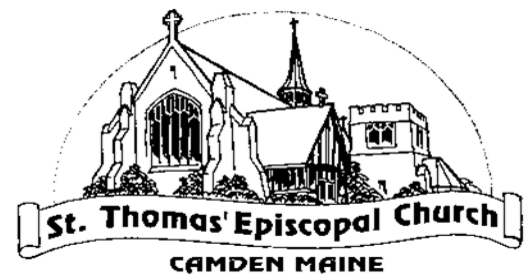


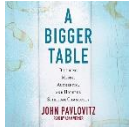
St. Thomas' Tidings

Sunday, May 26, 2019
The Sixth 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 continues with Chapter 2 of the book *A Bigger Table: Building Messy, Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community*, by John Pavlovitz. Please join us!

Sprechen sie deutsch?

Looking ahead: Pentecost is June 9. 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. Copies of the gospel in Spanish, French, German, Latin will be available to take and read aloud. If you need another language, let the office know and we'll provide it.

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 by May 31st. To make sure that we don't miss your article, please include "Chapter & Verse" in the Subject line.

Vestry Minutes

The April Vestry Minutes were approved at our May Vestry meeting and are posted on the website and the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

Altar Flowers

We have about approximately 10 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.

New Food Pantry Board Member

St Thomas, along with four other churches, own and operate the Camden Area Christian Food Pantry. Others in the group are Our Lady of Good Hope, First Congregational, Chestnut Street Baptist and John Street Methodist. This all volunteer organization works to provide food to anyone in need in the Camden area. Each church has three active members on the pantry Board of Directors. St. Thomas is very active in its support of this outreach program and we have been represented by Bill Freeman, Jane Schroeder and Leamon Scott. With Jane's upcoming retirement, Phil Groman has graciously agreed to step up as our third representative to the Pantry Board. Thank you, Jane, for your service to the pantry and Phil for your willingness to serve in this important capacity.

Sunday School

God, the Bible and Me is on vacation for the summer. *Godly Play*, taught by Karen Colburn, will continue to meet through the end of June. All classes will resume in September.

Tickets to the Consecration of Our New Bishop

St. Thomas' has 4 tickets available for the consecration of The Rev. Thomas Brown as our new Bishop Diocesan on June 22 at 11:00am at the Cathedral of St. Luke in Portland. These 4 tickets are for additional seats in large rooms with large monitors -- set up downstairs in the Cathedral. The reception is open to all. Doors open at 9:45am and close at 10:45am. Late arrivals will not be seated. Please use the Cathedral Tower Doors for entry. Tickets will not be accepted at any other entrance. All guests must have their assigned ticket to enter. Each ticket admits one person and corresponds to the name of the ticketholder. Let the rector know if you would like to attend. Tickets will be given out on a first come, first served basis.

Presiding Bishop Curry Preaching!

You are invited to join us for a special worship service at the Ocean Park Temple with guest preacher, **the Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church**. Bishop Curry is excited to be in Maine with us to share the good news of Jesus Christ with *everyone* not just Episcopalians but people of all faiths and even those who are "just looking". When: Sunday, June 23, 2019 from 10:30 AM to 12:00. Where: **Temple at Orchard Park, 50 Temple Avenue Old Orchard Beach, ME**. This event is FREE, but please go to the diocesan website to let them know you are coming so they know how many to plan for. This is your chance to hear one of the best preachers in our church!

The Last Note!

Quite literally the last note on the organ that I will play here as well as these last notes about the music! I will miss both. I will miss all your heartfelt singing. I will miss you.

We will sing some of my favorite hymns which I hope are also some of your favorites.

We enter worship singing **Ralph Vaughan Williams'** (English, 1872-1958) musical masterpiece written for the text, *Come down, O Love divine*. The tune name, *Down Ampney*, is his birthplace. **Bianco da Siena** (Siena, Italy, c. 1350-1434) was a mystic who followed the Augustinian Rule of life. His writings were distrusted by the Vatican: it was only in 1851 that the archivist-scholar Telesfor Bini published his writings (after finding them stored in the Vatican library).

