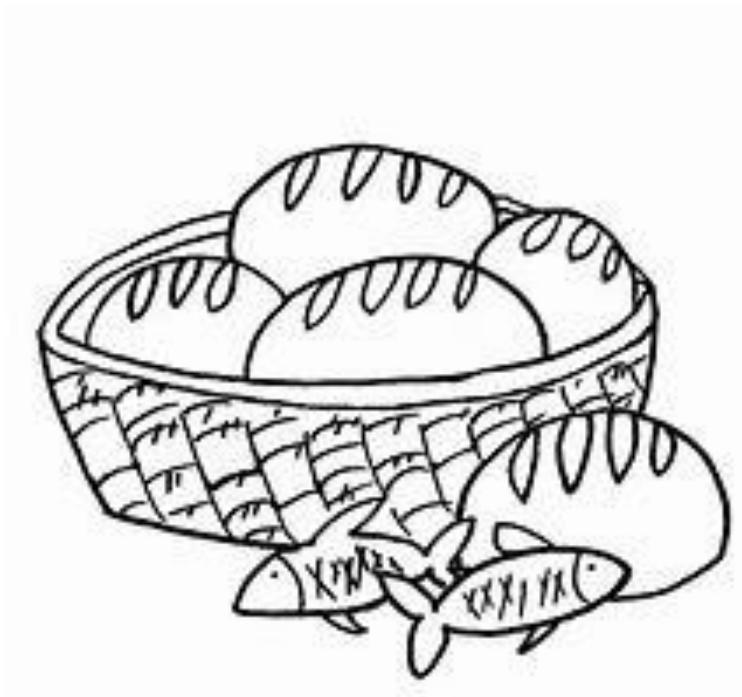


**The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 4, 2024**



**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 522**                      Glorious things of thee                      *Austria*

**Acclamation Response:** *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen*                      page 323

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**Blessings for Anniversaries and Birthdays**

**The Peace**

**Offertory Hymn 335**                      O am the bread of life                      *I am the bread of life*

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II**                      page 340

**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.*

**Communion Voluntary**

**Postcommunion Prayer**                      page 339

**Dismissal Hymn 529**                      In Christ there is no East or West                      *McKee*

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

**Postlude**





## The Collect

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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

## 2 Samuel 11:26-12-13a

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD, and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man’s lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.” Then David’s anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, “As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.”

Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master’s house, and your master’s wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.” David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.”

## Psalm 51:1-13

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

## The Second Reading

## Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some

evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

## The Gospel

## John 6:24-35

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”



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## *Liturgical Ministers*

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Paul Briggs

Organist: Clarissa Brown

**8:00 a.m.**

Eucharistic Minister: Amy Frankel

Readers: Amy Frankel, Pat Ayers

Intercessor: Jan Lyle

Usher: Peggy Daniels

**10 a.m.**

Eucharistic Minister: Dean Jackson, Roy Gilley

Readers: Dean Jackson, Kate Jackson

Intercessor: Gwen Prosser

Ushers: Jim Ebbert, Mike Moore

## **People in our Prayers**

**Healing:** Ruth Tolman, Fr. Tom Pike, 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, Kyle R., Christine & Paul M, Jason, Kristen, Julia, Jeanie, Cathie, Brian, Sandy Lyle, Dena Grass, Jan Dolcater, Evie Bridges, Luke Morelli, Elizabeth and Gerard Gillespie, Leah, Tim Peters, Janice Boetsch, Lucy Ebbert, Shirley, Tiffany Andrews, Budge Walen, Chris, Sandy, Vicki Boetsch, Allison Davis, Catherine G, Annabel, Virginia, Pam Kaler, Margery, Nick

**Birthdays:** Phil Groman (August 9)

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Christopher by the Sea, Winter Harbor; St. George's Chapel, Tenants Harbor; and for those incarcerated, those who love them, and those who minister to them.

**For those who have died:** Guy Chamberlin and Bayard Chanler

## *This Week at St. Thomas'*

### **Sunday, August 4:**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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

4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer

### **Wednesday, August 7:**

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Healing

11:00 a.m. Bible Study

### **Sunday, August 11:**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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

4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer

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

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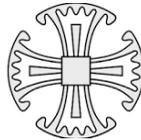
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