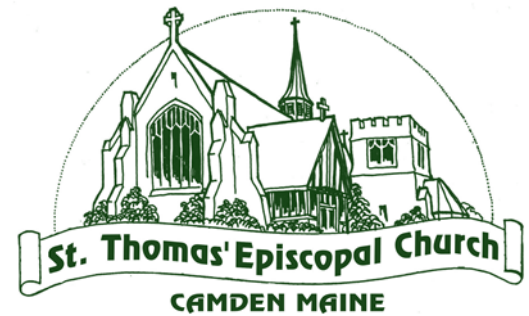


S T . T H O M A S '
Tidings

Sunday, September 16, 2018
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

We welcome all who enter these doors, especially those who enter for the first time or after a long absence. Everyone is welcome! 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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Parish Meeting Called

Parish Meeting to discuss possibility of the new service time for the second service. Come hear why Mother Lisa thinks this change will benefit St. Thomas'. Put it on your calendar—**Today!** Meeting will be during/ after the coffee hour. Join the discussion!

Acolyte Training

Acolyte Training is coming up on September 23rd after the 9:30 service. Seasoned veterans and newbies all need to be there to be put on acolyte teams. Parents are encouraged to attend.

LEV Commissioning

Today we will be commissioning our Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEV's) who will visit our homebound parishioners and bring them communion from our holy table at least once a month. They are: Polly Chatfield, Shirley Fierro, Sarah Groman, Paul Holman, Sandy Lyle, and Jacqueline Recht.

Congratulate them!

LEV Ministry

Eucharistic Visiting, a ministry of care and compassion is a very real blessing to the homebound among us. Sharing in the Communion of Christ's body and blood connects us, and I give thanks that folks have been called and equipped! I am thinking of the St Thomas family in the prayers of my heart as LEV's are commissioned.

Faithfully,
The Rev Abby Pettee, Deacon

Today's Music Pentecost 17

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Full disclosure: if you were here to worship this past Sunday, September 9, 2018, I played *Elevation* from *Mass for the Convents* by François Couperin **not** *Poem for Peace* by Jean Langlais as the prelude. Simple reason: when I returned from vacation I could not find the Jean Langlais piece! I had selected that piece to play close to the anniversary of the terrible tragedies of September 11, 2001. I promise to find it and play it!

You are probably wondering why I listed the composer of the prelude as William Boyce/Maurice Greene. No, they are not two names for the same person! Maurice Greene (1695-1755) was the master teacher of William Boyce (1710-1779) at St. Paul's Cathedral, London. The musical styles of both men are very similar; therefore it is difficult to discern (since the manuscripts are not signed) which composer wrote this music. Enjoy it anyway! Imagine hearing it in Christopher Wren's great architectural gem over 250 years ago.

We enter worship today singing the rousing adaptation of the chorus "The heavens are telling" from Haydn's *The Creation*, composed between 1797-1798 and first performed at the Palais Schwarzenberg, Vienna on April 29, 1798. The text is Joseph Addison's (1672-1719) paraphrase of Psalm 19:1-6. Our sequence hymn is a **thirteenth-century** text attributed to St. Richard, Bishop of Chichester. The tune, *Sumner*, is **twentieth-century**, composed in 1941 by Arthur H. Biggs for use with this text. Biggs served as organist and choir-master at St. John's Cathedral, Spokane, Washington, for many years. The cathedral is located on Sumner Avenue.

During communion we sing the deeply personal statement of faith by Elizabeth Cecilia Clephane, published in 1872. Frederick C. Maker (1844-1927) composed the tune specifically for this text. We go forth into the world singing the litany by William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), *Before thy throne, O God, we kneel*. The rousing music is by Dimitri Bortniansky (Russian, 1751-1825) who studied in St. Petersburg, Venice, Bologna, Rome and Naples. Upon returning to Russia he was appointed director of the Empress's church choir for which he composed a great deal of sacred music. Tchaikovsky compiled and edited ten volumes of Bortniansky's music in 1885.

