

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
October 27, 2024



St. Thomas' Episcopal Church
Camden, Maine

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*Children are always welcome in the church.
Please be sure your cell phone is inaudible.*

Prelude

Opening Hymn 635 If thou but trust in God *Wer nur den lieben Gott*

Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer, page 355

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

Children and Chaplain come forward for children's chapel

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 42:1-6, 10-17

Job answered the LORD:

“I know that you can do all things,
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.
‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.
‘Hear, and I will speak;
I will question you, and you declare to me.’
I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,
but now my eye sees you;
therefore I despise myself,
and repent in dust and ashes.”

And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers

and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

Psalm 34:1-8

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

The Second Reading

Hebrews 7:23-28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to

offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Sequence Hymn 636

How firm a foundation

Foundation

The Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Sermon

The Rev. Paul Briggs

Nicene Creed

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The Peace

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Offertory

Offertory Hymn 652

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Hymn 255 LEVAS (*insert in Pen*)

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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

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Blessing

Dismissal Hymn 655 O Jesus I have promised

Nyland

The Dismissal

Postlude

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The altar flowers this morning are given by Haunani and Doc Wallace to the glory of God and in memory of all those devastated by the recent hurricanes.

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 it 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

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Bill Freeman, Sandy Lyle

Lay Readers: Amy Frankel, Clarissa Brown

Intercessor: Bill Freeman

Ushers: Cheryl Reif, Cheryl White

People in our Prayers

Healing: Denis, 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., Greg McDermott, 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

For those who have died: Roy Gilley

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), Doc Wallace (27)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Peter, Bridgton; for civil discourse during a time of election; and for the staff and volunteers who attend to the administrative needs of our churches

This Week at St. Thomas'

Sunday, October 27:

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II (*Coffee Hour Follows*)

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

11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

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

Wednesday, October 30:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Healing

11:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, After All Saints Day, November 3:

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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

11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

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

Next Sunday we will celebrate the festival of All Saints. You are invited to bring photos of deceased loved ones. We will have a table to place them on prior to the service.

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

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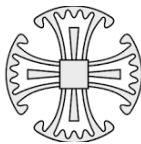
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