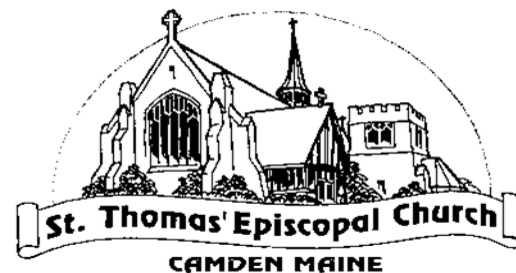


St. Thomas' Tidings

Sunday, May 12, 2019
The Fourth 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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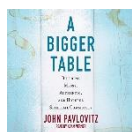


To Mothers Everywhere

Mother's Day is a complex time for many. To those who gave birth this year to their first child—we celebrate with you; to those who lost a child this year—we mourn with you; to those who are in the trenches with little ones every day and wear the badge of food stains—we appreciate you; to those who experienced loss through miscarriage, failed adoptions, or running away—we mourn with you; to those who walk the hard path of infertility, fraught with pokes, prods, tears, and disappointment—we walk with you. Forgive us when we say foolish things. We don't mean to make this harder than it is. To those who are foster moms, mentor moms, and spiritual moms—we need you; to those who have warm and close relationships with your children—we celebrate with you; to those who have disappointment, heart ache, and distance with your children—we sit with you; to those who lost their mothers this year—we grieve with you; to those who experienced abuse at the hands of your own mother—we acknowledge your experience; to those who lived through driving tests, medical tests, and the overall testing of motherhood—we are better for having you in our midst; to those who are single and long to be married and mothering your own children—we mourn that life has not turned out the way you longed for it to be; to those who step-parent—we walk with you on these complex paths; to those who envisioned lavishing love on grandchildren -yet that dream is

not to be, we grieve with you; to those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year—we grieve and rejoice with you; to those who placed children up for adoption—we commend you for your selflessness and remember how you hold that child in your heart; and to those who are pregnant with new life, both expected and surprising—we anticipate with you. **Happy Mother's Day.** (With thanks to Amy Young.)

+Rev. Lisa



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.

"No one likes to eat alone; to approach a table filled with people, only to be told that despite the open chairs there isn't room for you. The rejection stings. It leaves a mark. Yet this is exactly what the church has been saying to far too many people for far too long: "You're not welcome here. Find someplace else to sit." How can we extend unconditional welcome and acceptance in a world increasingly marked by bigotry, fear, and exclusion?"

Pastor John Pavlovitz invites readers to join him on the journey to find—or build—a church that is big enough for everyone."

This class will begin on May 19 with Chapter 1, so if you would like us to order you a book leave your name in the office on the sign-up sheet in the workroom, or call the office desk at 236.3680 and let us know ASAP. Please come!



A Little Garden Needs a Caregiver

The small garden underneath the St. Thomas sign at the main entrance to the Church needs to be adopted! For many years, a longtime parishioner provided the flowers and care for this garden in memory of his parents. Sadly, he has passed away and we need someone to look out for this garden. It would mean providing a few colorful plants in the summer (like geraniums or petunias) and greens and berries for the Christmas season. In between times, pulling a few weeds to keep it looking tidy would be helpful.

If you would like to "adopt" this garden that welcomes everyone to St. Thomas, please contact the church office. If you have questions, please call Elizabeth Moran at 789-5967.

Today's Music

Good Shepherd Sunday occurs each year on the Fourth Sunday of Easter in **all three years** of our Lectionary. The 23rd Psalm is appointed, and the readings and Gospel also reflect aspects of The Lamb and The Good Shepherd. Hymn #343, *Shepherd of Souls*, is an example of a 'composite' hymn; with the text by more than one author. One of the authors we know of is **James Montgomery** (1771-1854) since the text was published in the Moravian Hymnal of 1849. **John Bacchus Dykes** (1823-1876) composed the tune, *St. Agnes* for the text, *Jesus, the very thought of thee* (which we have using yet a different tune at Hymn #642). These hymn texts and tunes do get around! **Emma Lou Diemer** (American, b. 1927) is a church musician and prolific composer who has

Today's Music...continued...

written many works for orchestra, chamber ensemble, keyboard, voice, chorus and electronic ensemble. Her fine prelude is based on Dykes' tune.

