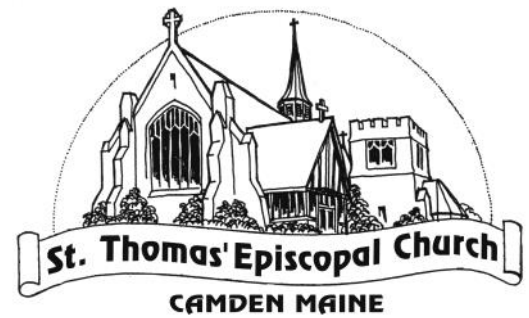


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 Tidings

Sunday, March 11, 2018:
The Fourth Sunday in Lent

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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Help with Hospitality!

The first Sunday of the month after the 7:30 service, and every Sunday after the 9:30 service, we have coffee hour to catch up, encourage each other, and enjoy fellowship after worship. St. Thomas' provides the coffee and tea, and the food is provided by you! When you sign up to help it is completely up to you what to bring. Bring your favorite fruit, cake -- even Oreos! We have a sign-up sheet on the table in the Sun Room. Share the fun and sign up for a Sunday.

Sign up for Altar Flowers!

The flowers on the altar are there because of the generosity of our parishioners and the ministry (and artistry) of our flower guild. Sign up for flowers in **memory** of someone, or in **thanksgiving** for an event like a birthday or anniversary. Sign up for flowers to **honor a ministry** or **thank our veterans**. The sky is the limit. Your request will be commemorated in the bulletin as well as on the altar. There are three ways to give: a \$50 donation to the church; buy your own flowers, or bring something from your woods or garden. Don't worry -- the flower ministers are hugely creative! The sign-up sheet is out for 2018. We don't have many sign-ups after Easter Sunday yet, so sign up for your favorite date before it's gone! Thank you for beautifying our altar and for remembering someone or something special.

Adult Lenten Forum

The Lenten Forum Series continues this Sunday at 11 AM in the Guild Room. Jesus' statement, "I am the Bread of Life," which had been scheduled as the topic for last week's discussion, will be our topic this morning. All are welcome to participate in this informal discussion.

Noon Music in Lent

Our Noon Music in Lent program continues on Fridays throughout Lent. Come and hear members of our community perform a half hour of music, then enjoy fellowship and a lunch of soup and bread in the Parish Hall. The free-will offering benefits the Camden Area Christian Food Pantry.

This week's program features music by John Mehrmann. John has written music for the Bangor Symphony, the Portland Symphony's Kinderkonzerts, music for film, commercials for Reebok, and choral works for VoXX: Voice of Twenty, of which he is currently music director. His music has been described as "lyric, poignant and, at times, very noble" by Grammy-winning conductor Lucas Richman. He teaches at The University of Maine at Augusta and Bay Chamber Music School.

Today's Music

We have journeyed to mid-Lent: today's lessons are tough as well as enormously hopeful!

Our entrance hymn, *Lift high the cross*, sounds both in text and music as if it had been written recently. However, the words were written by G.W. Kitchen in 1887, and we sing M.R. Newbolt's 1916 update. Sydney H. Nicholson (1875-1947) wrote the stirring music specifically for this text. It wonderfully alternates between the unison refrain (with Richard Proulx's soaring descant) and the 4-part harmony stanzas. The tune name, *Crucifer*, alludes to both the person who is crucifer in a liturgical procession, as well as to each Christian who bears the cross as a baptismal sign. The sequence hymn is a delightful text by Percy Dearmer (1867-1936) inspired by Isaiah 58:1-12 (worth looking up!) as well as The Sermon on the Mount. Dearmer paired it with the uplifting French carol harmonized by Martin Shaw (1875-1958). It's worth reading all the stanzas as well.

Due to the impending snowstorm we did not have choir rehearsal this week: so, I changed our anthem to something more familiar to us; it also is very appropriate for today since the text comes straight out of the hope-filled reading from John 3:16-17. The composer, John Goss (English, 1800-1880) served as organist at St. Paul's Cathedral from 1838 until his retirement; he was professor of harmony for 47 years at the Royal Academy of Music; he was knighted by Queen Victoria in 1872; he wrote many hymns (see #410, *Praise my soul, the King of heaven*) along with service music and anthems, such as to-

day's.

During communion we sing the poignant text by the infamous composer, *Anonymous*. John Bacchus Dykes (English, 1823-1876) wrote hymn tunes as well as service music and anthems. We have ten of his tunes in our hymnal: they have worn the years well. Going forth into the world we sing one of four hymns translated by John Mason Neale (1818-1866) from the long poem by Bernard of Cluny (12th century). We have been singing this text to the tune by Alexander Ewing since 1853.

Robert A. Hobby is an American church musician and composer (b. 1962) who wrote the prelude based on the lilting tune, *Shades Mountain*, written by K. Lee Scott (b. 1950). The opening of this hymn goes like this:

*There in God's garden stands the Tree of Wisdom,
whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations.*

It is an exquisite text which I plan on having the Choir sing sometime. Amazingly, the text is from the early 17th century. Max Reger (German, 1873-1916) wrote the very harmonically rich setting of *From deepest woe I cry to Thee* (Hymn 151). We go forth with Johann Sebastian Bach's setting of *If thou but trust in God to guide thee* (Hymn 635).

Listen for the tune in the pedal!

Go into the world with many tunes,
—Jane Schroeder, *Minister of Music*

Directory Correction

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Prayer List

Please join in celebrating those members of our parish who have birthdays in the coming week: Patricia Carpenter (March 12), Kathryn DerMarderosian (March 13), Scott Chrysler, Joseph Kullick (March 14). Nancy Soderberg (March 16). Please pray for those members of this parish and others who are in special need: Ron, Andrew, Joanne Scott, Nancy Soderberg, Missie Stone, Tiffany Andrews, Stormy Bok, Seana

Roubinek, Carolyn Morris, Roxanna, Risa, Janan Vaughn.

Next Sunday

March 18, 2018:
The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 51:1-13

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33

Remembering Terry Bunger

We will be offering the Eucharist at the 7:30 service next Sunday to the Glory of God and for the repose of the soul of our beloved Terry Bunger. We do this in lieu of a funeral at the bequest of the family. This service will include special prayers for Terry, her family and friends, and we encourage people to gather after the service to raise a cup, and share a favorite memory of Terry. All are welcome.

7:30 am: Celebrant: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Preacher:** The Rev. Abby Pettee; **Eucharistic Minister:** Pam Bardon; **Lectors:** Paul Holman, Jane Schroeder; **Prayers of the People:** Pat Ayers; **Usher:** Anne Ayers.

9:30 am: Celebrant: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Preacher:** The Rev. Abby Pettee; **Crucifer:** Jeff Conrad; **Eucharistic Minister:** Jeff Conrad; **Lectors:** Sarah Groman. Sydney Hall; **Prayers of the People:** Chris Glass; **Acolytes:** Freya Johanson....; **Ushers:** Bill Freeman, Sarah Groman.

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5:15 pm—Centering Prayer—Chapel

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Monday, March 12

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Tuesday, March 13

9:00 am—Xi Gong—Green Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Wednesday, March 14

9:30 am—Service of Healing and Holy Eucharist

10:00 am—Fellowship Hour—Sun Room

11:00 am—Bible Study—Sun Room

4:00 pm—EfM Conference Room

6:00 pm—VoXX Rehearsal—Parish Hall, Green Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Thursday, March 15

3:00 pm—Camden Alumni Assoc.—Conference Room

5:00 pm—Altar Guild Dinner—Sun Room

5:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal—Green Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Friday, March 16

Noon Music in Lent

—Church, Parish Hall

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Saturday, March 17

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