



The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Daily Morning Prayer Rite One
Sunday, August 24, 2025

8 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

The Officiant says

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

The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

The Officiant remains kneeling and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

People And our mouth shall show forth thy 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.**

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *
 let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, *
 and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, *
 and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are all the corners of the earth, *
 and the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his and he made it, *
 and his hands prepared the dry land.
O come, let us worship and fall down *
 and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God, *
 and we are the people of his pasture
 and the sheep of his hand.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
 let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, *
 and with righteousness to judge the world
 and the peoples with his truth.

People may sit and say the Psalm together.

Psalm 103:1-8

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

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.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	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

I Invocation

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,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;**

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,
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 with thy spirit.**

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. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
R. **And grant us thy salvation.**
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
R. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in thee can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let thy way be known upon earth;
R. **Thy saving health among all nations.**
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.**

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy 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 thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Offertory



Prayers for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Travel may be offered.

Announcements may be made.

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The minister receives the offerings of the people and places them on the altar.

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

Officiant and People

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world 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*

Postlude

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For the repose of the soul of: Carolynn Moore

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

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. 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.

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)

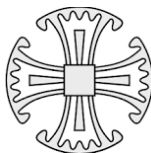
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