

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 22, 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 492 Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness *Finnian*

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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

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Dismissal Hymn 488 Be Thou my vision *Slane*

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*) Hymnal S278 *William Mathias*

Collect and Readings (*pages 3-4*)

Sequence Hymn 209 We Walk by faith and not by sight *St. Botolph*

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Offertory

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Hymn 255 LEVAS (*insert in pew*) *Sanctus*

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The Breaking of the Bread

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The Collect

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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

Proverbs 31:10-31

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant girls. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands, she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night.

She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

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

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”



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The flowers this morning are given by Terry and Carlos Mello to the Glory of God and in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary.

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: Clarissa Brown

8:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Pam Bardon

Readers: Pam Bardon, Clarissa Brown

Intercessor: Jan Lyle

Usher: Jan Lyle

10 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Roy Gilley, Sarah Groman

Readers: Sarah Groman, Kate Jackson

Intercessor: Dean Jackson

Ushers: Dean Jackson, Phil Groman

People in our Prayers

Healing: Lynne, Anna and her child Brody, Warren and Ginny Terrell, Ruth Tolman, 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., Fr. Tom Pike, Jan Dolcater, Evie Bridges, Luke Morelli, Leah, Tim Peters, Janice Boetsch, Lucy Ebbert, Shirley, Tiffany Andrews, Budge Walen, Chris, Sandy, Vicki Boetsch, Catherine G, Annabel, Virginia, Pam Kaler, Margery, Nick, Stephanie, Kyle R., Marilyn Smith, Ned Bachus, Kathleen Bachus

Expecting a Child: Avery and Derek Reed

Birthdays: Pam Bardon (4), Deborah Whittaker (7), Diane Purkey (12), Lucy Ebbert (17), Ruth Tolman (18), Evie Bridges (19), Tiffany Andrews (24)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Christ Church, Norway; and for immigrants and refugees and the ministries that serve them

This Week at St. Thomas'

Sunday, September 22:

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

Wednesday, September 25:

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

Thursday, September 26:

6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 29:

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist- ONE SERVICE ONLY
10:00 a.m. Parish Meeting on Bell Tower
4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer

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

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, October 19:

4:30 p.m.– 6:30 p.m. Lasagna Dinner: Please make a reservation on our website or in the sunroom

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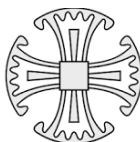
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