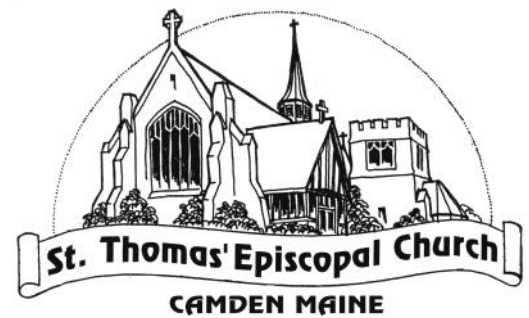


S T . T H O M A S ' Tidings

Sunday, October 1, 2017

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

We welcome all who enter these doors, especially those who enter for the first time or after a long absence. May this place be like home to you! All are welcome to receive the Bread and Wine at this altar. Members of our prayer ministry are available in the Chapel during Holy Communion to pray with you about any need or thanksgiving.



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Outreach Coalition

We are called to serve the poor, and to carry out Christ's work of reconciliation in the community where we live, and in the world. A few of the places where our fundraising efforts go: Camden Area Food Pantry, Hospitality House and Knox County Homeless Coalition, Loaves and Fishes, El Hogar School in Honduras, and Camp Bishopswood. Our next meeting is on October 3 at 5pm in the conference room. All are welcome!

Cottage Meetings

Cottage meetings are a setting where Lisa can become better acquainted with parish members and vice versa! The next such meeting will be held on Friday, October 13 at 10:00 am at the home of Terry and Carlos Mello. A sign up sheet is in the Sun Room

Enriching Our Worship

From now until Advent, we will be using Eucharistic Prayer 1 from *Enriching Our Worship*, a set of three Eucharists approved by General Convention nearly 20 years ago. You may find it more tra-

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Bring Your Pets to be Blessed. Honor St. Francis and your pets when we gather on the front lawn of the church at 4:00 pm on **Sunday, October 8**, for a Blessing of the Animals. Animals of all sizes, shapes, temperaments, and types will be blessed: dogs on leashes, cats in carriers, horses, elephants with trainers... Please join us.

ditional than Prayer C—which we have been using all summer-- but with fresh imagery. In Advent we will return to Prayer A.

Lisa +

Food Pantry Collection

Today is our monthly collection for the Camden Area Christian Food Pantry. Please bring non-perishable grocery and personal hygiene items to the church, where they can be deposited in the baskets in the rear foyer. You can also make a cash donation using the specially marked envelopes in the pew racks. The Food Pantry depends on St. Thomas for

its support. Thank you for supporting it!

Centering Prayer

Centering prayer on Sunday evenings will move from 5:00 pm to 5:15 pm to accommodate Pam Bardon's schedule.

Number, please

Rev. Lisa is excited to finally get a local telephone number. It will go into effect on October 7, 2017. Please make a note in your directory. The new number is 207.231.2411.

Today's Music

This morning I play three preludes based on the exquisite chorale tune, *O Welt, ich muß dich lassen*, by Heinrich Isaac (German, 1450-1517). Isaac crafted the melody from a much older folk-tune. We sing this hymn during communion with the Eucharistic text translated from the 1661 Latin text. The prolific liturgical composer Gerald Near (American, b. 1942) created a straight-forward piece based on this tune. Johannes Brahms (German, 1833-1897) composed the eleven choral preludes at the culmination of his composing life and they were published in 1896. To me, each choral prelude is a miniature jewel which encapsulates the chorale and the text associated with it. All of this is done within a few measures! Another composer might have taken an entire movement of a symphony, or an oratorio to accomplish the same! Brahms wrote two settings of this tune, and they are quite different. The one I play for a prelude is more contemplative: the one I play for the postlude is more Easter triumphant!

We sing hymns today from a broad range of traditions. The text for our entrance hymn, *O day of God, draw nigh*, was written in 1937 by the Canadian R.B.Y. Scott with expressed hope for peace and justice on the verge of a cataclysmic Second World War. It certainly resonates with us today. As the sequence hymn we sing the early American folk hymn, *What wondrous love is this*, which was published in Lynchburg, VA, 1811; Frankfort, KY, 1811; New Haven, CT, 1840; Philadelphia, 1867, and first entered an Episcopal hymnal in 1964. The text is by the now infamous, *Anonymous*.

We go forth into the world singing William Boyd Carpenter's text published in 1925. It is matched with the tune attributed to Dimitri Bortniansky (Ukrainian, 1751-1825). Bortniansky was a prolific composer in many mediums: opera, song cycles, orchestral and chamber works, piano sonatas, as well as liturgical music for the Orthodox Church. In 1882, Tchaikowsky compiled Bortniansky's liturgical works and they filled ten volumes!

—Jane Schroeder, Minister of Music

Prayer List

Let us celebrate those members of our parish who have birthdays in the coming week: Rosalee Glass, Dawn Murphy (October 1), Marya Allen (October 6). Please pray for those members of this parish and others who are in special need: Marya Allen, Ron, Andrew, Jean Harper, Jane Hards, Joanne Scott, Nancy Soderberg, Missie Stone, Sallie Leighton, Tiffany Andrews, Stormy Bok, Joan, Br. Donovan, Carolyn Morris, Roxanna, Janan Vaughn, Heather Lehr Bryant, Michael, Meredith Peters, Brian Fitzpatrick, Cara.

Next Sunday

October 8, 2017

The Eighteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80: 7-14

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

7:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Eucharistic Minister:** Pam Bardon; **Lectors:** Paul Holman...; **Prayers of the People:** Terry Mello; **Usher:** Marilyn Smith.

9:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** Jef Conrad; **Eucharistic Minister:** Kristian Kibler; **Lectors:** Dean Jackson, Kate Jackson, **Prayers of the People:** Millie Crocker; **Ushers:** Mike Moore, Bill Freeman

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Calendar

Sunday, October 1
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite I

8:30 am—Choir Rehearsal

9:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:45 am—Coffee Hour—Parish Hall

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Monday, October 2

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Tuesday, October 3

9:00 am—Xi Gong class (Parish Hall)

6:30 pm—OA meeting—Library

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Wednesday, October 4

9:30 am—Holy Eucharist and Healing Service—Chapel

10:00 am—Fellowship Time
—Sun Room

10:30 am—Bible Study—Sun Room

6:00 pm—VoXX Rehearsal

—Parish Hall, Green Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Thursday, October 5

5:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal

—Green Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Friday, October 6

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Parish Hall

Saturday, October 7

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Sunday, October 8

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite I

8:30 am—Choir Rehearsal

9:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:45 am—Coffee Hour—Parish Hall

4:00 pm—Blessing of the Animals—Front Lawn

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement