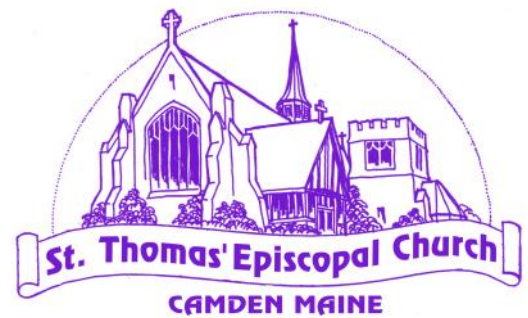


S T . T H O M A S ' Tidings

Sunday, April 22, 2018
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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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No Sunday School Today

Our Sunday School will be on hiatus this week. Rev. Lisa will preach a short children's sermon during announcement time at the 9:30 service.

Rosalee Preaching Next Sunday

Our own Rev. Rosalee Glass will be the guest preacher next Sunday, April 29.

Diocesan Spring Training

This is the last week to sign up for the Diocesan sponsored Spring Training, to be held at South Parish Congregational Church in Augusta on Saturday, April 28. There is no cost for this event. Many of our parishioners, along with our own Abby Pettee, will be attending. To register, visit the Diocesan website at www.episcopalmaine.org and choose "S" for Spring Training from the A-Z listing.

Summer Fair

We need to coalesce interest in the Summer Fair into a cogent plan! Please get in touch with Lisa so that she can set up an initial meeting to begin planning for the Fair.

Vestry Retreat

Our Vestry will be on a retreat Sunday to discern the future of St. Thomas' Church. Please pray for them as they work.

Henry Jalbert Memorial Service

A memorial for Henry Jalbert, longtime sexton of this parish, will be held on Saturday, May 19 at 11:00 am in the church.

Today's Music

Our three-year Lectionary designates the fourth Sunday after Easter as *Good Shepherd Sunday* all three years! The Twenty-third psalm is appointed for all three years; and the Epistle and Gospel for all three years are about Jesus as the Good Shepherd. That is incredible! We have four hymns which are paraphrases of the Twenty-third psalm (*The Hymnal* 1982, #645, #646, #663 and #664). There are other Sundays during the church year when the Twenty-third psalm is appointed: Advent IV in Year A, Proper 11 in Year B and Proper 23 in Year A; so I endeavor to have us sing different hymn settings over the years. Today we sing the tune, *St. Columba*, a traditional Irish melody harmonized by Charles Villiers Stanford for *The Complete Collec-*

tion of Irish Music noted by George Petri (London, 1902-1905). Ralph Vaughan Williams put his "spin" on the harmonization for *Hymns Ancient & Modern* (1904) and that is what we sing today. Look for one of the other hymn versions of the 23rd psalm on Proper 11B, which this year falls on July 22, 2018.

The Choir sings a two-part anthem about Jesus as the Lamb, with words and music by the Lutheran pastor and church musician, Dr. Gerald Patrick Coleman (American, b. 1953). Two-part anthem sounds easy, right? Not so! In fact, I have learned over the years that probably the most difficult music to sing is that which is in unison! Unison is deceptive since it means that usually the women and men are singing the same tune, but an octave (or two) apart. When we sing in unison during worship, we are really singing in *parallel octaves*, which is a very distinctive sound. (I happen to love parallel octaves; in fact, when Suzanne Scott and I played the Mozart sonata for four hands, there are quite a few places where good old Wolfgang has us playing in parallel octaves, and it is effective.)

We sing two more Easter hymns today. *Welcome, happy morning!*, #179, which has the distinction of being the first Latin hymn (6th century) translated into English for church use. We sing the buoyant music by Arthur S. Sullivan (yes, Gilbert & Sullivan) which he wrote for this text in 1872. We go forth into the world singing *At the Lamb's high feast we sing*, translated from the Latin text in



Recently spotted at St. Thomas'!

1632. The tune, *Salzburg*, published in 1678, is possibly so very sing-able due to its harmonization by Johann Sebastian Bach. The sequence hymn, *Jesus, our mighty Lord*, is an English translation from the Greek of an even earlier hymn attributed to Clement of Alexandria (b. ca. 155, d. ca. 213). Once again, Ralph Vaughan Williams adapted a folk melody heard in the village of Monk's Gate (hence the tune name). We also have the wonderful setting of John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress* using this tune at Hymn #565.

The postlude by Healey Willan (English, 1880-1968) is based on the joyous Easter tune by Melchior Vulpius (German, 1570-1615). We are not singing it today, but you can look it up at Hymn #205, *Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!*

Sing indeed!

—Jane Schroeder, Minister of Music

Prayer List

We celebrate those members of our parish who have birthdays this week: Michelle Gabrielsen (April 22), Jim Ebbert, Suzanne Thomas (April 26). 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, Pat Olds, Seana Roubinek, Carolyn Morris, Roxanna, Risa, Janan Vaughn, Rosalind Clarke, Amy.

Serving at Today's Service

—7:30 am —

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Deacon:** The Rev. Abby Pettee; **Eucharistic Minister:** Pam Bardon; **Lectors:** Paul Holman, Diane Kirkman; **Prayers of the People:** Jan Lyle; **Usher:** Paul Holman.

— 9:30 am —

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** Dean Jackson; **Eucharistic Minister:** Jeffrey Conrad; **Lectors:** Millie Crocker. Br. Donovan Bowley; **Prayers of the People:** Bill Freeman; **Acolytes:** Will Robbins, Liliane Robbins; **Ushers:** Bill Freeman, Leamon Scott

Next Sunday

April 29, 2018:

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

Psalms 22:24-30

7:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Eucharistic Minister:** JoAnne Ryan; **Lectors:** Terry Mello, Pat Ayers; **Prayers of the People:** Edmund Hartt; **Usher:** Jean Cox.

9:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** Kristian Kibler; **Eucharistic Minister:** Roy Gilley; **Lectors:** Roy Gilley, Jeffrey Conrad; **Prayers of the People:** Chris Glass; **Acolytes:** Kavan Kibler, Kingston Kibler; **Ushers:** Jim Ebbert, Lucy Ebbert. **Coffee Hour:** The Bickham family.

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5:15 pm—Centering Prayer—Chapel

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Monday, April 23

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Tuesday, April 24

9:00 am—Xi Gong—Green Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Wednesday, April 25

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, April 26

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Friday, April 27

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Saturday, April 28

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