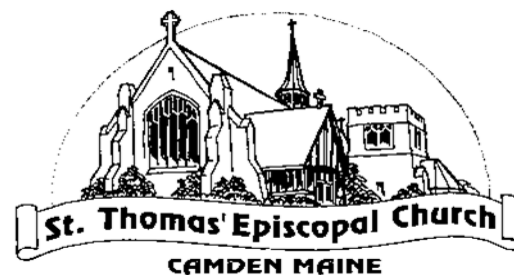


St. Thomas' Tidings

Sunday, April 19, 2020
Second 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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Sunday Services Begin This Week—Live Online!

Starting this **Sunday, April 19, at 10:00 a.m.**, we'll be having weekly Morning Prayer with a sermon and music. Music Minister Clarissa Brown will join me at my house with a portable piano, and we'll bring you what used to be the weekly service at churches until 1979. When the 1979 Prayer Book was introduced, so was the new notion of having weekly Eucharist. I was in high school, and I remember well the arguments against it. But — like many new things — it became “how we've always done it.”

So enjoy this trip down memory lane, when Morning Prayer was the “normal” service and Eucharist was done only monthly — or on the fifth Sunday (when there was one) — or even quarterly.

I think it's a terrific service, full of prayer and spirit. It's a bit shorter than the Eucharist service, but I think we'll all survive that! Please “attend” — even if you aren't on Facebook. You can get to it from the Facebook link on our website. If 10:00 a.m. Sundays isn't convenient, the miracle of video is that you can watch it at a time that works for you or your family.

I just got an email from a summer visitor who lives on the Isle of Wight in England and joined us for Morning Prayer on Easter. How amazing that we can share our worship with people far from us. We really are united in new ways. *Lisa+*

Join Us for Our Next Great Read

A new Rector's Class will begin **May 1**, and everyone — of all appropriate ages — is invited!

From the *New York Times* best-selling author of *An Altar in the World*, we'll be reading Barbara Brown Taylor's *Learning to Walk in the Dark* —

which can provide a way to find spirituality in those times when we don't have all the answers. Here's what the *New York Times* said:



“Taylor has become increasingly uncomfortable with our tendency to associate all that is good with lightness and all that is evil and dangerous with darkness. Doesn't God work in the nighttime as well? In *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, Taylor asks us to put aside our fears and anxieties and to explore all that God has to teach us ‘in the dark.’ She argues that we need to move away from our ‘solar spirituality’ and ease our way into appreciating ‘lunar spirituality’ (since, like the moon, our experience of the light waxes and wanes). Through darkness we find courage, we understand the world in new ways, and we feel God's presence around us, guiding us

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The Bickham, Johanson, and Lowry families (from top) wish everyone a happy Easter.

'Learning' continues...

through things seen and unseen. Often, it is while we are in the dark that we grow the most.

With her characteristic charm and literary wisdom, Taylor is our guide through a spirituality of the nighttime, teaching us how to find our footing in times of uncertainty and giving us strength and hope to face all of life's challenging moments."

I loved this book and think you will, too. Order it now from your favorite bookstore, and join the crowd in our Zoom discussions **Friday afternoons at 4:00 p.m., starting May 1!** We'll discuss pp. 1-10 of the "Introduction" for that first meeting. It's a fun class, and a great book. Join us!

Lisa+

A Note from Your Treasurer

Please remember that while the church building is closed, the staff of St. Thomas' is hard at work, making sure worship, pastoral care, classes, meetings, and publications go on, virtually and through the mail. Our sexton is sanitizing the building and caring for the grounds, in preparation for our return. Our expenses continue, 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 that this is a financially challenging time for many. Let us know if your situation has changed or you need assistance.

Blessings,
Terry Mello

Prayer List

Please pray for those members of this parish and others who are in special need: *Betty McDermott, Jeremy Tucker, Sally Lincoln, the Brooks family, Amelia Mello, Brian Bowley, Stephanie Laite, Sandra A., Paula, Julie, Robert Pearson, Dustin, Hunter Fierro, Tadd Lyman, Shirley, Harry Hart, Ada Power, Larry Parker, Bayard Chanler, Carol, Marcie Vega, 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, Kathy Kulick, Lainie Vreeland, David Harper, Susan Conrad, Elaine*

This Sunday

April 19, 2020

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalms 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

Next Sunday

April 26, 2020

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalms 116:1-3, 10-17

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

Calendar

Sunday, April 19

10:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer—[Facebook](#) Live

Monday, April 20

12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer—[Facebook](#) Live

Tuesday, April 21

12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer with Guided Meditation—[Facebook](#) Live

6:30 p.m.—Vestry meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, April 22

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

12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer—[Facebook](#) Live

4:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.—EfM via Zoom

8:00 p.m.—Compline—[Facebook](#) Live

Thursday, April 23

12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer with Guided Meditation—[Facebook](#) live

Friday, April 24

12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer—[Facebook](#) Live

4:00 p.m.—Rector's Class via Zoom

Saturday, April 25

8:00 p.m.—Compline—[Facebook](#) Live

Sunday, April 26

10:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer—[Facebook](#) Live

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