

**Recovery Sunday**  
**The Last Sunday after Pentecost**  
**November 24, 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 433**                      We gather together                      *Nederlandsch Gedenckclank*

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

**The Collect for Purity**                      page 323

**Kyrie**                      page 324

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

**Sermon**                      Jack D.

**Nicene Creed**                      page 326

**A Litany of Healing**

**Confession of Sin**                      page 331

**Blessings for Anniversaries and Birthdays**

**The Peace**

**Offertory Hymn 380**                      From all that dwell below the skies                      *Old 110th*

**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.*

**Postcommunion Prayer**                      page 339

**Serenity Prayer & Blessing** (*page 3, bulletin*)

**Dismissal Hymn 291** We plow the fields and scatter                      *Wir pflugen*

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

**Postlude**



## Serenity Prayer & Blessing

*All:* God grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

*Celebrant:* Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time. Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace. Taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as we would have it. Trusting that You will make all things right if we surrender to your will, so we will be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with you forever in the next. The blessing...

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*Wir pflügen*

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

## Postlude



## The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## A Reading from the Book of Revelation [1:4b-8]

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

## The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John [18:33-37]

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### Prayers of the People: A Litany of Healing

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

*The People audibly name those for whom they are interceding. A Person appointed then leads the Litany*

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

***We praise you and thank you, O Lord.***

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

***We praise you and thank you, O Lord.***

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

***We praise you and thank you, O Lord.***

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

***We praise you and thank you, O Lord.***

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole; ***Hear us, O Lord of life.***

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

***Hear us, O Lord of life.***

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

***Hear us, O Lord of life.***

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

***Hear us, O Lord of life.***

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

***Hear us, O Lord of life.***

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world; ***Hear us, O Lord of life.***

You are the Lord who does wonders: ***You have declared your power among the peoples.***

With you, O Lord, is the well of life: ***And in your light we see light.***

Hear us, O Lord of life: ***Heal us, and make us whole.***

Let us pray.

*A period of silence follows.*

*The Celebrant says*

Open us to your healing power, O God. We entrust ourselves to your care, knowing that you are doing for us and for all the world far better things than we can ask or imagine. With you as our companion and guide, strengthen us to hope for all that is good, and to fear no evil. For your love is stronger than death, and your faithfulness reaches to the heavens; and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and to the ages of ages. Amen.



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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.

We are blessed to welcome Jack D. as our speaker this morning, as we celebrate Recovery Sunday.

### ***Liturgical Ministers***

Celebrant: The Rev. Paul Briggs

Organist: Clarissa Brown

**8:00 a.m.**

Eucharistic Minister: Sandy Lyle

Readers: Edmund Hartt

Intercessor: Sandy Lyle

Usher: Edmund Hartt

**10 a.m.**

Eucharistic Minister: Dean Jackson, Jacqueline Recht

Reader: Gwen Prosser

Intercessor: Sue Foltz

Ushers: Cheryl Reif, Cheryl White

**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

**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:** Trinity, Saco; for the Commission on Ministry; for Seeds of Hope Neighborhood Center in Biddeford

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

**Sunday, November 24**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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

11:15 a.m. Preparing for St. Nick's visit (*Parish Hall*)

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

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

**Wednesday, November 27**

9:30 a.m. No Eucharist today (*Fr. Briggs away*)

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

**Thursday, November 28**

2:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Dinner

**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*)

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

## Upcoming

**Sunday, December 1** - The Rev. Ted Kanellakis will be our celebrant and preacher.

**Thursday, December 5** – Join us for an Advent parish potluck with Bishop Thomas Brown beginning at 5:30 p.m. and bring your favorite dish to share.

**Sunday, December 8** - Saint Nicholas will be our special guest preacher at 10 a.m.

## Christmas Eve Services, December 24

4 p.m. Pageant & Eucharist  
7 p.m. Festival Choral Eucharist with Mid-coast Brass Quintet

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