The sequence hymn, *Seek ye first*, is based on Matthew 6:33 "seek ye first..." In 1971, **Karen Lafferty** (American, b. 1948) was experiencing a financial as well as a spiritual crisis. At her home church Bible Study, this Matthew verse was studied. Lafferty went home, picked up her guitar and set the words to music that went on to be included in most hymnals. In place of the Doxology, I requested that we sing the soaring hymn, *Jerusalem*, by **Charles H.H. Parry** (English, 1848-1918). Parry wrote the tune for **William Blake's** (English, 1757-1827) poem, *And did those feet in ancient times*. **The Rev. Carl P. Daw, Jr.** (American, b. 1944) was asked to write a text on world peace to Parry's tune. Daw's inspiration for the second stanza was Isaiah 11:6-9. The first stanza reflects peace as *pax*, the cessation of conflict; the second stanza reflects peace as *shalom*, living in harmony and good will. Sing this as if your life, and the lives of those you love, depended upon it!

We also have Carl P. Daw, Jr. to thank for the text of our communion hymn, *Like the murmur of the dove's song*. **Peter Cutts'** (British, b. 1937) tune, *Bridegroom*, was written for a different text. Once again, Daw was asked to write a hymn text. This time he heard the tune as a prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Then we go forth into the world singing the uplifting tune, *Engelberg*, by **Charles Villiers Stanford** (Irish, 1852-1924). **F. Bland Tucker** (American, 1895-1984) wrote the text based on Philippians 2:5-11.

The Choir sings the soaring, *Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks*, from Psalm 42:1-3. **Herbert Howells** (English, 1892-1983) was a prolific and highly original composer of many anthems, hymn tunes, service music as well as a host of music for other instruments. He was professor of composition at the Royal Conservatory of Music for fifty years! Then I come full circle when I play **Simon Preston's** (English, b. 1938) *Alleluyas*. As a freshman in college, my organ professor took a few students to hear a recital by Simon Preston at Church of the Ascension in NYC. I was absolutely blown away by Preston's playing, especially by his own composition, *Alleluyas*. This experience absolutely

solidified my desire to continue studying the organ and to someday play this piece.

This past Sunday at our Recital and Annual Meeting, I stepped down from my three-year tenure as Dean of the Bangor Chapter of The American Guild of Organists. I continue to be active as Sub-Dean (don't you love the titles?!)

Keep singing with gusto!

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, Gwen, Nancy Swoyer

Pray for those who have died: Phil Cistulli

This Sunday May 26, 2019 Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Next Sunday June 2, 2019 Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

10:00 am: Celebrant and Preacher:
The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** George Bickham; **Eucharistic Minister:** Jacqueline Recht; **Lectors:** Youth; **Prayers of the People:** Youth; **Acolytes:** charlotte Watkins; **Ushers:** Youth and Joan Bennett, Jim Ebbert

Calendar

Sunday, May 26

Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30 am – Holy Eucharist, Rite I

(Reception for Jane Schroeder)

8:30 am – Choir Rehearsal

9:00 am – Christian Education Classes

10:00 am – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

(Reception for Jane Schroeder)

5:15 pm – Centering Prayer - Chapel

6:30 pm – AA meeting – Basement

Monday, May 27

Memorial Day – Office Closed

6:30 pm – AA meeting – Parish Hall

Tuesday, May 28

9:00 am – Xi-Gong Dance Class

2:00 pm – Staff Meeting

6:30 pm – AA meeting – Basement

Wednesday, May 29

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

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Thursday, May 30

5:00 Watershed School – Parish Hall

6:30 pm – AA meeting – Basement

Friday, May 31

6:30 pm – AA meeting – Basement

Saturday, June 1

6:30 pm – AA meeting – Basement

Sunday, June 2

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

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