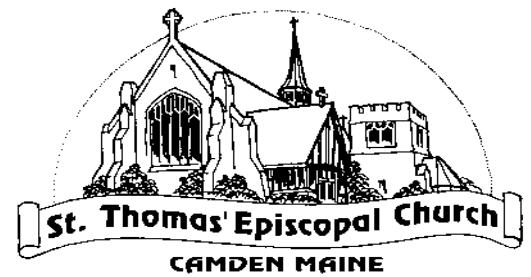


St. Thomas' Tidings

Sunday, July 5, 2020

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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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Participate in Our Streamed Sunday Services

We are going to start doing Sunday services much like the diocese does theirs—with lots of parishioners participating from home. I think it will do us all a great good to see each other sharing in parts of the service. We are a community of faith, and my hope is that as many of you take part as possible. It is not necessary to be “licensed” to read—anyone, anywhere, of any age can participate.

We still need readers and folks to do Prayers of the People, but now we also can use people to lead in prayer the opening Collect, say, or sing the Gloria, read the Psalm, and lead everyone in the Spiritual Communion prayer we say after the Eucharist.

Bill Freeman has agreed to schedule those who are willing. You will need a smart phone with video to film yourself reading. Terry has written up easily followed directions on how to use your computer to get your video from your phone to us.

If you don't have a smart phone but want to participate, let me know at rector@stthomascamdenme.org. Someone can film you outside the church somewhere, or outside your home. Physical distancing will be observed, and masks worn.

We all want to see each other again. Please call Bill (207-236-2396) or email me, and let's see how many people we can welcome into this ministry of prayer and community.

Pray With Us: Calling All Our Facebook Users to Occasionally Lead Daily Online Prayer

You will notice some different faces leading online worship. Sarah Groman will be leading Noonday Prayer on Mondays through July and Donovan Bowley will be leading Noonday Prayer on Fridays during July. The Rector will continue Noonday Prayer on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and we are looking for someone on Facebook to do Wednesdays this month. It's very easy, and the Rector will walk you through it. The whole service takes about five minutes, and it's a lovely way to intentionally stop and offer our prayers and praises to God.

We are also looking for a couple of people to lead Compline on Saturdays in July at 8:00 p.m. on Facebook. This service is a little longer—it runs about 15 minutes and is one of the loveliest services in the prayer book. If you are interested, please contact the Rector.

If You Want to Resume Zoom Coffee Hour...We Need a Host!

It would be nice for St. Thomas' to have coffee hour virtually, but we need someone to “host”—to go on Zoom and start it. It's very simple, doesn't require making coffee or bringing snacks, and if you have to leave early from the coffee hour, make someone in the “room” a co-host to end the meeting. If you are interested, please let Susie or the Rector know. We can't have coffee hour without you!



What Hymns Do You Want to Sing?

This summer we're encouraging everyone to let us know what hymns you would particularly like to hear. We might not yet be able to sing them together, but we can sing them as loudly as we want from home! If you listen really carefully, you might even hear your fellow parishioners singing...

So send your suggestions to Clarissa at voxhumana711@gmail.com, and we'll see how many of your favorites we can schedule.

Birthdays & Anniversaries During Our Time Apart

I will be saying a birthday prayer for those who have birthdays, and a special anniversary prayer for those with anniversaries, as we livestream services. Please let us know if you are having either one of those, or had one between March 15 and now.

Let me know by emailing me at rector@stthomascamdenme.org. If you would like your age, or number of years married, announced, let me know that, too. It's entirely up to you. I'm looking forward to saying a special prayer just for you. — Lisa+

Do You Need a Prayer Book or Hymnal Delivered to You?

Speaking of hymns and singing—St. Thomas' will deliver hymnals or prayer books to you to use until we reopen the church, to help you sing along with the hymns on Sunday and follow the Eucharist, Compline, and Noonday Prayer if you don't have access to a computer or a printer. We ask that you keep these at your home until we reopen, and after we reopen you should bring them with you on Sundays and take them home again, because we won't have books back in the pews for a few more months. Let Susie know if you need them: 236-3680, admin@stthomascamdenme.org.

Office Vacation

Susie will be off Monday and Tuesday next week to use some of the vacation time she didn't get around to taking in the past year. If you have an urgent issue, please contact the Rector.

Presiding Bishop Curry has asked that Episcopalians pray this prayer from Pentecost through September 1.

A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit Among the People of God

God of all power and love,
we give thanks for your unfailing presence
and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss
Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.
Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world;
a people who pray, worship, learn,
break bread, share life, heal neighbors,
bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.
Wherever and however we gather,
unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,
that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer List

Please pray for those members of this parish and others who are in special need:

Short-term: Mary; Gwen Prosser; Kevin; Edward; Jeremy Tucker; the Brooks family; Paula; Sandra A.; Robert Pearson; Dustin; Hunter Fierro; Tadd Lyman; Harry Hart; Ada Power; Larry Parker; Bayard Chanler; Carol; Marcie Vega; Vicky and Bill.

Long-term: Shirley; 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; Lainie Vreeland; David Harper; Susan Conrad; Elaine.

God of all, we pray for our departed, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. May their souls rest in peace. Amen.



This Sunday

July 5, 2020

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Next Sunday

July 12, 2020

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 25:19-34

Psalms 119:105-112

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Click [here](#) for This Week's Virtual Services, lessons, and Facebook links.



Will You Be a Coffee Hour Angel?

We're seeking one or more people to "host" on Zoom!

Calendar

Sunday, July 5

10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Facebook Live

Monday, July 6

9:30 a.m.—Coffee & Check-In—Zoom

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

Tuesday, July 7

9:30 a.m.—Coffee & Check-In—Zoom

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

Wednesday, July 8

9:30 a.m.—Coffee & Check-In—Zoom

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

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

EfM is off for summer

8:00 p.m.—Compline—Facebook Live

Thursday, July 9

9:30 a.m.—Coffee & Check-In—Zoom

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

Friday, July 10

9:30 a.m.—Coffee & Check-In—Zoom

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

4:00 p.m.—Rector's Class—Zoom

Saturday, July 11

Youth Christian Education is off for summer

8:00 p.m.—Compline—Facebook Live

Sunday, July 12

10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Facebook Live

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