St. Thomas' Tidings

August 9, 2020, Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

We are followers of Jesus who:
Worship in beauty
Question in faith
Serve in love

During the COVID-19 Pandemic our services, meetings, and classes are all online until further notice. Everyone is welcome at all offerings.

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"The early Christians looked at Jesus from many angles, but their words could never quite capture their insights. To them, Jesus was like the sea beneath the sun. He was always changing, yet he was always the same."

(John Shelby Spong, This Hebrew Lord)

The Prayer Garden Is Now OPEN!

The St. Thomas' Prayer Garden is now fully installed in the back garden with room for four people at a time. Enjoy the peace and quiet as you have a chance to be on the holy grounds of the church again in prayer. Don't forget that masks are required if anyone else is present, and please respect six-foot physical distancing at all times.

Each Prayer Station has its own "theme"— ***The Great Song of God, Trust, Reverence*** (not what you might think), and ***Loss.*** Brother Donovan Bowley built all the Prayer Stations, and the Prayers, Meditations, and Benedictions were developed by the rector. You can read or ***not*** read, enjoy them or ignore them altogether! **Your prayer time is yours to savor.**

Please enjoy the peace of our back garden beginning Friday, August 7.

Birthdays & Anniversaries During Our Time Apart

I will be saying a special prayer for those who have birthdays, and one for those with anniversaries, as we stream services. Please email me if you are having one of those, or had one since March 15. If you want your age, or number of years married, announced, let me know that, too. I'm looking forward to saying a special prayer just for you. — *Lisa+*

A Prayer List Reminder

Please remember to let Lisa or Susie know when a name you have asked to be put on the prayer list can come off. Names on the short-term list for over two months will automatically move to the long-term list. For now, the short-term list is read weekdays at Noonday Prayer and on Sunday, long-term is read Wednesday at Compline and may also be read Sunday. Thank you!

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: ***Millie; Shirley; Paul Whittaker; Megan Nowak; Eric Jenson; Jeff; Mary; Edward; Jeremy Tucker; the Brooks family; Paula; Sandra A.; Robert Pearson; Dustin; Hunter Fierro; Tadd Lyman; Harry Hart; Ada Power;***

Long-term: ***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; 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
August 9, 2020
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

Next Sunday
August 16, 2020
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 56:1,6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a,29-32
Matthew 15:10-20,21-28

Click here for *This Week's Virtual Services,* the bulletin, and links to services on Facebook and YouTube.

Calendar

Sunday, August 9
Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Facebook, YouTube. Available to view after 7:30 a.m. Sunday.
Monday, August 10
9:30 a.m.—Coffee & Check-In—Zoom
12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer—Facebook Live
Tuesday, August 11
9:30 a.m.—Coffee & Check-In—Zoom
12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer—Facebook Live
Wednesday, August 12
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—off for summer
8:00 p.m.— Compline—Facebook Live
Thursday, August 13
9:30 a.m.—Coffee & Check-In—Zoom
12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer—Facebook Live
Friday, August 14
Prayer Garden opens
9:30 a.m.—Coffee & Check-In—Zoom
12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer—Facebook Live
Saturday, August 15
Youth Christian Education—off for summer
Sunday, August 16
Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Facebook, YouTube. Available to view after 7:30 a.m. Sunday

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