

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Daily Morning Prayer Rite Two
Sunday, August 24, 2025

10 a.m.

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

Gathering Hymn 368

Holy Father, great Creator

Regent Square

**1 Holy Father, great Creator,
source of mercy, love, and peace,
look upon the Mediator,
clothe us with his righteousness;
heavenly Father, heavenly Father,
through the Savior hear and bless.**

**2 Holy Jesus, Lord of glory,
whom angelic hosts proclaim,
while we hear thy wondrous story,
meet and worship in thy name,
dear Redeemer, dear Redeemer,
in our hearts thy peace proclaim.**

**3 Holy Spirit, Sanctifier,
come with unction from above,
touch our hearts with sacred fire,
fill them with the Savior's love.
Source of comfort, source of comfort,
cheer us with the Savior's love.**

**4 God the Lord, through every nation
let thy wondrous mercies shine.
In the song of thy salvation
every tongue and race combine.
Great Jehovah, great Jehovah,
form our hearts and make them thine.**

The Officiant says

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

**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 Officiant remains kneeling and says

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

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand

Officiant

Lord, open our lips.

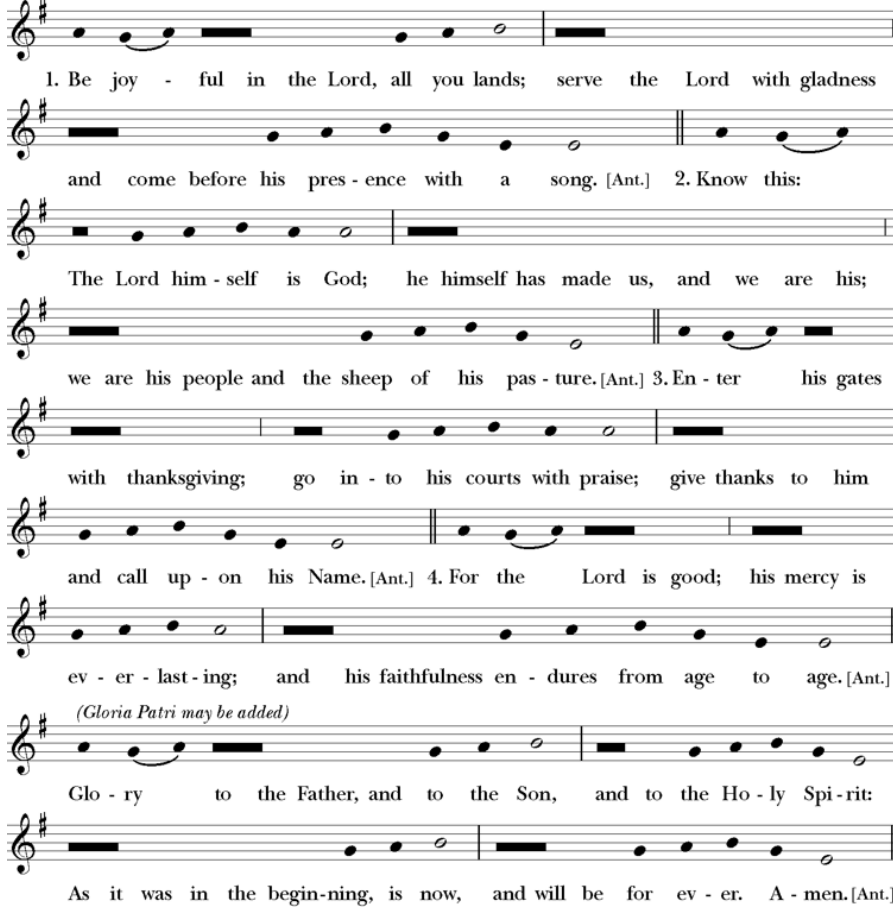
People

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen. Alleluia.**

Antiphons are sung with this setting.



