



The Day of Pentecost

Sunday, May 24, 2026 8:00 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 service may be found in **The Book of Common Prayer page 323** and begins with the **Easter acclamation**

Opening Acclamation

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The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who on this day didst open the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of thy Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

Acts 2:1-21

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles [2:1-21]

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷"In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' ”

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

Silence may follow.

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

Remain seated.

²⁵**O LORD, how manifold are your works! ***
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
²⁶**Yonder is the great and wide sea**
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.
²⁷**There move the ships,**
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.
²⁸**All of them look to you ***
to give them their food in due season.
²⁹**You give it to them; they gather it; ***
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
³⁰**You hide your face, and they are terrified; ***
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.
³¹**You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; ***
and so you renew the face of the earth.
³²**May the glory of the LORD endure forever; ***
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.
³³**He looks at the earth and it trembles; ***
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
³⁴**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; ***
I will praise my God while I have my being.
³⁵**May these words of mine please him; ***
I will rejoice in the LORD.
³⁷**Bless the LORD, O my soul. ***
Hallelujah!

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth [12:3b-13]

^{3b}No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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

Silence may follow.

All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John [20:19-23]
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

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The Communion **page 337**

This is God's table, all are welcome. You may receive at the altar or at the Communion station by the pulpit. Gluten-free wafers are available by asking the minister. Communion can be brought to your pew by letting an usher know. The following hymns are sung during the administration of Communion.

Postcommunion Prayer **page 339**

Blessing and Dismissal

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May Birthdays: Jacqueline Recht (8), Phil Groman (9), Nancy Adams (11), Gay Schueler (14), Donovan Bowley (20), Faith Robinson (22), Susan Freeman (27), Pat Medley (29)

Diocese Cycle of Prayer: All Saints, Skowhegan, For the victims of human trafficking and those working to combat it, For students who are graduating

This Week at St. Thomas'

Wednesday, May 27:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing Prayer

11:00 a.m. Bible Study on Zoom (*Contact Donovan Bowley for link*)

The First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday, May 31:

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Coffee Hour to follow in the Parish Hall)

5/30 or 5/31: 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. **Bring-a-Friend Day** at Camp Bishopswood (98 Bishopswood Road in Hope)
Bring a friend, grandparent, or someone you love and spend the day at camp. Enjoy tours, archery, and time at the waterfront. Pack a picnic lunch and make a day of it. <http://www.bishopswood.org>

Sunday, June 7, we welcome our **new Director of Music Ministry, Scott Dyer**, at both services.

Sunday, June 7, following the 10 a.m. service: **All Parish Meeting** with Vestry Presentation on decision to restore our bell tower. Ample time will be given for comment, questions, and answers.

Coldplay Concert at St. Thomas

St. Thomas will be the venue for A Coldplay Candlelight Experience on Friday, June 12. Two shows are offered, one at 7 p.m. and another at 10 p.m. Each performance is about an hour in length. Tickets may be purchased at <https://www.lumos-experiences.com/event/a-coldplay-candlelight-experience-in-camden-me-friday-june-12th/Fri>

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

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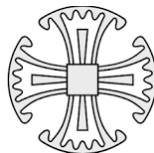
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Our Transition Vision Statement

"We will be a healthy and thriving multigenerational church whose rich liturgical tradition inspires us to live out God's love in our actions and decisions to better meet the needs of our community."

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