The Choir sings the ancient (1514) beloved text *God be in my head and in my understanding*. This very short text would serve us well if it were the only prayer we uttered each day! John Rutter (b. 1945) the prolific English composer, does the text justice with a straightforward musical setting. We switch musical gears today with Robert Powell's (American, b. 1932) buoyant setting of the *Gloria* along with his rhythmic setting of *Sanctus and Benedictus* and lovely, lilting setting of *Lamb of God*. We will continue singing this setting of service music through the last Sunday of the church year, *Christ the King*, on November 25, 2018.

Go forth singing!
Jane Schroeder
Minister of Music

Prayers of the People

For a couple of months we're going to be doing a new Prayers of the People. You might notice something missing: the list of people we are praying for. Does this mean I don't care about people we are praying for? BY NO MEANS—to quote Paul. I believe in the efficacy of prayer and most especially prayers for those we love.

Here's what I'd like us to *try*: the people on our prayer list will still be listed in Tidings each week. **PLEASE TAKE THIS HOME-** and pray the list—either alone or with family. It would be lovely to pray it daily, if you are able—or as many times in the week as you can. Really think about each person as you pray for them. My goal is not to pray less for our people, but to pray more.

On Sundays for the next couple of months there will be periods of quiet after each petition. I *encourage you to please say aloud* the names of those you would like to pray for. I would love to hear a ripple of names coming forth from our people, for our people. Don't be shy. I'll be saying people's names, too. I'm hoping that a commitment to praying daily for the people on our prayer list, combined with spontaneous prayer on Sunday's will move our hearts in a way that reading a list of names sometimes doesn't.

Please join me for the next couple of months in this *Prayer Experiment*. Pray daily, lift up names aloud on Sunday. Lisa+

Prayer List

Please pray for those members of this parish and others who are in special need: Marya Allen, Ron, Andrew, Joanne Scott, Tiffany Andrews, Stormy Bok, Seana Roubinek, Pat Olds, Paul Whittaker, Carolyn Morris, Janan Vaughn, Rosalind Clarke, Amy, Darlene, Gordon Gushee, Susan, Martha, Jean Harper, Abby Neal, Mary, Susan, Jeremiah Swett, Dustin, Marcie Vega.

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Proverbs 1:20-33

Psalms 19

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

7:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Eucharistic Minister:** Sandy Lyle ; **Lectors:** Jan Lyle, Pat Ayers; **Prayers of the People:** JoAnne Ryan; **Usher:** Carlos Mello

9:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** TBA; **Eucharistic Minister:** Jeffrey Conrad; **Lectors:** Roy Gilley, John Mattern; **Prayers of the People:** Chris Glass; **Acolytes:** Lily and Will Robbins; **Ushers:** Jim Ebbert, Phillip Groman

Next Sunday

September 23, 2018
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Psalms 54

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

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

9:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** TBA; **Eucharistic Minister:** Roy Gilley; **Lectors:** Sally Williamson; Kathryn DerMarderosian **Prayers of the People:** Millie Crocker; **Acolytes:** Kavan and Kingston Kibler; **Ushers:** Scott Chrysler; Leamon Scott

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

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7:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite I

8:30 am—Choir Rehearsal

9:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite II

(Coffee Hour follows)

11:00 am—Parish Meeting

5:15 pm—Centering Prayer—Chapel

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Monday, September 17

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Parish Hall

Tuesday, September 18

9:00 am—Xi Gong—Green Room

10:00 am—Tai Chi for Wellness—Green Room

2:00 pm—Staff Meeting

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Wednesday, September 19

9:30 am—Service of Holy Eucharist with Healing—Chapel

10:15 am—Fellowship—Sun Room

11:00 am—Bible Study—Sun Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

7:00 pm—VoXX

Thursday, September 20

5:00pm—Choir—Green Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Friday, September 21

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Saturday, September 22

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Sunday, September 23

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