1. Be joy - ful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his pres - ence with a song. [Ant.] 2. Know this:
The Lord him - self is God; he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pas - ture. [Ant.] 3. En - ter his gates
with thanksgiving; go in - to his courts with praise; give thanks to him
and call up - on his Name. [Ant.] 4. For the Lord is good; his mercy is
ev - er - last - ing; and his faithfulness en - dures from age to age. [Ant.]
(Gloria Patri may be added)
Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:
As it was in the begin - ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



Psalm 103:1-8

- ¹Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- ²Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.
- ³He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
- ⁴He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- ⁵He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- ⁶The LORD executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- ⁷He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.
- ⁸The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

Second half chant

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah [58:9b-14]

^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; ¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Canticle 1: A Song of Creation

Benedicite, omnia opera Domini

Song of the Three Young Men, 35-65

All stand and say

**O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.**

**O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.**

**O let the earth bless the Lord; *
O ye mountains and hills, bless ye the Lord;**

**O all ye green things upon the earth, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.**

**O ye wells, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye seas and floods, bless ye the Lord;**

**O ye whales and all that move in the waters, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.**

**O all ye fowls of the air, bless ye the Lord; *
O all ye beasts and cattle, bless ye the Lord;**

**O ye children of men, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.**

**O ye people of God, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord;**

**O ye servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.**

**O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye holy and humble men of heart, bless ye the Lord.**

**Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.**

The people sit.

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews [12:18-29]

¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the

firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” ²⁷This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Canticle 19: The Song of the Redeemed

Magna et mirabilia

Revelation 15:3-4

All stand and say

**O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the Holy One.
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The people sit.

A Reading from Luke [13:10-17]

¹⁰Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The Apostles’ Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing.

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

The Prayers

The people stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

**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.**

V. Help us, O God our Savior;
R. **Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**
V. Look upon your congregation;
R. **Give to your people the blessing of peace.**
V. Declare your glory among the nations;
R. **And your wonders among all peoples.**
V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
R. **Never forget the lives of your poor.**
V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
R. **And your favor to those who are true of heart.**
V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
R. **So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*



Prayers for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Travel may be offered. Announcements may be made.
Online Offerings: Scan the QR Code or click the Donate Button on our website (www.stthomascamden.org)
The minister receives the offerings of the people and places them on the altar during the hymn.

All stand and sing

Offertory Hymn WLP 773

Heal me, hands of Jesus

Sharpe



1. Heal me, hands of Je-sus, and search out all my pain: re -
2. Cleanse me, blood of Je-sus, take bit - ter-ness a - way; let
3. Know me, mind of Je-sus, and show me all my sin; dis -
4. Fill me, joy of Je-sus: anx - i - e - ty shall cease and

store my hope, re - move my fear and bring me peace a - gain.
me for - give as one for-given and bring me peace to - day.
pel the mem - o - ries of guilt, and bring me peace with - in.
heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

Hymn 699

Jesus, Lover of my soul

Aberystwyth

1. Jesus, Lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high:
hide me, O my Savior, hide,
till the storm of life be past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.

2. Other refuge have I none,
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah! leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me!

All my trust on thee is stayed;
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head
with the shadow of thy wing.

3. Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cleanse from every sin;
let the healing streams abound,
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
freely let me take of thee:
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.

Postlude

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People in our Prayers

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For the repose of the soul of: Carolyn Moore

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: Our Lady of the Evergreens, Harborside; For students and educators as they begin a new school year

Liturgical Ministers Today

Officiant: The Rev. Kristen Burkholder
Preacher: Dr. Benjy Lowry
Guest Organist: Jim Swist

Readers: Jeff Conrad, Jacqueline Recht
Ushers: Cheryl White, Cheryl Reif

This Week at St. Thomas'

Sunday, August 24:

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

Monday, August 25:

10:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m. Yuan Ji Dance Class (*Godly Play Room*)

Wednesday, August 27:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Healing
11:00 a.m. Bible Study (*online*)
4:00 p.m. Bell Tower Committee (*Conference Room*)

Thursday, August 28:

10:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m. Yuan Ji Dance Class (*Godly Play Room*)

Saturday, August 30:

12:00 p.m. Blessing of a Civil Marriage

Sunday, August 31:

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.

We welcome Jim Swist as our guest organist through September 14.

Personal hygiene items are being received through 9/7 to benefit middle school students in the Camden Rockport area.

Upcoming:

Saturday, September 20, 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Comfort Food Dinner (Fundraiser for Outreach Ministries)

Sunday, September 21, 9 a.m., All-Parish Pancake Breakfast to kickoff our 2026 Pledge Drive: "Tell out my soul!"

Sunday, September 27, 4 p.m., "Paris in Camden"—Organ Concert with Jim Higdon (Fundraiser for Music Ministry)

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