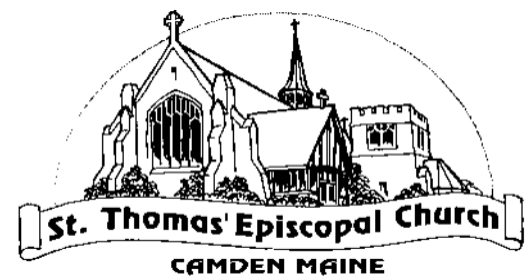


St. Thomas' Tidings

Sunday, March 31, 2019
The Fourth Sunday in Lent

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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Continuing in Lent

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has developed a Way of Love to help us follow Jesus daily. It's elegant and simple. The 7 components flow in a circle, and they are REST, TURN, LEARN, PRAY, WORSHIP, BLESS, GO! Each week Abby and I will break down one component, preach on it, and discuss with the 9:00 class how it meshes with our lives and enables us to follow Jesus daily. Please join us for the discussions which continue through Easter.

Lisa+

Food Pantry Sunday

Please remember to bring donations next Sunday, April 7th, for the Food Pantry. Any personal hygiene items or non-perishable foods would be helpful. We ask that you please check the expiration dates. You can also make a donation using the specially marked envelopes in the pews.

Outreach Meeting

The Outreach Committee will be meeting Tuesday, April 2nd at 5:00 pm in the Conference Room. All are welcome.

Parish Survey Request

We have received requests from parishioners to review the detailed 2018 Parish Survey responses and feedback. However, we committed that all survey comments would be treated as anonymous and confidential.

Therefore, before we release the detailed feedback, we wish to ensure

that survey respondents do not object to having their responses published and available to others to review. Survey responses do NOT identify the individuals who provided the feedback.

Please contact Carlos Mello at srwarden.stthomascamden@gmail.com or Mother Lisa if you have any concerns or questions

Palm Sunday Readers!

On Palm Sunday, April 14 we need volunteers of all ages to take the part in Luke's Passion Play. Please let Paul Holman, Bill Freeman or the rector know if you are interested in taking a role in this most important Gospel reading of the year.

Triduum

Holy week begins on Palm Sunday, April 14 and continues through Easter, April 21. It is as important to go through the darkness of our faith as it is to rejoice in the light. The Paschal Triduum is the period of three days that begins with the liturgy on the evening of Maundy Thursday, in which we remember the last supper and arrest of Jesus. Next is Good Friday, when we remember Jesus' crucifixion and death, followed by the Saturday Easter Vigil, a service that begins in darkness. We light the first fire of Easter, hear the faith story once again, sometimes have baptisms, and ring the first bells of Easter. The Triduum culminates on Easter Sunday when we celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection. This three day walk of faith is shared by liturgical Christians around the world. Come and experience the whole faith story. Join in!

NOON Music in Lent

Our NOON Music in Lent program takes place in the Church and Parish Hall each Friday throughout Lent. Come and hear members of our community perform a half hour of music, then enjoy fellowship and a lunch of soup and bread in the Parish Hall. The free-will offering benefits the Camden Area Christian Food Pantry.

April 5

Suzanne Scott and Jane Schroeder

Piano for Four Hands

April 12

Dean Jorgensen, *Bass*
Ed Shindle, *Tenor*
Jane Schroeder, *Piano*

Thank you, Nancy Riesgo, Michelle Terry and Amy Kercsmar for a wonderful performance Friday!

Please Join Us!

Today's Music The Fourth Sunday in Lent March 31, 2019

Confession! I changed my mind and will play two different preludes than what is listed in the bulletin. *Aus tiefer not (From deepest woe I cry to thee)* is based on Psalm 130. It is one of the first hymns written by Martin Luther (1483-1546). You may see it at Hymn #151 in our *Hymnal 1982*. I play

two different settings of this: the first one by Sigfrid Karg-Elert (German, 1877-1933) and the second one by Gerald Near (American, b. 1942). Then, at 7:30 a.m., we enter singing the rousing parish mission hymn, *There's a wideness in God's mercy*. (We sing this as the sequence hymn at 10 a.m.) Frederick Faber wrote this text in 1854, just after the great famine in Ireland. It is matched with the tune by John Zundel (German, 1815-1882) who composed it in 1870 while organist at Plymouth Congregational Church in Brooklyn alongside the pastor, Henry Ward Beecher (hence the tune name).

During communion I play Bach's (German, 1685-1750) sweet, but not cloying, piece based on the 16th century chorale, *Lamb of God, pure and holy*. (The tune is on the pedals.) Bach also used this tune in The St. Matthew Passion. To go forth into the world I play the American church musician, composer and professor Paul Manz's (1919-2009) invigorating piece on our closing hymn, *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*. William Williams (Wales, 1717-1791) a leader of the Welsh Methodist Revival, wrote over eight hundred(!) Welsh hymns and is described as being the first romantic poet of Wales. John Hughes (Wales, 1873-1932) composed the tune, *Cwm Rhondda* (which means "Rhondda Valley") for a Baptist Singing Festival in 1903.

The Choir sings the spiritual, *Lily of the Valley*, with references to *Song of Solomon 2:1*. It was arranged by Wendell Whalum (Atlanta, 1931-1987) composer, organist and Director of the Morehouse College Glee Club. Dr. Whalum toured world-wide with the group. During communion we sing *Just as I am, without one plea*. Charlotte Elliott (England, 1789-1871) was an invalid from early childhood and spent her life in seclusion. Nevertheless, she wrote over 150 deeply personal hymns of faith which resonated (and still do) with many.

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, Paul Whittaker, Anne, Sandy Lyle, Jan Gilley, Kevin Jackson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Millie.

This Sunday

March 31, 2019

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalms 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

7:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher:

The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Eucharistic Minister:** Pam Bardon; **Lectors:** Pat Ayers, Diane Kirkman; **Prayers of the People:** Pam Bardon; **Usher:** Carlos Mello
10:00 am: Celebrant and Preacher:
The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** Freya Johanson; **Eucharistic Minister:** Jacqueline Recht; **Lectors:** Jeff Conrad, Roy Gilley; **Prayers of the People:** Millie Crocker; **Acolytes:** Lola Black, Hettie Bickham; **Ushers:** Lucy Ebbert, Jim Ebbert

Next Sunday

April 7, 2019

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalms 126

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

7:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher:

The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Eucharistic Minister:** Sandy Lyle; **Lectors:** Diane Kirkman, Jan Lyle; **Prayers of the People:** Pat Ayers; **Usher:** Paul Holman
10:00 am: Celebrant and Preacher:
The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** Lily Robbins; **Eucharistic Minister:** Jeff Conrad; **Lectors:** Youth; **Prayers of the People:** Youth; **Acolytes:** Will Robbins; **Ushers:** Youth and Jim & Lucy Ebbert

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, March 31

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

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, April 1

6:30 pm – AA meeting – Parish Hall

Tuesday, April 2

9:00 am – Xi-Gong Dance Class

2:00 pm – Staff Meeting

5:00 pm – Outreach Committee

Meeting – Conference Room

6:30 pm – AA meeting – Basement

Wednesday, April 3

9:30 am – Eucharist Service with Healing

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, April 4

5:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

6:30 pm – AA meeting – Basement

Friday, April 5

12:00 pm – NOON Music in Lent

(Luncheon Follows in Parish Hall)

6:30 pm – AA meeting – Basement

Saturday, April 6

6:30 pm – AA meeting – Basement

Sunday, April 7

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

7:30 am – Holy Eucharist, Rite I

(Coffee Hour follows)

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

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