

# The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 13, 2025 10 a.m.



## The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

*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 visitor card found in the pew and give to an usher or place in the offering plate.*

### Prelude

Deux Chorales  
Chorale Dorien  
Chorale Phrygien

Jehan ALAIN  
(1911-1940)

### Entrance Hymn 390

Praise to the Lord

*Lobe den Herren*

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
join the great throng,  
psalter, organ, and song,  
sounding in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously  
reigneth:  
borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen  
how all thou needest hath been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and  
defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;  
ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do,  
who with his love doth befriend thee.

4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises  
before him!  
Let the amen  
sound from his people again;  
gladly for ever adore him.

### Opening Acclamation (Book of Common Prayer, p. 355)

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Celebrant may say*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*As we sing the Gloria, those participating in Children's Chapel may make their way forward.*

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -

might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*The Celebrant says to the congregation*

Will you pray for these young people and chaplains as they hear and receive God's Word?

*People* **We will.**

*The Celebrant then says to the chapel participants*

Will you pray for us as we hear and receive God's Word?

*Chapel Participants* **We will.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Deacon* Go in peace.

## The Lessons

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy [30:9-14]

Moses said to the people of Israel, <sup>9</sup>“The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, <sup>10</sup>when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

<sup>11</sup>Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. <sup>12</sup>It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ <sup>13</sup>Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ <sup>14</sup>No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.”

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

People            **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 25:1-9

*Remain seated.*

Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)



<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

<sup>3</sup>Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.

<sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

<sup>8</sup>He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.

*Second half*

<sup>9</sup>All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Colossus [1:1-14]

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

<sup>2</sup>To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup>In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup>for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup>because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup>that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. <sup>7</sup>This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, <sup>8</sup>and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup>For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

*All stand and sing.*

Sequence Hymn 603

When Christ was lifted

*St. Botolph*

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his  
2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and  
3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -  
4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may  
arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,  
al - ways, near or far, he calls and claims us  
vide us to our shame, he sees not la - bels  
I in Christ be free to wel - come and ac -  
ev - every birth, to draw an an - swering love.  
as his friends and loves us as we are.  
but a face, a per - son, and a name.  
cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke [10:25-37]

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>25</sup>Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup>He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

<sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

### **The Creed**

*All stand.*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

*All remain standing.*

If we live by the Spirit, brothers and sisters, let us also be guided by the Spirit. And, guided by the Spirit, let us lift our prayers to the Lord, saying, “We cry aloud to you; *O God, hear us.*”

We give you thanks, O God, that for freedom Christ has set us free. Though at times it challenges our patience, we also give you thanks for the freedom, through love, to become servants of one another.

*Silence*

We cry aloud to you;

**O God, hear us.**

Gracious God, give us the will and the strength to prepare the way for your Kingdom to come. May love heal our factions and peace overcome strife.

*Silence*

We cry aloud to you;

**O God, hear us.**

Your paths are in the great waters, mighty Redeemer. We thank you that by the waters of baptism you have made us members of your household.

*Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence*

We cry aloud to you;

**O God, hear us.**

Lord Jesus, you rebuked your disciples James and John when they desired the destruction of others. Instill in us gentleness and self-control that we might learn to love even those with whom we strongly disagree.

*Silence*

We cry aloud to you;

**O God, hear us.**

You are the God who works wonders. We offer to you our sincere prayers for our hurting loved ones. Work wonders in their hearts and lives, we pray.

*Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence*

We cry aloud to you;

**O God, hear us.**

By your strength, O God, you redeem your people. Lead us by your Spirit and make us fit for your heavenly Kingdom.

*Silence*

We cry aloud to you;

**O God, hear us.**

*Prayers for birthdays, anniversaries, travel may be offered.*

## Confession of Sin

*The Deacon says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*        And also with you.

*Necessary announcements may be made; the people may be seated.*

## The Holy Communion



*Online Offerings: Scan the QR Code or click the Donate Button on our website*  
[www.stthomascamden.org](http://www.stthomascamden.org)

*This morning we make a special offering for the relief of people affected by the deadly floods in Texas. Checks should be made to St. Thomas' Church and clearly marked in the memo line "Texas Flood Relief".*

*All stand and sing.*

### Offertory Hymn 304

I come with joy

*Land of Rest*

*Unison or harmony*

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

## The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)

Book of Common Prayer, page 361

*The People remain standing.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and God of might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**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.*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**Blessing**

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Deacon

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Litanies

Jehan ALAIN

### ***Liturgical Ministers***

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Paul Briggs  
Deacon: The Rev. Kristen Burkholder  
Guest Organist: Dr. James Higdon  
Eucharistic Ministers: Derek Reed, Jacqueline Recht  
Reader: Doc Wallace  
Prayers of the People: Sally Ann Williamson  
Ushers: Dean Jackson, Ed Williamson

### ***People in our Prayers***

**Healing:** Carolyn Moore, Mike Moore, David Bridges, Kathy Bridges, Donald, Diane Mofr, Gwen, Jack and Kate, Charles Lewis, Jeanie, Timothy Jackson, Jerry Hoff and Catherine, Gay Schueler, Kristina Shea, Tony, Dana, Mya Delisle, Andrew Moran, Donovan, Carolyn Moore, Debra and Amy, Ned and Kathleen Bachus, Anna and her child Brody, Ruth Tolman, Helene, John, Phyllis, Michael, Bob, Sylvia, Marlene, Percy, Joan Grey, Cathy, James, Ken, Joseph, Kelli McGuire, Jo Panayotoff, Joyce S, Jan Schaefer, Christine & Paul M, Jason, Kristen, Jeanie, Cathie, Brian, Bob S., Gary P., Sandy, Ezra, Chris Strazzulla, Fr. Tom Pike, Evie Bridges, Luke Morelli, Tim Peters, Janice Boetsch, Lucy Ebbert, Shirley, Budge Walen, Chris, Vicki Boetsch, Catherine G, Annabel, Pam Kaler, Margery, Stephanie, Kyle R., Leah

For those who died in the floods in Texas, for all who mourn, for recovery workers and first responders.

**July Birthdays:** Cheryl White (12), Peggy Daniels (14), Sarah Cotton (20), Roy Bennett (24), Dean Jackson (28)

**Diocese Cycle of Prayer:** St. Martin's in the Field, Biddeford Pool, St. Cuthbert's, McMahan Island, Trinity Chapel, York Harbor

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

#### **Sunday, July 13:**

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Rite I  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Coffee Hour Follows (*Parish Hall*)  
4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (*Lady Chapel*)

#### **Wednesday, July 16:**

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

#### **Saturday, July 19**

9 a.m. Grounds Cleanup (*bring gloves, clippers, rake, garden tools*)

#### **Sunday, July 20:**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Coffee Hour Follows (*Parish Hall*)  
4:00 p.m. Picnic (*invite a friend, bring side dish or dessert, lawn games, lawn chair*)  
4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (*Lady Chapel*)

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

### ***Upcoming***

Legacy Society Dinner, Saturday, August 23, 4:30 p.m.  
(note change of date; RSVP to Kayla Clay [admin@stthomascamdenme.org](mailto:admin@stthomascamdenme.org) by Monday, August 11)

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