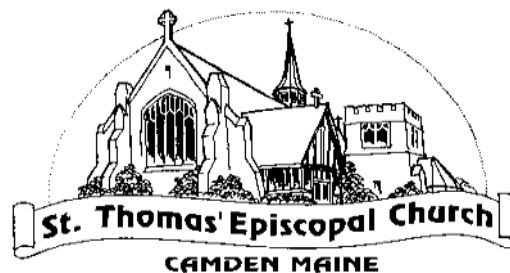


ST. THOMAS' Tidings

Sunday, February 24, 2019

The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

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.



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Vestry Commissioning TODAY

We will have a short commissioning liturgy at the announcement time during both services TODAY! Please come and share in prayers for the lay leaders of our church as we welcome new Vestry members and officers.

Lenten Sermon and Teaching Series is coming

Lenten Sermon and Discussion Series is coming!

During the 7 weeks of Lent, Rev. Lisa and Rev. Abby will be team teaching and doing a preaching series using Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's new project: *The Way of Love*, as a discussion starter. Here's a link:

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love>

Lisa and Abby's sermons and open discussions each week will follow one of the practices of **Rest - Turn - Learn - Pray - Worship - Bless - Go!**, focusing on one aspect each week. Join them at 9am each Sunday in the Conference Room from March 10-April 21 for a discussion about how these 5 practices impact your daily life.

Confession is good for the soul

Sometimes people need to confess, especially if they can't stop thinking about something in their past. Sometimes we need to hear we are forgiven, no matter what.

Long before Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) we had Shrove Tuesday. The expression "Shrove Tuesday" comes from the word shrive, which means "absolve". Beginning in the early church, Christians would confess their sins to their priest the day before Lent began. They were then absolved in the name of God. Many continue this tradition.

I will offer The Reconciliation of a Penitent, sometimes referred to incorrectly as *confession*, by appointment on Shrove Tuesday, March 5.

The Great Litany

If you want to see our church at its ritually best, come and participate in the Great Litany. This liturgical rite has been used by Christians since the fifth century. The Great Litany is done on the first Sunday in Lent—March 10 this year. It is sometimes chanted in a procession, which many choirs call the "holy pretzel." This Litany includes various petitions that are led by the priest, with responses sung or said by the congregation. The Great Litany invokes the Trinity and includes prayers for deliverance from evil, spiritual harm, and natural calamities; and concludes with prayers of general intercession. The Great Litany replaces the Prayers of the People and the Confession on Lent 1.

2019 Directories Ready!

2019 Directories are now available in the Sunroom and the Church Office. Please check your information for accuracy, and help us fill in any missing information. Thank you!

Chapter & Verse Deadline

Tuesday, February 26, 2019
9:00 am

Ash Wednesday Services

Ash Wednesday Services will be held on March 6 at 9:30am and 5:30pm in the Church. The Rector will also be bringing ashes during the day to our homebound parishioners at Quarry Hill, Knox Mill, and to private homes as requested.

Upcoming Zumba Dance

Volunteers are needed for the March 30th (7:30—9:30 pm) Zumba Dance Party Benefit (Proceeds to go to Knox County Homeless Coalition, and Habitat for Humanity) Help is needed for....

- 1) Childcare from 7:30—9:30 pm
- 2) Kitchen Help/Refreshments
- 3) Snacks and Baked Goods Donations
- 4) Decoration ideas and set up
- 5) Advertising (Freepress/Online, etc.)

Please contact Pam Bardon 236-2421.

Today's Music February 24, 2019

WELCOME BACK, CHOIR!

I hope you are refreshed and ready to jump into music for Lent and Easter. Thank you for your spirited singing from pews in the congregation. It was especially helpful during the organ gremlin *williwaw!* (New word for me *grin*)

This morning I am playing a new piece by **Richard Proulx** (American, b. 1942) based on the early American tune, *Land of Rest*. This tune first appeared in the 1836 edition of *The Christian Harp*, as a two-part arrangement by Lazarus B. M'Lain and has survived mostly in tact. It is a pentatonic melody, meaning it uses only five tones: C,D,F,G,A (plus in our version a passing tone of B flat). We sing **Brian Wren's** (English, b. 1936) contemporary text for communion, which emphasizes the corporate act of receiving communion together and then going forth into the world. The organ piece I play is a "found" gem: at an American Guild of Organists, Bangor Chapter event, we had one of our "music swaps." This came from the library of the late **Fred Jones**, legendary organist and choir director for many years at St. John's Episcopal Church, Bangor.

