

**The Twenty-second Sunday after
Pentecost
October 20, 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 535 Ye Servants of God Paderborn

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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 629 We Limit not the truth of God *Halifax*

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 3-5*)

Sequence Hymn LEVAS 99 My Hope is Built *My hope is built*

The Gospel (*page 5*)

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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

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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

Job 38:1-7

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone
when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul; *
O LORD my God, how excellent is your greatness!
you are clothed with majesty and splendor.
- 2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak *
and spread out the heavens like a curtain.
- 3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; *
you make the clouds your chariot;
you ride on the wings of the wind.
- 4 You make the winds your messengers *
and flames of fire your servants.
- 5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, *
so that it never shall move at any time.

6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; *
the waters stood higher than the mountains.

7 At your rebuke they fled; *
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, *
to the places you had appointed for them.

9 You set the limits that they should not pass; *
they shall not again cover the earth.

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

37b Hallelujah!

The Second Reading

Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized,

you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”



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The altar flowers are given by Dean and Kate Jackson to the Glory of God in memory of Chester J. Robbins.

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.

Our pledge campaign for 2025 is now underway and we invite you to make a pledge for the work of Christ through St. Thomas’ Church between now and November 3. You can do this online or by filling out a card (available at the back of the church or at the welcome table in the sunroom). Use the Proportional Giving chart to help you think about your offering to assist in God’s work. And plan now to join us for a celebration between services on November 10. There will be a selection of homemade pies to enjoy along with good fellowship as we thank God for giving us all that we need to complete God’s work in the coming year.

Liturgical Ministers

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Paul Briggs

Organist: Clarissa Brown

8:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Pam Bardon

Readers: Pam Bardon, Edmund Hartt

Intercessor: Jan Lyle

Usher: Edmund Hartt

10 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Jeff Conrad, Sarah Groman

Readers: Sarah Groman, Kate Jackson

Intercessor: Jeff Conrad

Ushers: Dean Jackson, Phil Groman

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., Greg McDermott

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. Luke, Wilton; and for all who are preparing for the 205th Convention of the Diocese of Maine, especially our delegates, Br. Donovan Bowley, Grayce Sivigny, and Fr. Paul Briggs.

This Week at St. Thomas'

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*)

Wednesday, October 23:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Healing (*Lady Chapel*)

11:00 a.m. Bible Study

Thursday, October 24:

6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 25:

10:00 a.m. Community Thanksgiving Planning Meeting (*Conference Room*)

Sunday, October 27:

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

One Service only today followed by Bell Tower Conversation in the Parish Hall.

4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer

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

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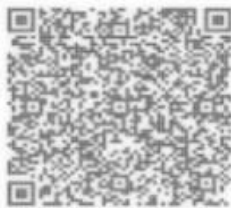
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Br. Donovan Bowley, BSG, *Junior Warden*

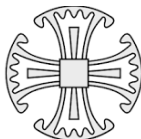
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