

The Sunday After All Saints' Day

November 3, 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 293 I sing a song of the saints of God *Grand Isle*

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Ministry Minute Speaker

Sermon The Rev. Paul Briggs

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Prayers of the People

Leader: Holy God,

People: Make us Holy.

Blessings for Anniversaries and Birthdays

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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

Postcommunion Prayer page 339

Dismissal Hymn 287 For all the Saints *Sine Nomine*

Dismissal Response: *Thanks be to God*

Postlude

10:00 am – The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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

Collect and Readings (*pages 3-4*)

Sequence Hymn 429 I'll Praise my maker while I've breath *Old 113th*

The Gospel (*page 4-5*)

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Offertory

Offertory Hymn 286 Who are these like stars approaching *Zeuch Mich, Zeuch, Mich*

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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 merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

Ruth 1:1-18

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said,

“Do not press me to leave you
or to turn back from following you!
Where you go, I will go;
Where you lodge, I will lodge;

your people shall be my people,
and your God my God.

Where you die, I will die—
there will I be buried.

May the Lord do thus and so to me,
and more as well,

if even death parts me from you!”

When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

Psalm 146

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul! *

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.

7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The LORD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

The Second Reading

Hebrews 9:11-14

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

The Gospel

Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard the Sadducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’ —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.



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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.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Phil and Sarah Groman in loving memory of Skip Groman.

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 (by filling out a card available at the back of the church or in the sunroom). Use the Proportional Giving chart to help you think about your offering to assist in

God's work and join us for an ingathering celebration in the Parish Hall 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.

The Rev. Paul Tunkle will be our guest celebrant and preacher next Sunday, November 10 at 8 & 10 a.m. Fr. Briggs will be away for the week.

Liturgical Ministers

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Paul Briggs

Organist: Clarissa Brown

8:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Sandy Lyle

Readers: Pat Ayers, Clarissa Brown

Intercessor: Sandy Lyle

Usher: Jan Lyle

10 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Bill Freeman, Grayce Sivigny

Readers: Donovan Bowley, B.S.G., Gwen Prosser

Intercessor: Jacqueline Recht

Ushers: Jim Ebbert, Lucy Ebbert

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, 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

For those who have died: Jennifer Smith, Roy Gilley, Yaroslava, Skip Groman

November Birthdays: Bill Freeman (1), Ray Adams (3), Mable Colby (4), Minnie Biggs (4), Connie Bock (6), Sandy Lyle (10), Priscilla Granston (11), Jan Dolcater (14), Jeff Conrad (16), Jan Gilley (23), Susan Fockler (24), Amy Frankel (24), Edmund Hartt (27), Kay Lehr (28), Lance Buchanan (29)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Bartholomew, Yarmouth, St. Mark, Waterville, For farmers and the harvest

This Week at St. Thomas'

Sunday, November 3

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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

11:30 a.m. Acolyte Training (*Chancel*)

11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

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

Tuesday, November 5

Election Day

Wednesday, November 6

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

11:00 a.m. Bible Study (*online*)

Sunday, November 10

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:00 a.m. Ingathering Celebration (*Parish Hall*)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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

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

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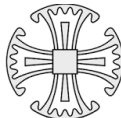
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Br. Donovan Bowley, BSG, *Junior Warden*

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