

**The First Sunday of Advent
December 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.*

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	<i>Gluten-free wafers are available; ask the priest when you come to the altar rail.</i>
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10:00 am – The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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Prelude

Opening Hymn 57 *Lo! he comes with clouds descending* *Helmsley*

Opening Acclamation *Book of Common Prayer, page 355*

Kyrie *Hymnal S96* *Franz Peter Schubert*

Collect and Readings (*pages 3-4*)

Sequence Hymn 54 *Saviour of the nations, come!* *Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland*

The Gospel (*pages 4-5*)

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Announcements

Offertory

Offertory Hymn 53 *Once he came in blessing* *Gottes Sohn ist kommen*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B *page 367*

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy (*S130 in Hymnal*) *Franz Peter Schubert*

The Lord's Prayer *page 364*

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei (*S164 in Hymnal*) *Franz Peter Schubert*

The Communion *This is God's table, all are welcome.*

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Communion Voluntary

Postcommunion Prayer *page 366*

Blessing

The Dismissal**Postlude****The Collect**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading**Jeremiah 33:14-16**

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Psalm 25:1-9

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may

have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."



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Liturgical Ministers

Celebrant & Preacher: Ted Kanellakis

Organist: Clarissa Brown

8:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Pam Bardon

Readers: Pat Ayers, Amy Frankel

Intercessor: Pam Bardon

Usher: Isa Babb

10 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Benjy Lowry, Shelly Gallender

Readers: Sarah Groman, Jeff Conrad

Intercessor: Jacqueline Recht

Ushers: Bobby Purkey, Diane Purkey

People in our Prayers

Healing: Andrew Moran, Carlos, Donovan, Carolyn Moore, Debra and Amy, Ned and Kathleen Bachus, Lynne, Anna and her child Brody, Warren and Ginny Terrell, Ruth Tolman, Helene, John, Phyllis, Michael, Bob, Sylvia, Matthew Jackson, Marlene, Percy, Joan Grey, Cathy, James, 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, Ezra, Chris Strazzulla

December Birthdays: Carolyn Moore (4), Melinda Wildes (18), Susan Foltz (20), Patricia Ayers (22), Gwen Prosser (22), Christopher Glass (27), Millie Crocker (28), Bobby Purkey (31)

This Week at St. Thomas'

First Sunday of Advent, December 1

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (*Coffee Hour Follows*)
- 11:15 Christmas Creche Set-up
- 11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (*choir room*)
- 4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (*Lady Chapel*)

Wednesday, December 4:

- 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Healing (*Lady Chapel*)
- 11:00 a.m. Bible Study (*online*)

Thursday, December 5:

- 5:30 p.m. Advent parish potluck with Bishop Thomas Brown bring your favorite dish to share.

Sunday, December 8:

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with special guest preacher, Saint Nicholas (*Coffee Hour Follows*)
- 11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (*choir room*)
- 4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (*Lady Chapel*)

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

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