

S T . T H O M A S ' Tidings

Sunday, April 16, 2017

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day

We welcome all who enter these doors, especially those who enter for the first time or after a long absence. May this place be like home to you! All are welcome to receive the Bread and Wine at this altar. Members of our prayer ministry are available in the Chapel during Holy Communion to pray with you about any need or thanksgiving.



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Prayer List

We offer blessings for those members of our parish community who are celebrating birthdays: Bill Glover (April 16), George Jones (April 18), Charles Babb, Paul Whittaker (April 20); Sally Williamson (April 21); Michelle Gabrielsen (April 22). Please pray for those members of this parish and others who are in special need: Marya Allen, Seana Roubinek, Ron, Andrew, Jean Harper, Jeremy Tucker, Jane Hards, Joanne Scott, Nancy Soderberg, Missie Stone, Sallie Leighton, Margaret Peet, Tiffany Andrews, June Dolcater, Frank, Maxwell Aley, Carolyn Morris, Val, Roxanna, Janan Vaughn, Christina Barrows, Paula Jackson, Charles Z., Norene Laatz, Jonathan Ortega, Norma, Craig White, Heather Lehr Bryant.

Pansy and Bake Sale Today

Please stay after the service for a special coffee hour and our Pansy and Bake Sale.

Camp Bishopswood News

Camp Bishopswood is getting ready for summer. Here are a few ways you can help pass the tradition of Bishopswood on to the children of this parish:

- **Spring Work Weekend:** May 19-21 Help get the camp ready for summer!
- **Open House Weekend:** June 2-4, 11:00 am-2:00 pm. Spend the weekend at the camp and experience what it is all about.
- **Summer Finale Week:** August 21-27: A full or half week multigenerational summer camp for people of all ages.

Help get our children to camp by lifting up Bishopswood as a continuation of parish life. Brochures are in the Sun Room. Visit www.Bishopswood.org or call 207 763-3148

Coffee Hour

Thanks to all who have volunteered to sponsor out Sunday coffee hour refreshments. We need a volunteer for next

Sunday, April 23. Please see Ruth Tolman or sign up on the sheet in the Sun Room.

Today's Music

So many of the Easter hymns we sing today have been sung by Christians on Easter for hundreds of years! Our entrance hymn, *Jesus Christ is risen today*, first published in 1708 has been in American hymnals since 1793. The tune, *Easter Hymn*, has been around since then and was included in John Wesley's 1742 *A Collection of Psalm and Hymn-Tunes*. It is unusually buoyant tune for that time. The sequence hymn, *Alleluia! Alleluia!*, is easy to catch on to if you haven't sung it before, due to its folklike tune, lyrical melody and waltz-like meter. Donald Fishel created both the text and tune in 1973. Today we baptize Joshua Robbins and therefore sing two stanzas of many folks' favorite tune, *Engleberg*, with a text that is both Easter and Baptismal in *We know that Christ is raised and dies no more*. The offertory hymn, *The day of resurrection!* is a trans-



lation of an eighth-century Greek text by John of Damascus paired with Wm. Henry Monk's 19th century musical setting of an 18th century German tune. These hymn tunes do get around!

During communion we sing a medieval French carol, *Now the green blade riseth*, with a 20th century text based on John 12:24 and I Corinthians 15:37. Also during communion we sing the hymn, *Come away to the skies*, written by Charles Wesley for his wife's birthday and paired with an early (1821) American shape-note tune. And yes, if our dismissal hymn sounds like it is related to *The Pirates of Penzance*, it is written by the very same composer, Arthur S. Sullivan (1843-1900). Sullivan studied at the Royal Academy of Music and the Leipzig Conservatory, was a chorister of the Chapel Royal and organist at various churches for many years. He was a prolific composer of orchestral and choral music and songs and editor of *Church Hymns* (1874).

The Choir sings a new anthem by Carlton T. Russell based on Christina Rossetti's poem entitled *Easter Monday*. The music has a spare and open sound, as well as some dissonances...however, they resolve to beautiful A Major, C Major, G Major chords; especially sweet after the dissonances. Gerald Near's prelude is based on the 12th century chant, *The Lamb's high banquet called to share* (see Hymn #202) and Bach's prelude is based on the 16th century tune, *Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands* (see Hymn #185).

Johann-Georg Albrechtsberger (Austria, 1736-1809) was an organist, composer and teacher of Beethoven. The postlude is based on the chant for the dismissal on Easter, *The mass is ended, Alleluia!*

Indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

—Jane Schroeder, Minister of Music

Calendar

Sunday, April 16

The Sunday of the Resurrection:

Easter Sunday

7:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite I

8:30 am—Choir Rehearsal

9:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:45 am—Coffee Hour—Parish Hall

5:00 pm—Centering Prayer—Chapel

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Monday, April 17

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Parish Hall

Tuesday, April 18

9:00 am—Xi-Gong—Green Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

6:30 pm—OA meeting—Library

Wednesday, April 19

9:30 am—Morning Prayer—Chapel

10:00 am—Fellowship Time—Sun Room

10:30 am—Bible Study—Sun Room

4:00 pm—Education for Ministry—

Conference Room

6:30 pm—VoXX Rehearsal—Parish Hall

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Thursday, April 20

10:30 am—Pen Bay Dance Class

—Parish Hall

4:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal

6:30 pm—AA meeting—
Basement

Friday, April 21

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Saturday, April 22

1:00 pm—Memorial Service for
Shirley Achterhof

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Sunday, April 23

The Second Sunday of Easter

7:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite I

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9:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:45 am—Coffee Hour—Parish Hall

5:00 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. A detailed building calendar can be viewed in the office copier room.

Next Sunday

April 23, 2017

The Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a,22-32

Psalms 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

7:30: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Bob Hargreaves; **Eucharistic Minister:** Diane Kirkman; **Lectors:** Sandy Lyle, Paul Holman; **Prayers of the People:** Jan Lyle; **Usher:** Marilyn Smith.

9:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Bob Hargreaves; **Deacon:** The Rev. Abby Pettee; **Crucifer:** Dean Jackson; **Eucharistic Minister:** Jeffrey Conrad; **Lectors:** Chris Glass, Sarah Groman; **Prayers of the People:** Roy Gilley; **Acolytes:** Elizabeth Akin, Elizabeth McCurdy; **Ushers:** Leamon Scott, Roy Gilley; **Oblations:** Lucy Ebbert, Jim Ebbert