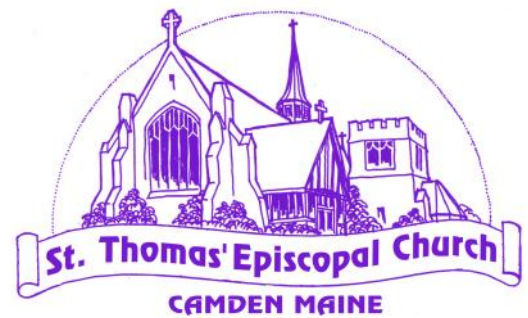


S T . T H O M A S ' Tidings

Sunday, April 29, 2018
The Fifth 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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Rosalee Preaching Today

The Rev. Dr. Rosalee Glass will be our preacher this morning.

Acolyte Training

We will be having an acolyte training in the sanctuary on May 6th immediately following the 9:30 service. We will revisit acolyte duties and go over *new* duties for those already trained. All parishioners age 8 and above are welcome to begin training to become an acolyte. It's a fun group to be a part of, and we welcome you into this integral part of worship in the church.

Sprechen sie deutsch?

Looking ahead: Pentecost is May 20th . If you can read the words of any language other than English, we need you! Many of us will be reading part of the gospel reading on Pentecost in different languages *simultaneously* for about one minute to recreate the Pentecost event in our own midst. You do not need to understand what you are reading, just be able to read it. Multiple readers in any given language are encouraged. Let Rev. Lisa or George know, so they can prepare the reading in your chosen language.

Outreach Coalition

The Outreach Coalition will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday May 1 at 5:00 pm.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Be trained to be a Lay Eucharistic Visitor! St. Thomas' is dedicated to making sure that parishioners in Quarry Hill, Windward Gardens, or the homebound in our congregation receive communion at least once a month. A lay Eucharistic visitor (LEV) has the privilege of bringing Communion to those who cannot be present at the Church. LEV's typically spend 20 minutes with a parishioner on a Sunday or Wednesday once every month or two. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, let the office know at 236-3680, or rector@stthomascamdenme.org.

Camp Bishopswood Cleanup

Help Camp Bishopswood get ready for the summer season! There will be a cleanup the weekend of May 4-6. Please get in touch with JoAnne Ryan at 785-2726 if you can attend.

Memorial Paten

A paten is a small plate used to hold the Eucharistic bread before it is consecrated. The Altar Guild is soliciting donation for the purchase of a new paten in memory of Terry Bunger. You can make a contribution by writing "Terry Bunger paten" in the memo line of your check. Thank you very much!

Support the Food Pantry

Please remember to bring donations next Sunday, May 6 for the Food Pantry. Any personal hygiene items or *non-perishable foods* would be helpful. Of par-

ticular need: hearty soups, cereals, baked beans, baking mixes, spaghetti sauce, soups, soups, soups, rice and canned vegetables or fruits. Please check the expiration dates. You can also make a cash donation using the specially marked envelopes in the pew racks.

Forward Day by Day

There has been a delay in receiving our shipment of *Forward Day by Day* for the next quarter. We are sorry for the inconvenience. We'll let you know when the books come in. In the meantime, you can view the daily reflections at www.forwardmovement.org.

Youth Group Meeting

St. Thomas' high school students begin meeting weekly with Rev. Lisa in the library following the 9:30 service beginning May 6 for class/discussion about faith and what it means to be a Christian today.

7:30 Service Coffee Hour

On the first Sunday of every month, there is a Coffee Hour following the 7:30 service. Would you like to provide refreshments? The signup sheet is on the sideboard in the Sun Room.

Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of William Bardsley by Francina Bardsley.

Today's Music

The lilting preludes and communion voluntary were written by David Cherwien (American, b. 1957) a church musician and composer from the Midwest who studied with Paul O. Manz and Alice Parker. Susan Palo Cherwien (American, b. 1953) is a poet and hymn writer (also the wife of David Cherwien): she wrote the text for the hymn, *O blessed spring*, which Robert Buckley Farlee (American, b. 1950) set to music and gave the tune the name, *Berglund*, his mother's maiden name. Today the Choir sings the lovely anthem setting of this text and tune, based on the Gospel reading we hear today from John 15.

