

**The Second Sunday of Advent  
December 8, 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 Acclamation** Book of Common Prayer, page 323

**The Collect for Purity** page 323

**Kyrie** page 324

**Collect, Readings and Gospel** (*pages 3-5*)

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**Offertory Hymn 73** The King shall come when Morning dawns *St. Stephen*

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer I** page 333

**The Lord's Prayer** page 336

**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.*

**Postcommunion Prayer** page 339

**Blessing**

**The Dismissal**

**Postlude**



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

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## Prelude

**Opening Hymn 75**      There's a voice in the wilderness calling      *Ascension*

**Opening Acclamation**      Book of Common Prayer, page 355

**Kyrie**      Hymnal S96      *Franz Peter Schubert*

**Collect and Readings** (*pages 3-5*)

**Sequence Hymn 76**      On Jordan's Bank      *Winchester New*

**The Gospel** (*page 5*)

**Sermon**      Saint Nicholas

**Nicene Creed**      page 358

**Prayers of the People Form II**      page 385

**Prayers for birthdays, anniversaries, travel etc.**

**Confession and Absolution**      page 360

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**Announcements**

**Offertory**

**Offertory Hymn 73**      The King shall come when Morning dawns      *St. Stephen*

**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*

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**Blessing**

**Dismissal Hymn 72**      Hark the glad sound the saviour comes!      *Richmond*

**The Dismissal**

## Postlude



## The Collect

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## The First Reading

**Baruch 5:1-9**

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,  
and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.

Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;  
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;  
for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven.

For God will give you evermore the name,  
"Righteous Peace, Godly Glory."

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;  
look toward the east,  
and see your children gathered from west and east  
at the word of the Holy One,  
rejoicing that God has remembered them.

For they went out from you on foot,  
led away by their enemies;  
but God will bring them back to you,  
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low  
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,  
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

The woods and every fragrant tree  
have shaded Israel at God's command.

For God will lead Israel with joy,  
in the light of his glory,  
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

## Canticle 16

## The Song of Zechariah

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Second Reading

## Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

## The Gospel

## Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."



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## ***Liturgical Ministers***

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Paul Briggs

Organist: Clarissa Brown

**8:00 a.m.**

Eucharistic Minister: Amy Frankel

Readers: Edmund Hartt, Clarissa Brown

Intercessor: Pat Ayers

Usher: Peggy Daniels

**10 a.m.**

Eucharistic Minister: Doc Wallace, Jeff Conrad

Readers: Haunani Wallace, Sarah Groman

Intercessor: Bill Freeman

Ushers: Jim Ebbert, Lucy Ebbert

## **People in our Prayers**

**Healing:** Mya Delisle, 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)

**Diocese Cycle of Prayer:** St. Martin's, Palmyra, St. Nicholas', Scarborough, For the work of Episcopal Relief and Development

## ***This Week at St. Thomas'***

### **Second Sunday of Advent, December 8:**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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

11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (*choir room*)

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

**Tuesday, December 10:**

10:00 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting (*conference room*)  
6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting (*conference room*)

**Wednesday, December 11:**

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

**Third Sunday of Advent, December 15:**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (*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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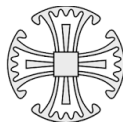
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