

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 9, 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 388

O worship the King, all glorious above

Hanover

Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 First Book of Kings [19:9-18]

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Psalm 85:8-13 *Benedixisti, Domine*

Remain seated

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome [10:5-15]

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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 [14:22-33]

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

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

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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: Trinity Chapel, Kennebunk Beach, For postulants and candidates for Holy Orders in the Diocese of Maine.

This Week at St. Thomas'

Sunday, 4:00 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.
 Centering Prayer – Lady Chapel

Tuesday, August 11:
 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (*Music Room*)

Wednesday, August 12:

9:30 a.m. Healing Prayer and Eucharist

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

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 16 ,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.

St. Thomas' Legacy Society Dinner is Saturday, August 29 at 5 p.m. in the parish hall. Diane Lebson of Evergreen Philanthropic Solutions will be our special guest speaker this year. The dinner is free and open to anyone who has made or plans to make provisions in their estate planning to remember St. Thomas' Church. Please contact Carrie Rossiter (contact information below) to reserve a place for this connecting and informative evening.

Midcoast Churches will meet at beautiful Camp Bishopswood in Hope on Sunday, September 13 for Baptism, Eucharist and Picnic. We will have an 8 a.m. Eucharist at St. Thomas that day but there will be no 10 a.m. service at the church. More details to follow.

Our Christian Formation Team is inviting you to become part of an Agape Group that will meet in a home or at church around a meal and Scripture reflection. Participants will be assigned to a group of 6-8 people and will meet four times between the beginning of September and mid-November. Each group will determine meeting dates and places and rotate leadership for hosting.

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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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