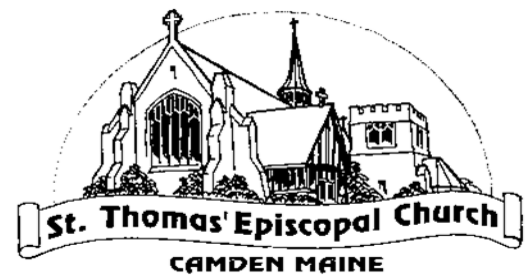


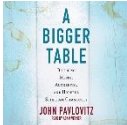
# St. Thomas' Tidings

Sunday, May 19, 2019  
*The Fifth Sunday of Easter*

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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## Reading *Building a Bigger Table* in Rector's Class!

The Rector's class is going to be doing a Book Study! We will be reading (slowly) the book *A Bigger Table: Building Messy, Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community*, by John Pavlovitz.

This class will begin this Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> with Chapter 1. Please join us!

## Receptions

There will be a reception for Jane Schroeder, our beloved Music Minister, after each service on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Come and help us celebrate Jane's ministry and her presence among us before she ventures into the wild new world of retirement!

## Sunday School

Sunday School will be on vacation for the summer. May 19<sup>th</sup> will be the final class for the older kids until the fall. Godly Play, taught by Karen Colburn, will continue to meet through the end of June. All classes will resume in September.

## Education for Ministry (EfM)

EfM is for anyone who seeks spiritual growth in a small group setting, hungers for a deeper knowledge of God and scripture, Christian history, and theology. Participants come from diverse backgrounds, making the shared learning experience rich and rewarding. We will be starting a new session in the Fall; more information can be found on the [Christian Education](#) page of our website.

## Chapter & Verse

We are hoping to publish a Chapter & Verse newsletter in early June. If you would like to have an article in C&V, please send it to the Parish Office

([admin@stthomascamdenme.org](mailto:admin@stthomascamdenme.org)) by May 31<sup>st</sup>. To make sure that we don't miss your article, please include "Chapter & Verse" in the Subject line.

## Altar Flowers

We have about approximately 15 dates still available for people to *give Altar Flowers* in honor of someone or something, in memory of something or someone, or in thanksgiving for something or someone. There are three ways to give flowers:

- Bring in flowers from your own garden on Friday morning
- Bring in flowers you have purchased
- Write a check for \$50 for the flowers and we will buy them

Please sign up for flowers in the Narthex.

## Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

The food pantry is in need of volunteers to work on either Tuesday mornings from 8-11 or Thursday afternoons from 4-6. This is an ongoing commitment where you would need to be available on weekly basis. For more information, please contact Leamon Scott or Bill Freeman.

## American Guild of Organists

The Bangor Chapter Members' Recital will be held at Hampden Highlands United Methodist Church (44 Kennebec Road, Hampden, ME) on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. The church has a wonderful **1909 Hook & Hastings (Boston) Organ** that is just delightful to hear (and play!). Please join us for a wonderful afternoon!  
--Jane Schroeder

## Today's Music

Both of this morning's preludes are based on lovely plainchant melodies. **Marcel Dupré** (French, 1886-1971) composed *O Lucis Creator*, a piece rich with harmonies underneath the plainchant tune (you can



## Volunteer to Set the *Table of the Lord*

When you come up for communion notice the communion vessels we use, the candles burning, the altar "dressed" for a communal meal. Without the Altar Guild it will not happen.

Have you ever thought about joining the Altar Guild? If so, we could use your help. The Altar Guild is a ministry of love and service as we prepare the *Table of the Lord* each week for worship.

There used to be 16 guild members that shared this ministry, but we have grown older, and now we have 4 people doing what was once shared by a much larger group. Please think seriously about joining us in this truly rewarding ministry of the altar. Men, women, families—all are welcome to prepare the *Table of the Lord*.

Please contact JoAnne Ryan ([jydyryan@yahoo.com](mailto:jydyryan@yahoo.com)) if you would like additional information or would be interested in volunteering.

see the tune in the Hymnal #27). **Gerald Near** (American, b. 1942) composed *O Lux beata*, again with rich harmonies and an ethereal quality where I play the plainchant tune on the pedals using a very high sound (see this tune in the Hymnal #30). **Josef Rheinberger** (German, 1839-1901) was a prolific composer for opera, symphony, chamber music and choral

### Today's Music...continued...

music; he is primarily remembered for his intricate, and once again, harmonically rich, pieces for organ. **Johann Pachelbel** (German, 1653-1706) was an organist and another prolific composer: he composed the lively postlude.

