carlos Mello

**10 a.m.**

Eucharistic Minister: Grayce Sivigny, Jacqueline Recht

Readers: Gwen Prosser, Jacqueline Recht

Intercessor: Donovan Bowley, B.S.G

Ushers: Dean Jackson, Jim Ebbert

### ***People in our Prayers***

**Healing:** Warren and Ginny Terrell, 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., Gary P., 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, Kyle R.

**Birthdays:** Pam Bardon (September 4), Deborah Whittaker (September 7)

**Preparing for Baptism:** Miles Aiden Campbell; **Expecting a Child:** Derek and Avery Reed

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Grace Church, Bath; for all who labor and work; and for all who seek the dignity of meaningful employment

**Those who have died:** Jennifer Harrell

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

**Sunday, September 1**

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

**Wednesday, September 4**

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

**Saturday, September 7**

2:00 p.m. Jennifer Harrell Memorial Service

**Sunday, September 8**

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

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

***Upcoming***

One Service at 9 a.m. Sunday, September 29 followed by conversation on bell tower repair.

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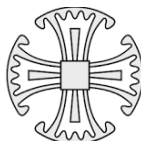
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