Our exuberant entrance hymn, *Ye holy angels bright*, echoing Psalm 148, was first published in **Richard Baxter's** (1615-1691) *The Poor Man's Family Book* in 1672. The title page of this publication states "Forms of Prayer, praise and Catechism for the use of Ignorant (sic) Families that need them." [I think we need to read that with a lot of historical perspective!] We sing this to the tune by **John Darwall** (1731-1789). We are blessed with four hymn paraphrases of the 23rd Psalm: #645, #646, #663 and #664. I asked The Choir to vote on which one to sing today, and #645 won. *St. Columba* is a beautiful Irish melody collected by George Petri around 1855. This means the tune was around a long time; Petri heard it and included it in a collection.

This morning The Choir sings two anthems. As a sequence hymn, we sing *Mothering God*. Jean W. Janzen was inspired by the writings of **Julian of Norwich** (1342-1417), was a mystic and wrote *Revelations of Divine Love*. Sharon Marion Hershey, an active church musician and composer in Denver, honored this text with a simple, clear setting of music. Then we sing **John Rutter's** (English, b. 1945) setting of the 15th Century text (by an unknown author), *Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest*. Rutter is a prolific composer, conductor, editor, arranger and record producer. He has written many, many carols which have become a beloved part of church choir repertoires.

Ed Shindle sings a jewel of a lullaby by **Max Reger** (German, 1873-1916). Reger was another extremely prolific composer; accomplished in a relatively short life of 43 years.

We go forth singing **Franz Joseph Haydn's** (Austrian, 1732-1809) stirring music with **John Newton's** (English, 1725-1807) text inspired by Isaiah 33:20-21. And, yes, this is the same John Newton who wrote the text, *Amazing Grace*, after his amazing conversion from his life as a slave-ship captain. **William Mathias** (Welsh,

1934-1992) professor, conductor and composer wrote many carols, anthems, settings for service music as well as organ music which continue to be popular and wear well. He wrote the sprightly postlude.

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.

This Sunday

May 12, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30 am: Celebrant: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Preacher:** The Rev. Dr. Rosalee Glass; **Eucharistic Minister:** Pam Bardon; **Lectors:** Sandy Lyle, Diane Kirkman; **Prayers of the People:** Jan Lyle; **Usher:** Carlos Mello

10:00 am: Celebrant: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Preacher:** The Rev. Dr. Rosalee Glass; **Crucifer:** George Bickham; **Eucharistic Minister:**; **Lectors:** Chris Glass, Roy Gilley; **Prayers of the People:** Millie Crocker; **Acolytes:** Charlotte Watkins, Poppy Johanson; **Ushers:** Roy Gilley, Joan Bennett

Next Sunday

May 19, 2019

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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, Sydney Hall; **Prayers of the People:** Brother Donovan; **Acolytes:** Hettie Bickham, Lola Black; **Ushers:** Leamon Scott, Dean Jackson

Calendar

Sunday, May 12

Fourth 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)

6:30 pm – AA meeting – Basement

Monday, May 13

10:00 am – Finance Committee

6:30 pm – AA meeting – Parish Hall

Tuesday, May 14

9:00 am – Xi-Gong Dance Class

9:00 am – Camden Garden Club

2:00 pm – Staff Meeting

6:30 pm – AA meeting – Basement

Wednesday, May 15

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 16

Rev. Lisa at Fresh Start

5:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

6:30 pm – AA meeting – Basement

Friday, May 17

5:00 pm – Wedding Rehearsal

6:30 pm – AA meeting – Basement

Saturday, May 18

11:00 am – Loaves & Fishes (St Peter's)

5:00 pm – Bagnall/Piche Wedding

6:30 pm – AA meeting – Basement

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

*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.*