



The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Daily Morning Prayer Rite Two
Sunday, September 28, 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

Hymn 427

When morning gilds the skies

Laudes Domini

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heaven is known
4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, in this your con - cord find:
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,

1 may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning sha - dows fall,
2 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
3 than, Je - sus Christ be praised! There to the e - ter - nal Word
4 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
5 sing, Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,

1 this rings my cur - few call, may Je - sus Christ be praised!
2 hath none that can com - pare with: Je - sus Christ be praised!
3 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
4 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
5 both now and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

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 congregation

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

People

We will.

The Officiant then says to the chapel participants

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

Chapel Participants

We will.

Officiant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Officiant

Let us pray.

The Officiant says

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his 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

**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 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.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand

<i>Officiant</i>	Lord, open our lips.
<i>People</i>	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.

HYMN S 35 Venite

1. Come, let us sing to the
Lord; — let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal -
va - tion. — 2. Let us come be-fore his pres-ence with thanks - giv - ing —
— and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. — 3. For the

Lord is a great God, — and a great King a - bove all
 gods. — 4. In his hand are the cav-erns of the earth, —
 — and the heights of the hills are his al - so. — 5. The
 sea is his, for he made it, — and his hands have
 mold - ed the dry land. — 6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the
 knee, — and kneel be-fore the Lord our Ma - ker. — 7. For
 he is our God, — and we are the peo-ple of his
 pas - ture — and the sheep of his hand. —
 — Oh, that to - day you would heark-en to his voice! —

Psalm 146

Robert Knox Kennedy
 (b. 1945)

¹Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul! *

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

²Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
 for there is no help in them.

³When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
 and in that day their thoughts perish.

⁴Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
 whose hope is in the LORD their God;
⁵Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
 who keeps his promise for ever;
⁶Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
 and food to those who hunger.
⁷The LORD sets the prisoners free;
 the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
 the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
⁸The LORD loves the righteous;
 the LORD cares for the stranger; *
 he sustains the orphan and widow,
 but frustrates the way of the wicked.
⁹The LORD shall reign for ever, *
 your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!
 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 Amos [6:1a, 4-7]

^{1a}Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
 and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
 and lounge on their couches,
 and eat lambs from the flock,
 and calves from the stall;
⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
 and like David improvise on instruments of music;
⁶who drink wine from bowls,
 and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
 but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
 and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

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 Paul's First letter to Timothy [6:6-19]

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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 [16:19-31]

[Jesus said,]¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores,²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’²⁷ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

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 in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. **And grant us your salvation.**
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. **Your 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 your Holy Spirit.**

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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.*



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

All stand and sing

Offertory Hymn 705

As those of old their first fruits brought

Forest Green

Unison or harmony

1 As those of old their first fruits brought of vine - yard, flock, and
 *2 A world in need now sum - mons us to la - bor, love, and
 3 With grat - i - tude and hum - ble trust we bring our best to

field to God, the giv - er of all good, the
 give; to make our life an of - fer - ing to
 thee to serve thy cause and share thy love with

source of bount-eous yield; so we to - day our
 God that all may live; the Church of Christ is
 all hu - man - i - ty. O thou who gav - est

first fruits bring, the wealth of this good land, of
 call - ing us to make the dream come true: a
 us thys - elf in Je - sus Christ thy Son, help

farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind, and heart, and hand.
 world re-deemed by Christ - like love; all life in Christ made new.
 us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

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.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.
Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

Hymn 437

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

Birmingham

1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!
3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of his word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.
the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

Postlude

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September Birthdays: Pam Bardon (4), Deborah Whittaker (7), Diane Purkey (12), Lucy Ebbert (17), Ruth Tolman (18), Evie Bridges (19)

Diocese Cycle of Prayer: Christ Church, Eastport, For the wardens and vestries and committees of our parishes, For farmers and the harvest

This Week at St. Thomas'

Sunday, September 28:

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. "Paris in Camden" – Organ Concert with Jim Higdon (*Fundraiser for Music Ministry*)

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

Monday, September 29:

4:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m. Bell Tower Presentation (*Parish Hall*)

Wednesday, October 1:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Healing

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

Sunday, October 5:

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*)

Blessing of Animals

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

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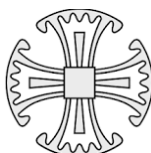
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