



The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 5, 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 594

God of grace and God of glory

Cwm Rhondda

Opening Acclamation and Collect for purity

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who hast taught us to keep all thy commandments by loving thee and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to thee with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Zechariah [9:9-12]

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war-horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Psalm 145:8-15

Remain seated.

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

⁹The LORD is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.

¹⁰All your works praise you, O LORD, *
and your faithful servants bless you.

¹¹They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;

¹²That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

¹⁴The LORD is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.

¹⁵The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome [7:15-25a]

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew [11:16-19, 25-30]

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

[Jesus said,] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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Hymn 718 God of our fathers, whose almighty hand	<i>National Hymn</i>
Let us go forth in the name of Christ.	
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Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Paul Briggs
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Usher: Peggy Daniels

People in our Prayers

Healing: Michelle Gabrielsen, Karen Nolan, Paul H., Kate Pinson, Tim C., Bill, Jan, Jan L., Jeff, Sandra Covington, Peter Walker, Br. Richard Biernacki BSG, Jeff, Donald Verdery, Charles Lewis, Timothy Jackson, Catherine, Gay Schueler, Ezra.

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Those who have died: Budge Walen

July Birthdays: Cheryl White (12), Peggy Daniels (14), Taylor Pohlman (14), Yuliia Chompyska (19), Sarah Cotton (20), Dean Jackson (28)

Diocese Cycle of Prayer: St. Peter's by the Sea, Cape Neddick, St. Christopher's, Winter Harbor, For all victims of war

This Week at St. Thomas'

Tuesday, July 7:

10 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, July 8:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Healing

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

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 12:

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

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (*Lemonade & iced tea on the lawn*)

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

Office is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

St. Thomas' Church is seeking a Parish Administrator. Well organized, computer literate, good communicator. Flexible hours. Inquiries may be directed to the Rev. Paul Briggs, interimrector@stthomascamdenme.org

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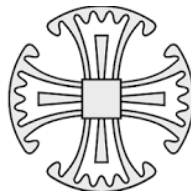
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"We will be a healthy and thriving multigenerational church whose rich liturgical tradition inspires us to live out God's love in our actions and decisions to better meet the needs of our community."

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