



The Second Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 7, 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.

Entrance Hymn 362

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty

Nicaea

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 *2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Opening Acclamation

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Collect of the Day

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

O God, from whom all good doth come: Grant that by thy inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Hosea [5:15--6:6]

Thus says the LORD: ¹⁵“I will return again to my place
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.
In their distress they will beg my favor:
^{6:1}“Come, let us return to the LORD;
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.
²After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
³Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth.’
⁴What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.
⁶For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.”

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

Silence may follow.

Psalm 50:7-15

Remain seated.

⁷Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
“O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.
⁸I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; *
your offerings are always before me.
⁹I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, *
nor he-goats out of your pens;
¹⁰For all the beasts of the forest are mine, *
the herds in their thousands upon the hills.
¹¹I know every bird in the sky, *
and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.
¹²If I were hungry, I would not tell you, *
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.

¹³Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, *
or drink the blood of goats?
¹⁴Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and make good your vows to the Most High.
¹⁵Call upon me in the day of trouble; *
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.”

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome [4:13-25]

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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 Matthew [9:9-13, 18-26]

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹²But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

¹³Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

¹⁸While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” ¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. ²³When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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Prayer of the People VI

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Confession of Sin

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Offertory Hymn 304 vv. 1--3

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Land of Rest

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer II)

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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The Communion

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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.

Post-Communion Prayer

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Blessing

Post-Communion Hymn 379

God is Love, let heaven adore him

Abbot's Leigh

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
 2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
 3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
 one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind-ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun-
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

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June Birthdays: Jan Lyle (2), Oksana Shelemei (4), John Laite (8), Bob Bock (12), Mark Medley (20), Christopher Robinson (21), Elizabeth Moran (22), Declan Buchanan (30)

Diocese Cycle of Prayer: St. Nicholas, Scarborough, For Episcopal Peace Fellowship, For an end to gun violence

Announcements

⚡ Today we welcome and commission **Scott Dyer as our Director of Music Ministry** at St. Thomas' Church as he begins his ministry among us.

⚡ The Vestry has voted to move forward with the restoration of the bell tower, the eleven bell chime, and the slate roofing. An **all parish meeting** will follow the 10 a.m. service today in the parish hall to hear how the vestry came to this decision and to review the scope of the proposed work and cost estimates. Following the presentation, there will be ample opportunity for questions and comment.

This Week at St. Thomas'

Monday, June 8

3:00 p.m. Summer Worship Planning (*Zoom*)

Tuesday, June 9

10 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (*Music Room*)

5:00 p.m. Vestry (*Conference Room*)

Wednesday, June 10

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Healing (*Lady Chapel*)

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

Friday, June 12

7 p.m. and 10 p.m. A Coldplay Candlelight Experience. 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/>

The Second Sunday after Pentecost, June 14:

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I (*"Coffee with Clergy" follows in Parish Hall*)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (*Coffee hour follows in Parish Hall*)

4 p.m. Contemplative Prayer (*Lady Chapel*)

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

Church Staff and Parish Officers

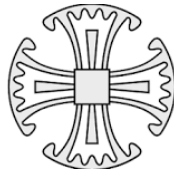
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Our Transition Vision Statement

"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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