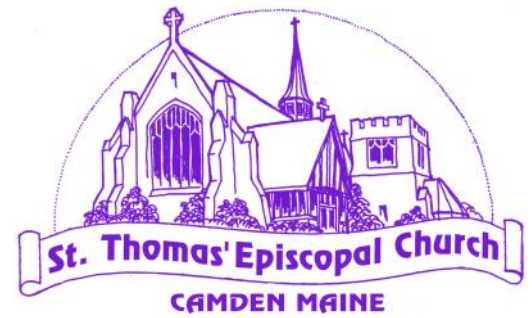


S T . T H O M A S ' Tidings

Sunday, May 13, 2018
The Seventh 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.



The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry, Rector
33 Chestnut Street (P.O. Box 631)
Camden, ME 04843
207 236-3680 Fax: 207 236-8016
admin@stthomascamdenme.org
www.stthomascamdenme.org

Scholarships Available

Two scholarships are available from endowed funds held by this parish: the Camp Bishopswood Scholarship which funds one week at the camp; and the Richard I Thomas Scholarship Fund which is an educational fund for students seeking higher education. To apply for the Bishopswood Scholarship, contact JoAnne Ryan at 785-2726; to apply for the R.I. Thomas Fund, send a letter describing need to Lisa Fry

¿Se habla Español?

Pentecost is next Sunday, 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.

Sunday School News

The Sunday school program at St. Thomas' will be on hiatus from June 10 until August, in order for our dedicated teachers to rest and recharge. **Rev. Lisa will be offering monthly children's sermons** during the summer, and there will be some additional opportunities for the kids including **Jane Schroeder's**

"Everything you wanted to know about the organ.." hands on opportunity for kids, followed by the same class for adults—where the kids help Jane teach the adults what they learned. Come to church, where the children can worship during the entire liturgy, or if you prefer for kids 0-6: our nursery is always open.

Today's Preacher

The Rev. Deacon Abby Pettee will be preaching today, Sunday, May 13.

To Mothers Everywhere

Mother's Day is a complex time for many. To those who gave birth this year to their first child—we celebrate with you; to those who lost a child this year—we mourn with you; to those who are in the trenches with little ones every day and wear the badge of food stains—we appreciate you; to those who experienced loss through miscarriage, failed adoptions, or running away—we mourn with you; to those who walk the hard path of infertility, fraught with pokes, prods, tears, and disappointment—we walk with you. Forgive us when we say foolish things. We don't mean to make this harder than it is. To those who are foster moms, mentor moms, and spiritual moms—we need you; to those who have warm and close relationships with your children—we celebrate with you; to those who have disappointment, heart ache, and distance with your children—we sit with you; to those who lost

their mothers this year—we grieve with you; to those who experienced abuse at the hands of your own mother—we acknowledge your experience; to those who lived through driving tests, medical tests, and the overall testing of motherhood—we are better for having you in our midst; to those who are single and long to be married and mothering your own children—we mourn that life has not turned out the way you longed for it to be; to those who step-parent—we walk with you on these complex paths; to those who envisioned lavishing love on grandchildren—yet that dream is not to be, we grieve with you; to those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year—we grieve and rejoice with you; to those who placed children up for adoption—we commend you for your selflessness and remember how you hold that child in your heart; and to those who are pregnant with new life, both expected and surprising—we anticipate with you. **Happy Mother's Day.** (With thanks to Amy Young.)

+Rev. Lisa

Today's Music

We enter worship today singing Jeremiah Clarke's (1670-1707) invigorating tune, St. Magnus, paired with Thomas Kelly's 1820 text to mark The Ascension (this past Thursday): The head that once was crowned with thorns (#483). Then we sing Brian Wren's (b. 1936) text, When Christ was lifted from the earth, based on Paul's admonition found in

Romans 15:7, "Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

During communion we sing Orlando Gibbons' (1583-1625) gorgeous tune, Song 13, paired with the amalgamation of texts by James Montgomery and Charles Price, based on Psalm 131, Lord, forever at thy side. We again have Ralph Vaughan Williams (as editor of The Episcopal Hymnals in 1916 and 1940) to thank for bringing back Gibbons' tunes and making four part hymns for us to sing. Our going forth into the world hymn, See the Conqueror mounts in triumph, #215, Christopher Wordsworth's (1807-1885) Ascension text sung to the depth and breadth of the 1710 Dutch tune, In Babilone.

Wayne Wold (b. 1954) wrote the prelude based on Carolyn Jennings (b. 1936) tune, Norwich. The text for this hymn is based on the writings of the mystic, Julian of Norwich (1342-1413). Here is the text:

*Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of every breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light,
Grain of new life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.
Mothering Spirit, nurturing one, in arms of patience hold me close,
So that in faith I root and grow until I flower, until I know.*

I think Julian of Norwich was way ahead of her time!

The Choir, with Kathryn Dermarderosian as soloist, sings Mozart's Laudate Dominum, from his Solemn Vespers, written in 1780 to be sung at Salzburg Cathedral. It is a gorgeous piece, scored for soloist, four voices (choir), 2 violins, 2 clarino trumpets (very high!), cello, double bass, bassoon, 3 trombones, timpani and organ. The first half is a soprano solo; the choir then comes in with the soprano soaring above.

We go forth into the world with me playing Robert Hobby's (American, b. 1962) uplifting postlude based on the

entrance hymn tune, *St. Magnus*.

May you go forth singing!

—Jane Schroeder, Minister of Music

Prayer List

We celebrate those members of our parish who have birthdays this week: George Grey (May 15), Pat Medley (May 19). 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, Paul Whittaker, Carolyn Morris, Roxanna, Risa, Janan Vaughn, Rosalind Clarke, Amy, Darlene.

Next Sunday

May 20, 2018:

The Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

Romans 8:22-27

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

7:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Deacon:** The Rev. Abby Pettee; **Eucharistic Minister:** JoAnne Ryan; **Lectors:** Paul Holman, Edmund Hartt; **Prayers of the People:** Sandy Lyle; **Usher:** Edmund Hartt.

9:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Deacon:** The Rev. Abby Pettee; **Crucifer:** Dean Jackson; **Eucharistic Minister:** Jeffrey Conrad; **Lectors:** Anna Black, Jane Schroeder; **Prayers of the People:** Bill Freeman; **Acolytes:** George Bickham, Freya Johanson; **Ushers:** Lucy Ebbert, Jim Ebbert.

What's Where

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).

Calendar

Sunday, May 13

The Seventh 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, May 14

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Tuesday, May 15

9:00 am—Xi Gong—Green Room

5:00 pm—Vestry meeting—Conference Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Wednesday, May 16

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 17

5:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal—Green Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Friday, May 18

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Saturday, May 19

11:00 am—Henry Jalbert Funeral

11:30 am—Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen at St. Peter's Rockland

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Sunday, May 20

The Day of Pentecost

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