We enter worship singing *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*.

Today's Music, Continued...

Joachim Neander (1650-1680) wrote the text, translated from the German by **Catherine Winkworth** (1827-1878) who translated at least nine texts in our hymnal. The music, *Lobe den Herren*, is thought to be of folk song origins, and probably so, since it is very singable! **Emma Lou Diemer's** (American, b. 1924) fiery postlude is based on this tune. We go forth into the world singing another favorite, *Love divine, all loves excelling*. This is **Charles Wesley's** (1707-1788) text. The Welshman, **Rowland Hugh Prichard** (1811-1887) wrote the tune when he was only twenty years old. This tune as well is very singable since the range is only six notes (F,G,A,B flat, C and one D).

The Choir sings a favorite anthem with a contemporary text inspired by "The Beatitudes." Arranged by Carlton T. Russell, the transcription in the published version states:

For the choir of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Camden, Maine
Jane Schroeder, Minister of Music.

We are all honored.

Go forth singing,
Jane Schroeder, Minister of Music

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, Seana Roubinek, Pat Olds, Carolyn Morris, JaNan Vaughn, Rosalind Clarke, Amy, Gordon Gushee, Susan, Martha, Jean Harper, Abby Neal, Jeremiah Swett, Dustin, Maxine, Jan, Joan Pottle, Arnie Joy, Norval Johanson, Paul Whittaker, Sandy Lyle, Kevin Jackson.

Needs in the Area

It has come to my attention that our members occasionally run across specific and finite needs among our area families and individuals. I would like to open up this space to Parishioners of St. Thomas' who would like us to help. Lisa+

USE THIS SPACE!

This Sunday

February 24, 2019

Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Psalms 37:1-12, 41-32

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Luke 6:27-38

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

10:00 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** George Bickham; **Eucharistic Minister:** Roy Gilley; **Lectors:** Roy Gilley, Sarah Groman; **Prayers of the People:** Br. Donovan Bowley; **Acolytes:** Charlotte Watkins, Poppy Johanson; **Ushers:** Phil Groman, Leamon Scott

Altar Guild: JoAnn Ryan, Anne Ayers, Jacqueline Recht, Jeff Conrad

Next Sunday

March 3, 2019

Eighth Sunday After Epiphany

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalms 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-36

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

10:00 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** Freya Johanson; **Eucharistic Minister:** Jacqueline Recht; **Lectors:** TBD; **Prayers of the People:** TBD; **Acolytes:** Hettie Bickham, Lola Black; **Ushers:** Lucy Ebbert, Jim Ebbert

Altar Guild: Pat Ayers, Ruth Tolman, Rebecca Vogt, Jeff Conrad

What's Where

Our Sunday School and Nursery rooms are located past the sun room. Turn right. The *Blue Room* is the Nursery & *Godly Play*; the *Yellow Room* is the *God, the Bible and Me* classroom. 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). The Conference Room is past the sunroom, take the right corridor to the end and turn left.

Calendar

Sunday, February 24

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany Vestry Commissioning

7:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite I

8:30 am—Choir Rehearsal

9:00 am—Christian Education Classes

10:00 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite II
(Coffee Hour follows)

5:15 pm—Centering Prayer—Chapel

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Monday, February 25

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Parish Hall

Tuesday, February 26

9:00 am—Xi-Gong Dance Class

2:00 pm—Staff Meeting

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Wednesday, February 27

9:30 am—Holy Eucharist with Healing—Chapel

10:15 am—Coffee and Conversation—
Conference Room

11:00 am—Bible Study—Conference
Room

4:00 pm—EFM—Conference Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

7:00 pm—VoXX

Thursday, February 28

5:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Friday, March 1

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Saturday, March 2

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Sunday, March 3

Eighth Sunday after Epiphany

7:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite I
(Coffee Hour follows)

8:30 am—Choir Rehearsal

9:00 am—Christian Education Classes

10:00 am—Youth-Led Eucharist, Rite II

Guest speaker: 7:30 & 10

Mike Douglas, Camp Bishopswood
(Coffee Hour follows)

5:15 pm—Centering Prayer—Chapel

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Meetings and Events are subject to change. St. Thomas' welcomes the use of its facilities for meetings and events. Please contact the Parish Office before scheduling any event. A detailed building calendar can be viewed in the office copier room.