

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 3, 2025 10 a.m.



The Holy Baptism with Holy Communion
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

Beautiful Saviour

David N. JOHNSON
(1922-1987)

Entrance Hymn 665

All my hope on God is founded

Michael

Opening Acclamation (BCP p. 299)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

<i>Celebrant</i>	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
<i>People</i>	And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
<i>Celebrant</i>	There is one Body and one Spirit;
<i>People</i>	There is one hope in God's call to us;
<i>Celebrant</i>	One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
<i>People</i>	One God and Father of all.

The Collect of the Day

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

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 Lessons

The people sit.

A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes [1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23]

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



Psalm 49:1-11

Remain seated.

- ¹Hear this, all you peoples;
hearken, all you who dwell in the world, *
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.
²My mouth shall speak of wisdom, *
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
³I will incline my ear to a proverb *
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
⁴Why should I be afraid in evil days, *
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
⁵The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, *
and boast of their great riches?
⁶We can never ransom ourselves, *
or deliver to God the price of our life;
⁷For the ransom of our life is so great, *
that we should never have enough to pay it,
⁸In order to live for ever and ever, *
and never see the grave.
⁹For we see that the wise die also;
like the dull and stupid they perish *
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.
¹⁰Their graves shall be their homes for ever,
their dwelling places from generation to generation, *
though they call the lands after their own names.
¹¹Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; *
they are like the beasts that perish.

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Colossae [3:1-11]

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

All stand.

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke [12:13-21]

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

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

I present Elliot Russell to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **I do.**

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *this person* in *his* life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

Let us join with he who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant

Do you believe in God the Father?

People

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant says to the congregation

Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. ***Amen.***

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Baptism

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

Elliot Russell, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. ***Amen.***

Then the Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying

Elliot Russell, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. ***Amen.***

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

The Peace is now exchanged

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion



Blessings for birthdays, anniversaries, and travel may be offered; announcements may be made.

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(www.stthomascamden.org)*

Offertory Hymn LEVAS 151

One Bread, One Body

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more.
One Lord.

Refrain

2. Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.
One Lord.

Refrain

3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all.
One Lord.

Refrain

The Great Thanksgiving

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. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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 might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The People stand or kneel.

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.

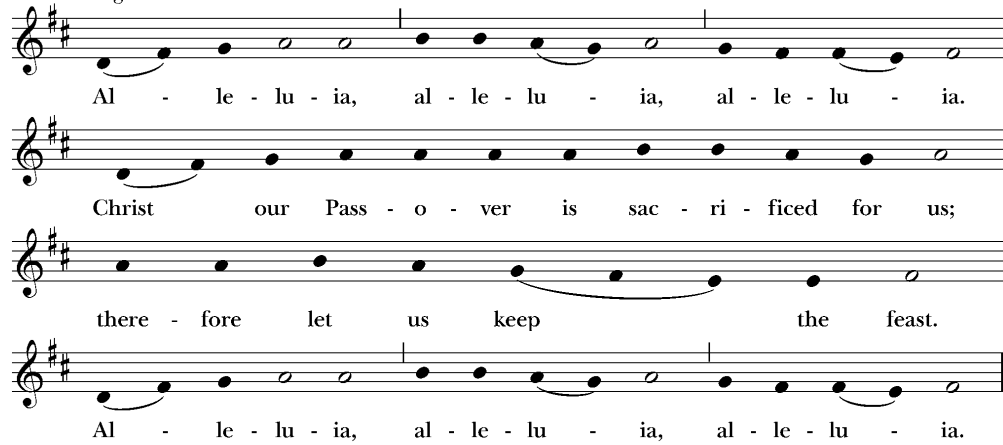
**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**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.



The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

HYMN 296

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

Engelberg

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in C Major

David N. JOHNSON

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Blessing of New Plantings

The congregation may follow the crucifer and assemble on the front lawn. Members of the family may present the plantings with these words.

We present to you these plantings to be set apart for the service of Christ's holy Church.

The officiant then says

As the earth puts forth its blossom, or bushes in a garden burst into flower, so shall the Lord God make righteousness and praise blossom before all the nations.

Officiant My boundaries enclose a pleasant land:

People **Indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Almighty God, we thank you that you have put it into the hearts of your people to make offerings for your service, and have been pleased to accept their gifts. Be with us now and bless us as we set apart these plantings to your praise and glory and in memory of Agnes and Andrew J. Moran, Dorothea M. Ginnity, Eleanor M. Stokes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Liturgical Ministers

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Paul Briggs

Guest Organist: Dr. James Higdon

Eucharistic Minister: Bill Freeman, Dean Jackson

Reader: Kate Jackson

Prayers of the People: Dean Jackson

Usher: Bobby Purkey, Diane Purkey

Crucifer: Esme Woodhead

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, 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

August Birthdays: Shelly Gallender (15), Anne Ayers (20), Haunani Wallace (22), Carlos Mello (23), Anne Rogers-Popejoy (25), Cheryl Reif (25), Thor Gabrielsen

Diocese Cycle of Prayer: All Saints by the Sea, Bailey Island, St. Thomas', Camden, For our Committee on Indian Relations

Announcements

- We welcome Elliott Russell Reed as the newest member of Christ's body, the Church, through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism and rejoice with his parents, Avery and Derek, and sister, Claire.
- The hand of a generous God working through generous people of St. Thomas: Nearly \$1,500 was received for Texas flood relief and dispersed through the work of Episcopal Relief and Development partnering in the Kerrville area.
- This is the first Sunday of the month when offerings are received to support the Camden Christian Food Pantry.
- We will process to the front lawn of the church during the postlude to dedicate new plantings in memory of Agnes and Andrew J. Moran, Dorothea M. Ginnity, Eleanor M. Stokes
- We are in the process of searching for a new part-time Director of Music; inquires may be sent to the Rev. Paul Briggs, interimrector@stthomascamdenme.org

This Week at St. Thomas'

Sunday, August 3:

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

Wednesday, August 6:

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

Saturday, August 9

8:30 a.m. Holy Hike (Gents) at Fernald's Neck, Lincolnville

Sunday, August 10:

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00 a.m. Coffee with Clergy (*Parish Hall*)
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Coffee Hour Follows (*Parish Hall*)
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.
(.RSVP to Kayla Clay admin@stthomascamdenme.org by Monday, August 11)

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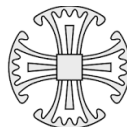
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