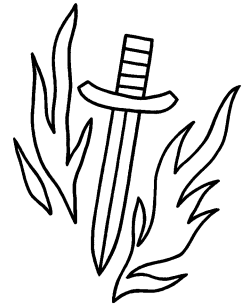


# The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 17, 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

*Ave Maris Stella II*

Marcel Dupré  
(1886-1971)

### Entrance Hymn 544

Jesus Shall reign where'er the sun

*Duke Street*

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -  
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his  
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners  
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
2 thron'g to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -  
3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.  
4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

### Opening Acclamation (BCP 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.

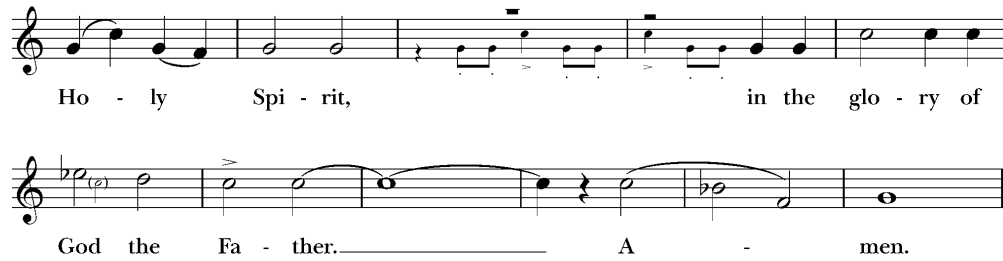
*The Celebrant may say*

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



*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 given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*Amen.*

*Deacon* Go in peace.

## The Lessons

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah [23:23-29]

<sup>23</sup>Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup>Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" <sup>26</sup>How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup>They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 82

*Remain seated.*

Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)



<sup>1</sup>God takes his stand in the council of heaven; \*  
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

<sup>2</sup>“How long will you judge un/justly, \*  
and show favor to the wicked?

<sup>3</sup>Save the weak and the orphan; \*  
defend the humble and needy;

<sup>4</sup>Rescue the weak and the poor; \*  
deliver them from the power of the wicked.

<sup>5</sup>They do not know, neither do they understand;  
they go about in darkness; \*  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

<sup>6</sup>Now I say to you, ‘You are gods, \*  
and all of you children of the Most High;

<sup>7</sup>Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, \*  
and fall like any prince.’ ”

<sup>8</sup>Arise, O God, and rule the earth, \*  
for you shall take all nations for your own.

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews [11:29—12:2]

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup>And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—<sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—<sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup>Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

<sup>12:1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

*All stand and sing.*

**Sequence Hymn 554**

‘Tis the gift to be simple, ‘tis the gift to be free

*Simple Gifts*



The musical score for 'Simple Gifts' is written on seven staves of music. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and repetitive, using mostly eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: 'Tis the gift to be sim - ple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be, and when we find our - selves in the place just right, 'twill be in the val - ley of love and de - light. When true sim - pli - ci - ty is gained to bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed, to turn, turn, will be our de-light till by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right.

*Deacon*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke [12:49-56]

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, <sup>49</sup>“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup>From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup>they will be divided:

father against son and son against father,  
mother against daughter and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

<sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

*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.*

Lord God, you have promised to be near, be with us now and hear and answer our prayers as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lead your church, that we might stand in the light of your glory in all that we do.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Open the hearts and minds of those with authority in our lives and fill them with wisdom and mercy, that they might always strive only for the greatest good.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide us and put us to work as laborers for your kingdom, that the world might see your glory and live as the people you created them to be.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us courageous and willing hearts to be effective stewards of your Creation, that we might learn to use it sustainably.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Push away fear and pain in the lives of those who suffer and bring your healing presence to them. We pray for those on our prayer list and for those we now name... *(People may audibly say the names for whom we pray)*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Enfold the dying in your love, give strength to those who mourn, and comfort those who grieve. We pray for Glenn Mitchell, Carolyn Moore, and others we wish to name...