The Choir sings an anthem which has been a favorite of every choir I have known as well as a favorite of organists: *Let all mortal flesh keep silence* is a very old text from the Fifth Century Liturgy of St. James. Ralph Vaughan Williams brilliantly combined this text with the tune, *Picardy*, a 17<sup>th</sup> Century French folk tune. **Gustav Holst** (English, 1874-1934) and Vaughan Williams became life-long friends while both were at the Royal College of Music. Holst's musical output was prodigious; we are familiar with his orchestral work, *The Planets* (1914-1916) and the exquisite hymn, *In the bleak mid-winter* (Hymnal #112).

We sing stirring entrance and closing hymns: *Christ is made the sure foundation* is another very old text, dating from possibly the sixth century. The tune, *Westminster Abbey*, is derived from an anthem by another prolific composer, **Henry Purcell** (English, 1659-1695). From 1674-1678 Purcell tuned the organ at Westminster Abbey and succeeded John Blow as organist of the Abbey. Purcell's funeral and burial were held there on November 25, 1695. *God of grace and God of glory* has a much newer text: **Harry Emerson Fosdick** (New York, 1878-1969) wrote this text while at his summer home in Boothbay Harbor in 1930. It was sung at the opening of the Riverside Church, NYC on October 5, 1930. The vigorous tune, *Cwm Rhondda* (which means Rhondda Valley) was composed by **John Hughes** (Wales, 1873-1932) for a Baptist *Cymanfa Ganu* (Singing Festival) in 1903.

Our sequence hymn is a brief poem from the Christmas Oratorio *For the Time Being* by **W.H. Auden** (American, 1907-1973). Auden wrote the libretto between 1941-1942 for Benjamin Britten: the composer never completed the oratorio. During communion we sing the brief and yet profound text, *Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life* by the English mystic **George Herbert** (1593-1633). **Ralph Vaughan Williams** (English, 1872-1958), using Herbert's poetry, composed a set of *Five Mystic Songs* for baritone, chorus and

orchestra in 1911. This hymn is an adaptation of the fourth song in the cycle.

May you go forth with sweet melodies and rich harmonies.

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, Amy, Gordon Gushee, Susan, Martha, Abby Neal, Dustin, Maxine, Joan Pottle, Arnie Joy, Paul Whittaker, Anne, Sandy Lyle, Jan Gilley, Brian Fitzpatrick, Millie, Skip Groman, Helen Kuhl, Tom Fontaine, Kathy Kulick, Gayle and George, Pat Patrocky, Kay Lehr, Lainie Vreeland, David Harper, Susan Conrad, Elaine

### This Sunday

May 19, 2019

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18  
Psalm 148  
Revelation 21:1-6  
John 13:31-35

#### 7:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher:

The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Eucharistic Minister:** Sandy Lyle; **Lectors:** JoAnne Ryan, Pat Ayers; **Prayers of the People:** Diane Kirkman; **Usher:** Jean Cox

#### 10:00 am: Celebrant and Preacher:

The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** Freya Johanson; **Eucharistic Minister:** Jacqueline Recht; **Lectors:** Jeff Conrad, Kate Jackson; **Prayers of the People:** Brother Donovan; **Acolytes:** Hettie Bickham, Lola Black; **Ushers:** Leamon Scott, Dean Jackson

### Next Sunday

May 26, 2019

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15  
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5  
Psalm 67  
John 14:23-29

#### 7:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher:

The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Eucharistic Minister:** JoAnne Ryan; **Lectors:** Pam Bardon, Jane Schroeder; **Prayers of the People:** Terry Mello; **Usher:** Marilyn Smith, Peggy Daniels

#### 10:00 am: Celebrant and Preacher:

The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** Kavan Kibler; **Eucharistic Minister:** Roy Gilley; **Lectors:** Doc Wallace, Haunani Wallace; **Prayers of the People:** Chris Glass; **Acolytes:** Kingston Kibler, Tom Colburn; **Ushers:** Bill Freeman, Phil Groman

# Calendar

## Sunday, May 19

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

**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, May 20

6:30 pm – AA meeting – Parish Hall

## Tuesday, May 21

9:00 am – Xi-Gong Dance Class  
2:00 pm – Staff Meeting  
5:00 pm – Vestry Meeting – Conference Room  
6:30 pm – AA meeting – Basement

## Wednesday, May 22

**9:30 am – Holy Eucharist with Healing Service - 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, May 23

5:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal  
6:30 pm – AA meeting – Basement

## Friday, May 24

6:30 pm – AA meeting – Basement

## Saturday, May 25

6:30 pm – AA meeting – Basement

## Sunday, May 26

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

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(Reception for Jane Schroeder)  
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