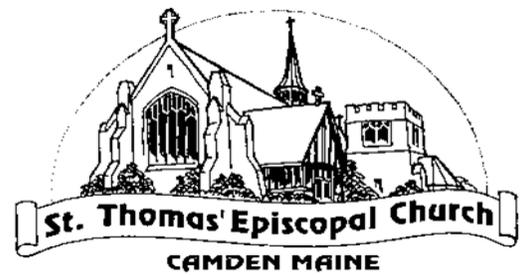


St. Thomas' Tidings

Sunday, April 5, 2020
Palm Sunday

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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Worship at Home

For Holy Week and Easter

I have put together a booklet for all of you which contains brief services that are designed for a single person, a couple, or a family to follow in their homes during Holy Week. It is on our website. Feel free to adapt the services as you wish or use some and not others. We are not able to be together in our church building during this difficult time, but we all learned as children that the church is the *people*, not the building.

I encourage you to set aside a sacred space, and altar in your home. It doesn't have to be large. If possible, have it be a place that can remain set up for the week. A few ideas would be to, perhaps, cover it with a clean cloth and have a few important items—things that are important to you in your walk with God.

I will do very brief meditations each day from Palm Sunday through Easter Day, and they will be available on Facebook, our webpage, and YouTube. Additional meditations by members of the Diocesan staff are on the Diocesan website.

Please feel free to contact Susie by email (admin@stthomascamdenme.org) or phone (236-3680) if you have someone you would like added to the prayer list.

Always remember that, in spite of our not being able to have the Eucharist in church together, you are not being deprived of the presence of

Christ. If it helps, think of yourselves as in exile, and also think about how special it will be when we come together for the Eucharist when our building reopens.

Meanwhile, God is with you where you are. Discover anew, or once again, the Daily Offices of Morning and Evening Prayer, Noonday Prayer, and Compline. And join me, if you wish, Monday-Friday at noon for Noonday Prayer, and for Compline at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays and Sundays. They're live on Facebook, but you don't have to be a Facebook user to join. Just Google our page: @camdenepiscopalians on Facebook and it will take you there. It will ask you if you want to join. Just say no if you don't.

Please take care, wash your hands, pray for each other, and reach out to your fellow parishioners.

God bless you all!

Lisa+

Worship at Home for Holy Week

and Easter: Please click on the link below to go to the booklet:

<https://www.stthomascamdenme.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/2020-Holy-Week-from-Home-for-St.-Thomas-Episcopal-Church.pdf>

Loaves and Fishes Is Now Takeout

Ron Staschak who is now the "manager" of St. Peter's, Rockland, Loaves and Fishes community lunch program, has ingeniously instituted new protocol measures to allow this

vitaly important service to continue even as we try to comply with new health and safety recommendations.

Thanks to Ron, and the kitchen volunteers, there are still free lunches to be had each day of the week. St. Bernard's, Rockland, is running takeout, Monday-Friday, and St. Peter's now has takeout on the weekends. Two volunteers from each team cook the meal and load it into cardboard takeout containers which are microwavable. They then bag the lunch, adding a sealed desert and/or fruit, and place it on a cart that Ron wheels up to the door opening onto the parking lot. Guests have been cooperative in coming up one at a time to receive the takeaway meal.

Ron has taken the responsibility of being there every weekend to organize the pickup. He deserves much credit for this service and for picking up donated bread from Atlantic Bakery every Saturday night for distribution on Sundays to those in need. The two kitchen volunteers clean and disinfect the work area before leaving. The numbers of people served has grown as the need has grown and as the word spreads that, yes, indeed, meals are available all week long, no questions asked.

The works of mercy are at the core of Judeo-Christian practice and are now even more vitaly important than ever during these uncertain and difficult times.

