



The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 6, 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 3

Now that daylight fills the sky

Herr Jesu Christ

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.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel [33:7-11]

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Psalm 119:33-40 *Legem pone*

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; I shall keep it with all my heart.

Make me go in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.

Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; give me life in your ways.

Fulfill your promise to your servant, which you make to those who fear you.

Turn away the reproach which I dread, because your judgments are good.

Behold, I long for your commandments; in your righteousness preserve my life.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome [13:8-14]

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

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

People **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: Sally Williamson

Usher: Peggy Daniels

People in our Prayers

Healing: Tiffany, Ronald Dunbar, Sr., 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

September Birthdays: Pam Bardon (4); Deborah Whittaker (7); Diane Purkey (12); Lola Black (13); Lucy Ebbert (17); Ruth Tolman (18); Alie Angell (18); Evie Bridges (19)

Diocese Cycle of Prayer: St. Andrew and St. John, Southwest Harbor, For Christian Education programs, For the reverent care of all creation.

This Week at St. Thomas'

Sunday, September 6

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

Monday, September 7

Church Office is Closed – Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday, September 8

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

4:00 p.m. Outreach (Conference Room)

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

Wednesday, September 9

9:30 a.m. Healing Prayer and Eucharist

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

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 13, 2026

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

11:00 a.m. Midcoast Churches Baptism, Eucharist and Picnic at Camp Bishopswood in Hope
(No 10:00 a.m. Service at St. Thomas')

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

Come join the fun! Midcoast Churches will meet at Bishopswood in Hope next Sunday, September 13 for Baptism (Helen Cotton), Eucharist and Picnic. The Rev. Dr. Suzanne Roberts will be the Celebrant and Preacher. Bring a salad or dessert to share. Optional: swimsuit and towel, lawn chair, kayak with life jacket. 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.

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. Participants will be assigned to a group of 6-8 people and will meet four times between the beginning of September and January. Each group will determine meeting dates and places and rotate leadership for hosting. Groups will be announced by September 8.

Godly Play Orientation for parents of children (ages 3-10) will be on September 20 following the 10 a.m. service. Mark your calendars to learn about this exciting faith building resource for your child that will begin on September 27 for nine weeks.

Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, October 4 at 9:30 a.m. to honor the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and ecology. This will be a brief outdoor service and something to invite a friend or neighbor to. Bring your pet, stuffed animal, or a photograph of your animal friend. For those who wish to stay for the 10 a.m. service, you are welcomed to join the opening procession (all creatures must be under control of their human companion).

The church office will be closed Monday, September 7, in celebration of the Labor Day Holiday.

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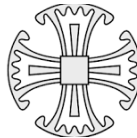
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Our Transition Vision Statement

"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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