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, you have shown us your love again and again, cover us with your blessings and mercy as we move through our lives, that we might reflect your love into the world. All this we ask through Christ, our Lord who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives reigns, now and always. **Amen.**

*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.*

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>

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

*Vestry Update: Vestry Retreat at Limina Renewal Center, 9/13; Comfort Food Dinner, 9/20, 5-6:30 p.m. (Outreach Fund Raiser); "Paris in Camden" Organ Concert with James Higdon, (Music Ministry Fundraiser), 9/28, 4 p.m.*

# The Holy Communion



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([www.stthomascamden.org](http://www.stthomascamden.org))

*All stand and sing.*

## Offertory Hymn 416

For the beauty of the earth

*Lucerna Laudoniae*

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
2 For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
4 For the joy of hu-man love, bro-ther, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
5 For the Church which ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,

1 for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,  
2 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
3 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,  
4 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,  
5 of - fering up on ev - ery shore thy pure sac - ri - fice of love,

*Refrain*  
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

6 For each perfect gift of thine  
to the world so freely given,  
faith and hope and love divine,  
peace on earth and joy in heaven,

*Refrain*

## The Great Thanksgiving

*The People remain standing.*

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	<b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	<b>It is right to give him thanks and praise.</b>



*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.**

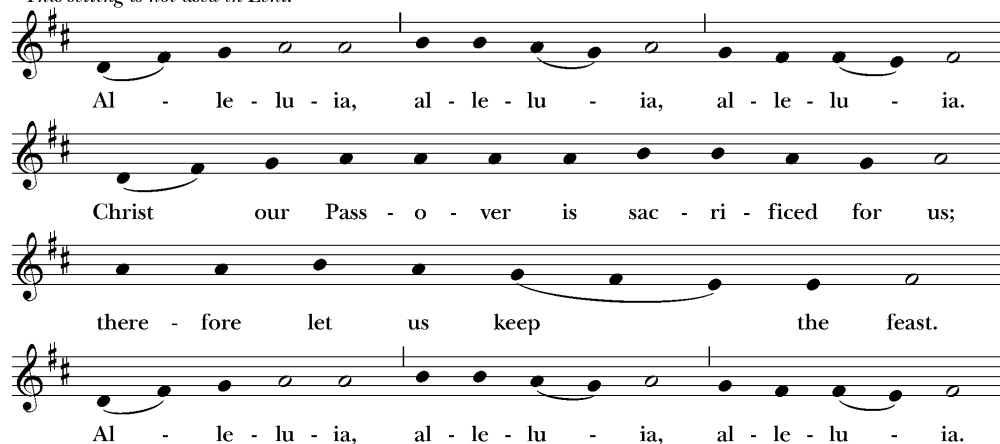
**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**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.*



*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

*Unison* *Harmony*

1. God be with you till we meet a - gain; by wise coun - sels  
 2. God be with you till we meet a - gain; 'neath bright wings pro -  
 3. God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's pe - rils  
 4. God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's ban - ner

guide, up - hold you, with the sheep se - cure - ly fold you:  
 tect - ing hide you, dail - y man - na still pro - vide you:  
 thick con - found you, put strong arms un - fail - ing round you:  
 float - ing o'er you, smite death's threat - 'ning wave be - fore you:

*Unison*

God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

*Comes Autumn Time*

Leo Sowerby  
(1895-1968)

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Deacon: The Rev. Kristen Burkholder

Guest Organist: Dr. James Higdon

Eucharistic Minister: Derek Reed, Sarah Groman

Reader: Sue Foltz

Prayers of the People: Sarah Groman

Usher: Dean Jackson, Phil Groman

## People in our Prayers

**Healing:** Dorothy Foltz-Gray, Carolyn Moore, Mike Moore, David Bridges, Kathy Bridges, Donald, Diane Mohr, 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

**August Birthdays:** Shelly Gallender (15), Thor Gabrielsen (18), Anne Ayers (20), Haunani Wallace (22), Carlos Mello (23), Anne Rogers-Popejoy (25), Cheryl Reif (25), Roy Gilley (29)

**Diocese Cycle of Prayer:** All Saints Chapel, Orr's Island, For postulants and candidates for Holy Orders in the Diocese of Maine

**Died:** Carolyn Moore, Glenn Mitchell

## This Week at St. Thomas'

### Sunday, August 17:

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II (*Coffee Hour follows in Parish Hall*)

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

### Wednesday, August 20:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Healing

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

### Saturday, August 23:

4:30 p.m. Legacy Society Dinner (*Parish Hall*)

Family Hike at Camden Hills & dinner at the Berry's'. Contact: [BeccaBerry0512@gmail.com](mailto:BeccaBerry0512@gmail.com)

### Sunday, August 24:

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II (*Coffee Hour follows in Parish Hall*)

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

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

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