Our stirring entrance hymn, *We know that Christ is raised and dies no more* was written in 1969 by John Geyer, a British Congregational minister in order to meet the need for more hymns celebrating our baptismal covenant. It is matched with the soaring tune, *Engelberg*, by Charles Villiers Stanford (Dublin, 1852-1924) a true lion of church music who was organist, composer and professor. We love to sing this tune so much that we have it in the hymnal three times! (#296, #420, #477). As the sequence hymn we sing the brief and yet profound text by the English mystic, priest and poet, George Herbert (1593-1633). The music is by Ralph Vaughan Williams (English, 1872-1958) who studied with Charles Villiers Stanford. Vaughan Williams wrote the tune, named for Herbert's poem, *The Call*, as part of his *Five Mystical Songs* for baritone, chorus and orchestra in 1911. It works beautifully as a congregational hymn.

During communion we sing a jubilant Easter text by Charles Wesley (1707-1788), written on the anniversary of the birth of his wife, October 12, 1755 (what a lovely birthday present!) The tune, *Middlebury*, first appeared in the second edition of the shape-note tunebook *A Supplement to the Kentucky Harmony* (Harrisonburg, VA, 1821-1824). As with many early American tunes, the melody was in **the Tenor**, with harmonizing voices above and below. We have be-

come used to having the melody on the top, or soprano line; this version is written in that style.

We go forth into the world with the easy-to-sing and well-loved tune, *Hyfrydol*, by Rowland Hugh Prichard (Welsh, 1811-1887) written when he was only twenty years old! It is easy to sing because it has a range of only six notes, so most folks can sing it! This text is by Charles Wesley as well. The postlude by Paul O. Manz (American, 1919-2009) is based on this tune. To round out the connections, David Cherwien studied composition with Manz.

May you go forth singing (or humming, or whistling....)

—Jane Schroeder, Minister of Music

Prayer List

We celebrate those members of our parish who have birthdays this week: Joan Foxwell (April 29), Karen Laite (May 3) 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.

Next Sunday

May 6, 2018:

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48

Psalms 98

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

7:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Eucharistic Minister:** Sandy Lyle; **Lectors:** Pam Bardon, Sandy Lyle; **Prayers of the People:** JoAnne Ryan; **Usher:** Bert Ryan.

9:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** Jeff Conrad; **Eucharistic Minister:** Jacqueline Recht; **Lectors:** Dean Jackson, Kate Jackson; **Prayers of the People:** Millie Crocker; **Acolytes:** Coco Roberts, Freya Johanson; **Ushers:** Dean Jackson, Joan Bennett

Calendar

Sunday, April 29

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite I

8:30 am—Choir Rehearsal

9:30 am—Holy Eucharist, EOW II

5:15 pm—Centering Prayer—Chapel

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Monday, April 30

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Tuesday, May 1

9:00 am—Xi Gong—Green Room

5:00 pm—Outreach Coalition

—Sun Room

5:00 pm—Building and Grounds Comm.

—Conference Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Wednesday, May 2

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, May 3

3:00 pm—Camden H.S. Alumni

Association—Conference

Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Friday, May 4

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Saturday, May 5

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Sunday, May 6

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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8:30 am—Choir Rehearsal

9:30 am—Holy Eucharist, EOW II

11:30 am—Acolyte Training—Sacristy

5:15 pm—Centering Prayer—Chapel

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Our Sunday School and Nursery rooms are located past the Sun Room. Turn right. The Blue Room is the Nursery; the Yellow Room is the Sunday School room. Restrooms are located down the right aisle, past the Chapel, at the end of the corridor on the left side. Additional rest rooms are located in the basement (down the same corridor, via the stairway on your left).