



The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 16, 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 544

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Duke Street

Opening Acclamation

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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.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Lessons

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah [56:1, 6-8]

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant-- these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Psalm 67: *Deus misereatur*

Remain seated

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome [11:1-2a, 29-32]

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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 [15: 21-28]

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

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

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The Peace page 332

Offertory Hymn 533 How wondrous and great thy works *Lyons*

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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.

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Hymn 470 There's a wideness in God's mercy *Beecher*

People Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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Liturgical Ministers

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Paul Briggs

Deacon: The Rev. Kristen Burkholder

Organist: Scott Dyer

Eucharistic Minister: Pam Bardon

Reader and Prayers of the People: Jan Lyle

Usher: Peggy Daniels

People in our Prayers

Healing: Ron Dunbar, Jr., 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, 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); Thor Gabrielsen (18); Anne Ayers (20); Haunani Wallace (22); Cheryl Reif (25); Anne Rogers-Popejoy (25)

Diocese Cycle of Prayer: All Saints Chapel, Orr's Island, Trinity, Lewiston, For the ministry of Bridging the Gap in Augusta.

This Week at St. Thomas'

Sunday, August 16:

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

Tuesday, August 18:

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

Wednesday, August 19:

9:30 a.m. Healing Prayer and Eucharist

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

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 23, 2026:

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

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, 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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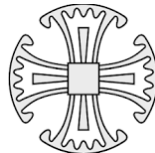
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Our Transition Vision Statement

"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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