



The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Daily Morning Prayer Rite One
Sunday, October 26, 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.

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 Priest alone stands and says

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

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand

<i>Officiant</i>	O Lord, open thou our lips.
<i>People</i>	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 84:1-6

¹**How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! ***
 My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
 my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
²**The sparrow has found her a house**
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
 by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
 my King and my God.
³**Happy are they who dwell in your house! ***
 they will always be praising you.
⁴**Happy are the people whose strength is in you! ***
 whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
⁵**Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, ***
 for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
⁶**They will climb from height to height, ***
 and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

The Lessons

The people sit.

A Reading from Ecclesiasticus [35:12-17]

¹²Give to the Most High as he has given to you,
 and as generously as you can afford.
¹³For the Lord is the one who repays,
 and he will repay you sevenfold.

¹⁴Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it;
 ¹⁵and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice;
for the Lord is the judge,
 and with him there is no partiality.
¹⁶He will not show partiality to the poor;
 but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.

¹⁷He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan,
or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

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

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 Paul's Second letter to Timothy [4:6-8, 16-18]

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

Silence may follow.

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 [18:9-14]

⁹[Jesus] told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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

Ministry Minute Speaker

Sandy Lyle

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.**

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **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.

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

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Reader: Amy Frankel
Usher: Jan Lyle

People in our Prayers

Preparing for Baptism: Violet Groman

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Died: Polly Chatfield

October Birthdays: Rosalee Glass (1), Lucy Lowry (6), Rebecca Vogt (7), Chris Groman (9), William Conrad (14), Phyllis Barry (17), Stephen Thomas (17), Benjy Lowry (18), Nancy Wright (25), Doc Wallace (27), Kathleen Buchanan (27), Sam Cotton (31)

Diocese Cycle of Prayer: St. Andrew & St. John, Southwest Harbor, St. Saviour, Bar Harbor, For the priests of our diocese

This Week at St. Thomas'

Sunday, October 26:

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Rite I

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer II (*Coffee Hour follows in Parish Hall*)

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

Wednesday, October 29:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Healing

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

Sunday After All Saints Day, November 2:

Ingathering of 2026 Pledges

8:00 a.m. Renewal of Baptismal Vows & Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00 a.m. Harvest Pie Celebration (*Parish Hall*)

10:00 a.m. Holy Baptism and 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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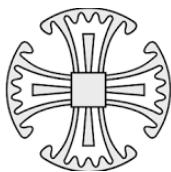
All Saints' Day is one of the great festivals of the Church year celebrating those who have reflected the light of Christ in their own life. Do you have a favorite saint? Are you named after a saint? Who are the people in your life who have introduced you to Christ and nourished your faith by their example? One helpful resource to learn about saints can be found at <https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/calendar>

Saint Paul refers to all the baptized as "saints". Whether you think of yourself as a saint or not, you are baptized into the way of Jesus. On **the Sunday After All Saints' Day, November 2**, we will renew our baptismal vows at both services. At 10 o'clock, we will receive Violet Groman into the household of God through the Sacrament of Baptism. How will you support Violet into this new life and help her grow into the full stature of Christ?

On this day, we make our financial commitment to support the work of Jesus Christ through the ministries of St. Thomas' Church. Everything we have: our family, our health, talents, and income are gifts from God. Will you offer a percentage of your income to support the life changing work of God's redeeming work? We will meet between the services at 9 a.m. as one community to celebrate the harvest of transformed lives that God is bringing about in our midst. A smorgasbord of homemade pies will be laid out to enjoy with fellow parishioners and we will receive an update on our 2026 pledge campaign. "All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee."

Remembering the saints of our lives, I invite you to bring photographs of those who are now living in the fullness of God's presence. You may place them on a table in the Lady Chapel and if you wish, you may leave their photos there until November 23 (please remove them on or before that day). A large book will be nearby to inscribe names of those whom we wish to remember. It too will be available in the Chapel from November 1 through November 23 and you may inscribe names of deceased friends and relatives at anytime. Pausing to write the name of those we love but see no longer in itself is an act of prayer, deepening our assurance of eternal life.

We will also pray for those who are buried in All Souls' Memorial Garden located by the statue of St. Thomas; follow the procession outside at the end of the 8 a.m. Eucharist. Plan on coming about 8:45 a.m. to join the prayer if you are coming to the 9 o'clock harvest celebration and later service. "Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them."



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