Pam Bardon

Food Pantry Changes with Times

The Camden Area Christian Food Pantry continues to serve clients during the Covid-19 crisis, but with many changes. We have created a loop in the parking lot so our clients can wait in their vehicle while volunteers pull together their order from a menu. Bags of food are then carted out for them to load into their vehicle. Paper bags are furnished by the pantry since we are not using client-supplied bags. We currently have enough volunteers. At this time, we are not accepting food donations from individuals. Monetary donations can be made by mailing a check to us at P.O. Box 337 in Camden or by visiting our website at:

www.camdenareachristianfoodpantry.org.

Our hours are Tuesdays 8-11 a.m. and Thursdays 4-6 p.m. Our phone number is 207-236-9790. If someone you know needs assistance, please encourage them to contact the pantry.

Leamon Scott

A Note from Your Treasurer

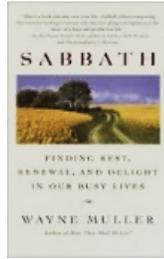
Please remember that while the church building is closed, the staff of St. Thomas' is still hard at work, making sure worship, pastoral care, classes, meetings, and publications can go on, either virtually or through the mail. Our sexton is sanitizing the building and caring for the grounds, in preparation for our return. Our expenses continue, too, and your offerings are still needed! There are a number of ways you can continue to support St. Thomas':

- You can set up an automatic payment through your bank (*recommended*)
- You may send in pledges or other offerings by mail.
- We are working on an online option to donate – the website will be updated once we “go live.”

We realize this is a financially challenging time for many. Let us

know if your situation has changed or you need assistance.

Blessings,
Terry Mello



Experience Peace In a World of Chaos This Lent

We continue reading *Sabbath* by Wayne Muller. This terrific book shows us how to create times of rest, delight, and renewal—and a refuge for our souls. With great stories and suggestions for practice, Muller teaches us how to refresh our bodies and minds, restore our creativity, and regain our inner happiness.

You could take this on as a relaxing discipline by doing what the class will do: read one short chapter daily. Each week we will complete one section.

Savor the experience alone, with family, and/or join us by email on Facebook each day—just email Lisa to add your email to the list! Come accompany us as we share what we have taken from each day's readings.

Lisa+

Prayer List

Please pray for those members of this parish and others who are in special need: *The Brooks family, Dru Collins, David Mello, Amelia Mello, Brian Bowley, Stephanie Laite, Sandra A., Paula, Julie, Ryan, Peter, Adam, Robert Pearson, Dustin, Hunter Fierro, Tadd Lyman, Shirley, Harry Hart, Ada Power, Larry Parker, Bayard Chanler, Carol, Marcie Vega, Eleanor, Vicky and Bill, Arnie Joy, Maxine, Judith Shepherd, Ron, Andrew, Joanne Scott, Tiffany Andrews, Seana Roubinek, Carolyn Morris, Amy, Joan Pottle, Paul Whittaker, Anne, Sandy Lyle, Brian Fitzpatrick, Skip Groman, Tom Fontaine, Kathy Kulick, Lainie Vreeland, David Harper, Susan Conrad, Elaine*

This Sunday

April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday

The Liturgy of the Palms

Matthew 21:1-11

Psalms 118:1-2; 19-29

The Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 50:4-9

Psalms 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66

Next Sunday

April 12, 2020

Easter

Collect 1

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3:1-4

Matthew 28:1-10

Calendar

Daily April 5-12

Brief Meditations with Rev. Lisa available on Facebook, YouTube, and our webpage

Sunday, April 5

Eucharist available by links to services (see St. Thomas' website)

10:00 a.m.—Community reading of St. Matthew's Passion via Zoom

Monday, April 6

12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer—Live on Facebook

Tuesday, April 7

12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer with Meditation—Live on Facebook

Wednesday, April 8

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.—Bible Study via Zoom

12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer—Live on Facebook

4:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.—EfM via Zoom

8:00 p.m.—Compline—Live on Facebook

Thursday, April 9

12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer with Meditation—Live on Facebook

Friday, April 10

12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer—Live on Facebook

Saturday, April 11

Sunday, April 12—Easter Sunday

Eucharist available by links to services (see St. Thomas' website)

8:00 p.m.—Compline—Live on Facebook
