

The Last Sunday after Pentecost

Daily Morning Prayer Rite One
Sunday, November 23, 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

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.

Psalm 46

¹God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
³Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
⁴The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
⁵There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.
⁶God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.
⁷The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
⁸The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
⁹Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.
¹⁰It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.
¹¹“Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.”
¹²The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

At the end of the Psalm is sung or said

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 Jeremiah [23:1-6]

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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 letter to the Church in Colossae [1:11-20]

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created

through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

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 [23:33-43]

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴[[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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.**

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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.

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

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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November Birthdays: Bill Freeman (1), Ray Adams (3), Mabel Colby (4), Minnie Biggs (4), Connie Bock (6), Sandy Lyle (10), Priscilla Granston (11), Jeff Conrad (16), Jan Gilley (23), Susan Fockler (24), Amy Frankel (24), Edmund Hartt (27), Kay Lehr (28), Lance Buchanan (29)

For the repose of the soul of: Brooke Metcalf

Diocese Cycle of Prayer: Grace Church, Bath, For the spouses, companions, and families of clergy in the diocese



Altar flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Laurence Cleland and Dorothy Foltz-Gray and in thanksgiving for daily blessings by Sue Foltz.

Beginning the first Sunday of Advent, November 30, we will move to one service at 9:30 a.m. The Liturgy will continue to be Morning Prayer on the fourth Sunday each month; all other Sundays, we will celebrate the Holy Eucharist. Rite I (traditional language) will be used in Advent/Christmas, Rite II (contemporary language) for season of Epiphany, and Rite I for Lent. We will resume our regular schedule of 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. on Palm Sunday, March 29.

We are thrilled to be the host parish for the Great Vigil of Easter, April 4 with the mid-coast parishes of Belfast, Rockland, Rockport, and Thomaston. The Rt. Rev. Thomas Brown, Bishop of Maine will be the Celebrant.

Those wishing to be confirmed, received into the Episcopal Church, or renew their baptismal vows can register today for Inquirer's Classes beginning January 11. See registration card in your pew.

The Outreach Committee will be providing Christmas stockings for parishioners to fill for Camden-Rockport Middle Schoolers. We will provide a list of ideas for gift items; be creative, have fun with it! Stockings will be available beginning today; please return filled stockings no later than on December 7 for Saint Nicholas to bless. The Committee will also be giving parents \$80 Walmart gift cards to the parents of these 27 children. HAVE FUN!

This Week at St. Thomas'

Sunday, November 23:

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*)

Wednesday, November 26:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Healing
11:00 a.m. Bible Study (*online*)

The First Sunday of Advent, November 30:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I (*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.

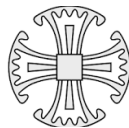
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