

**The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost  
October 13, 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 423    Immortal, Invisible    *St. Denio*

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The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II    page 340

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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 707    Take my life and let it be    *Hollingside*

Dismissal Response: *Thanks be to God*

Postlude



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

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## Prelude

**Opening Hymn 423**      Immortal, Invisible      *St. Denio*

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

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

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

**Sequence Hymn 624**      What does the Lord Require      *Sharptborne*

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

**Sermon**      The Rev. Paul Briggs

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**Offertory**

**Offertory Hymn 686**      Come Thou Fount      *Nettleton*

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

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

**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 707**      Take my life and let it be      *Hollingside*

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

**Postlude**



## The Collect

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The First Reading

**Job 23:1-9, 16-17**

Job said:

"Today also my complaint is bitter;  
his hand is heavy despite my groaning.  
Oh, that I knew where I might find him,  
that I might come even to his dwelling!  
I would lay my case before him,  
and fill my mouth with arguments.  
I would learn what he would answer me,  
and understand what he would say to me.  
Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?  
No; but he would give heed to me.  
There an upright person could reason with him,  
and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.  
"If I go forward, he is not there;  
or backward, I cannot perceive him;  
on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;  
I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.  
God has made my heart faint;  
the Almighty has terrified me;  
If only I could vanish in darkness,  
and thick darkness would cover my face!"

## Psalm 22:1-15

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \*  
and are so far from my cry  
and from the words of my distress?

- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \*  
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, \*  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; \*  
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; \*  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, \*  
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 "He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; \*  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \*  
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \*  
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \*  
and there is none to help.
- 12 Many young bulls encircle me; \*  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me, \*  
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water;  
all my bones are out of joint; \*  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;  
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; \*  
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

## The Second Reading

## Hebrews 4:12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## The Gospel

**Mark 10:17-31**

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”



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The flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Juliette Surprise.

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: Pat Ayers

Usher: Peggy Daniels

**10 a.m.**

Eucharistic Minister: Benjy Lowry, Shelly Gallendar

Readers: Benjy Lowry, Doc Wallace

Intercessor: Haunani Wallace

Ushers: Bobby Purkey, Diane Purkey

## **People in our Prayers**

**Healing:** Roy G., Carolyn Moore, Debra and Amy, Ned and Kathleen Bachus, 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.

**October Birthdays:** Rosalee Glass (1), Lucy Lowry (6), Rebecca Vogt (7), Chris Groman (9), Bill Conrad (14), Phyllis Barry (17), Stephen Thomas (17), BC Lowry (18), Polly Chatfield (19), Nancy Wright (25), Kathleen Buchanan (27)

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Paul, Brunswick; for those serving in lay liturgical ministries; and for Seeds of Hope Neighborhood Center in Biddeford

## *This Week at St. Thomas'*

### **Sunday, October 13:**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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

4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (*Lady Chapel*)

### **Monday, October 14:**

Parish office will be closed in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day

### **Tuesday, October 15:**

10:00 a.m. Finance and Endowment Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, October 16:**

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

**Thursday, October 17:**

6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, October 19:**

4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. Lasagna Dinner (*Parish Hall*)

**Sunday, October 20:**

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

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

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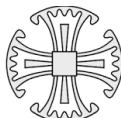
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