



The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 2, 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 657

Love, divine, all loves excelling

Hyfrodol

Opening Acclamation

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Summary of the Law and Gloria in excelsis

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The Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah [55:1-5]

Thus says the Lord:

"Ho, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you."

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

Silence may follow.

Psalm 145:8-9, 15-22

Remain seated

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
9 The Lord is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.
15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.
16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, *
and you give them their food in due season.
17 You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.
19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.
20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; *
he hears their cry and helps them.
21 The Lord preserves all those who love him, *
but he destroys all the wicked.
22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; *
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome [9:1-5]

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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 [14:13-21]
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed page 326

Prayer of the People I page 383

Confession of Sin page 330

The Peace page 332

Offertory Hymn 292 O Jesus, crowned with all renown *Kingsfold*

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer II) page 340

The Lord's Prayer page 336

The Breaking of the Bread page 337

The Communion page 337

This is God's table, all are welcome. Gluten-free wafers are available by asking the minister. Communion can be brought to your pew by letting an usher know.

Postcommunion Prayer and Blessing page 339

Hymn Great is thy faithfulness *William N. Runyan*

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father

There is no shadow of turning with Thee

Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not

As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

CHORUS:

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness

Morning by morning new mercies I see

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

I could not love Thee, so blind and unfeeling;

Covenant promises fell not to me.

Then without warning, desire, or deserving,

found my Treasure, my pleasure, in Thee.

CHORUS

I have no merit to woo or delight Thee,

I have no wisdom or pow'rs to employ;

Yet in thy mercy, how pleasing thou find'st me,

This is Thy pleasure: that Thou art my joy.

CHORUS

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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Deacon: The Rev. Kristen Burkholder

Organist: Scott Dyer

Crucifer: Esme Woodhead

Eucharistic Minister: Pam Bardon

Reader and Prayers of the People: Pam Bardon Usher: Peggy Daniels

People in our Prayers

Healing: Carmel, Kathy Wolfe, Rebecca Vogt, Sally Ann Williamson, Ronald Dunbar, Michelle Gabrielsen, Kim Murphy, Gordon, Karen Nolan, Paul H, Kate Pinson, Tim C, Jan & Bill, Jan L, Jeff, Sandra Covington, Peter Walker, Br Richard Biernacki, Donald Verdery, Charles Lewis, Timothy Jackson, Catherine, Gay Schueler, Ezra, Gwen Prosser, Lochlin, Mya Delisle, Andrew Moran, Donovan Bailey, Ned and Kathleen Bachus, Anna and her child Brody, Ruth Tolman, Percy, Joan Grey, Jan Schaefer, Jason, Jeanie, Brian, Corey and his mom Heidi, Fr Tom Pike, Evie Bridges, Vicki Boetsch, Janice Boetsch, Margery, Stephanie

August Birthdays: Kathleen Robinson (9); Shelly Gallender (15); Anne Ayers (20); Haunani Wallace (22); Cheryl Reif (25); Anne Rogers-Popejoy (25)

Diocese Cycle of Prayer: St. Philp's by the Sea, Fortunes Rocks, Trinity Chapel, York Harbor, For our Council on Indigenous Relations



The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in loving remembrance of Kit Robbins given by Kate and ean Jackson.

This Week at St. Thomas'

Monday, August 3:

11:30 a.m. Good Neighbors Ministry – Summer Memories Luncheon (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, August 4:

10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (*Music Room*)

Wednesday, August 5:

9:30 a.m. Healing Prayer and Eucharist

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

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 9, 2026:

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I (*Lemonade and iced tea on the front lawn*)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (*Refreshments on the front lawn and parish hall*)

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

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

Office is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Announcements

Lemonade and iced tea are available on the front lawn after both services, weather permitting. Additional refreshments are also available in the parish hall following the 10 a.m. service.

Eucharist with Healing Prayer will resume this Wednesday, August 5 at 9:30 a.m.

All senior ladies and gents are warmly welcomed to a Summer Memories Luncheon on Monday, August 3rd in our parish hall at 11:30 a.m., offered by the Good Neighbor Ministry team. Please make your reservation today! Call or text Rev Kristen Burkholder at 322-7816, or email deacon@stthomascamdenme.org. The deadline to make your reservation is July 31st. Invite a friend who does not attend our church, and let us know if you need a ride and/or have food sensitivities.

Congratulations to the R.I. Thomas Scholarship recipients: Olivia John (attending Ole Miss, University of Mississippi, in Oxford, MS), Colton Duke (attending Eastern Maine Community College in Bangor), and Stas Chomopyska (a second year student at the University of Maine).

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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