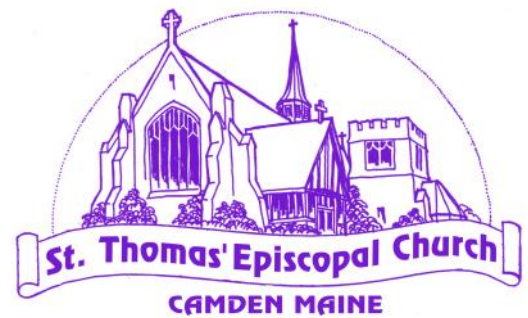


S T . T H O M A S ' Tidings

Sunday, May 6, 2018
The Sixth 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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Bob Furman (1935-2018)

A memorial service for Dr. Robert Furman, former senior warden and long-time member of this parish, will be held here on Saturday, June 16 at 2:00 pm.

Acolyte Training

We will be having an acolyte training in the sanctuary today 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.

¿Se habla Español?

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.

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 Bunker. You can make a contribution by writing "Terry Bunker paten" in the memo line of your check. Thank you very much!

Forward Day by Day

These booklets, containing daily lectionary readings with commentary are

available in the Sun Room and Narthex in both regular and large type editions.

Youth Group Meeting

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

Today's Music

Today's lilting prelude was written by the English organist, conductor and composer, Sydney Watson (1903-1991). We enter worship singing the stirring German harvest/planting hymn, *We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land*. Text and tune were both written late 18th century; the emphatic *unison singing* for the opening statement is from William Henry Monk's 1868 harmonization and what we sing today.

Our sequence hymn has a robust tune, *Vineyard Haven*, written by Dr. Richard Wayne Dirksen (1921-2003), one of the Episcopal church's most distinguished musicians, organists and prolific composers, who was Organist/Choirmaster at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul (Washington National Cathedral). The tune is in c minor and has a modal (think plainchant) quality to it and is sing-able with a folk like character. The text is from another time indeed: The text is by Isaac Watts (1674-1748) who is considered the creator of the modern English hymn (we have sixteen of his hymns in our *The Hymnal*

1982!)).

The Choir sings *If ye love me*, a text from today's Gospel reading in a setting by Thomas Tallis (English, c. 1505-1585). Another giant in church music, Tallis is considered the father of English church music. He was organist, then appointed "Gentleman of the Chapel Royal," a post he remained in until his death. This is an astounding feat since Tallis was Roman Catholic and served under four Tudor monarchs (without losing his head!) He wrote Latin church music as well as music for the Church of England; songs, music for strings and keyboard, and a tremendous amount of church music including anthems, hymns, masses, motets, canticles, settings for morning and evening prayer, psalms....you get the picture! We have six of his hymns in *The Hymnal 1982*: #'s 25, 43, 170, 692, 260 and 489.

During communion we sing *Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*, a text by James Montgomery (1771-1854) from the 1826 Moravian hymnal. John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876) composed this tune for the hymn *Jesus, the very thought of thee*, which we have as hymn #642 with a different tune. Richard Proulx (American, 1937-2010) arranged this hymn to have more interesting, singable, bass, tenor and alto parts. Thank you, Richard!

The communion voluntary I play, based on this hymn, is by the lion (lioness?) of American church music, Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927) who as a recitalist and composer has championed many contemporary composers' works. She has composed extensively for many genres and is still composing full speed at the tender age of 91!

With acknowledgement of Rogation Days and the blessing of the crops, we go forth singing *O Jesus, crowned with all renown*, a text for this purpose written by Archbishop Edward White Benson (English, 1829-1896). Ralph Vaughan Williams (English, 1872-1958) heard this folk tune in the village of Kingsfold (hence the tune name) and paired it with today's text. (This tune is known in Ireland as *The Star of the*

County Down.) Tunes do get around!

Johann Sebastian Bach's (German, 1685-1750) postlude is based on the 16th century German Easter hymn, *On earth has dawned this day of days* which you can see at Hymn #201. The tune is once again modal (not in a major or minor key) and Bach does it proud with an exuberant dance-like setting. Thank you, Johann!

—Jane Schroeder, Minister of Music

Prayer List

We celebrate those members of our parish who have birthdays this week: Ann Wardwell (May 7), Jacqueline Recht (May 8) 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 13, 2018:

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

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

9:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** Bill Freeman; **Eucharistic Minister:** Kristian Kibler; **Lectors:** Sarah Groman, Chris Glass; **Prayers of the People:** George Bickham; **Acolytes:** Will Robbins, Liliane Robbins; **Ushers:** Leamon Scott, Phillip Groman

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5:15 pm—Centering Prayer—Chapel

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Monday, May 7

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Tuesday, May 8

9:00 am—Xi Gong—Green Room

5:00 pm—Outreach Coalition

—Sun Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Wednesday, May 9

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 10

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Friday, May 11

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Saturday, May 12

9:00 am—Camden Conference

—Parish Hall

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

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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).