

The Holy Eucharist



**May 15, 2022
10:00 am**

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to St. Thomas!

If you are a guest or visitor, we hope that you will feel warmly greeted and enthusiastically welcomed. If you need any kind of assistance, including a hearing-assistance device, please ask the Greeter at the door.

We provide coloring materials at the back of the church as well as stuffed animals. We also have copies of *The Sunday Paper* and *The Sunday Paper Junior* to help children and their adults understand the day's scripture.

Restrooms are located through the back door of the church and in the parish hall.

We encourage you to join us in the liturgy as participation will make your visit much more enjoyable.

Please help us to provide you with more information by filling out one of the cards at the back of the church. You can give the card to a Greeter, the clergy, or drop it in the offering plate; we can send you a Welcome Packet in the mail and contact you by email.

If you have a need or would like to speak with the clergy, please speak to either the Greeter or the clergy. Our clergy are always happy to meet with you to talk about St. Thomas and your own spiritual journey. Whether this is your first Sunday or you have been a member for years, you may contact the Parish Office at 508-824-9595 or at StThomasEpiscopalChurch@comcast.net.

All baptized Christians, including children, are welcome to receive Communion. If you wish a blessing for yourself or your child, just cross your arms at the rail.

We are glad you are here and hope you will feel warmly welcomed!

The Word of the Lord

Processional Hymn *Sung by all.*

Nearer, my God, to Thee

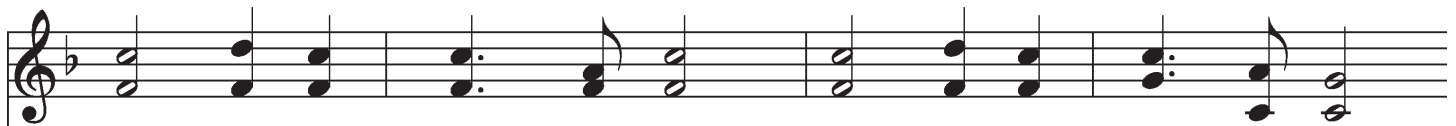
LEVAS #54



1. Near - er, my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee!
2. Though like the wan - der - er, The sun goes down,
3. There let the way ap - pear, Steps un - to heav'n;
4. Then, with my wak - ing thoughts, Bright with Thy praise,
5. Or if on joy - ful wing, Cleav - ing the sky,



1. E'en though it be a cross That — rais - eth me;
2. Dark - ness be o - ver me, My — rest a stone;
3. All that Thou send - est me, In — mer - cy giv'n;
4. Out of my ston - y griefs, Beth - el I'll raise;
5. Sun, moon and stars for - got, Up - wards I fly,



1. Still all my song would be
2. Yet in my dreams I'd be
3. An - gels to beck - on me Near - er, my God, to Thee,
4. So by my woes to be
5. Still all my song shall be



Near - er my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee.

Opening Acclamation *The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Collect for Purity

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy

Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

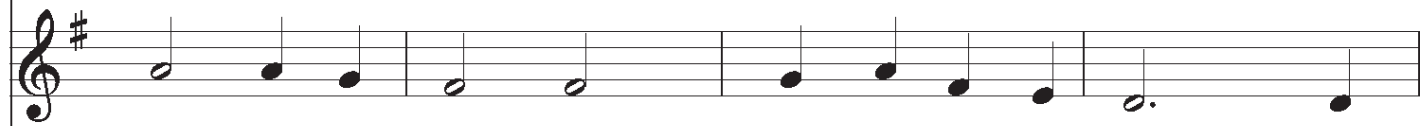
Pascha Nostrum *Sung by all.*

Christ our Passover

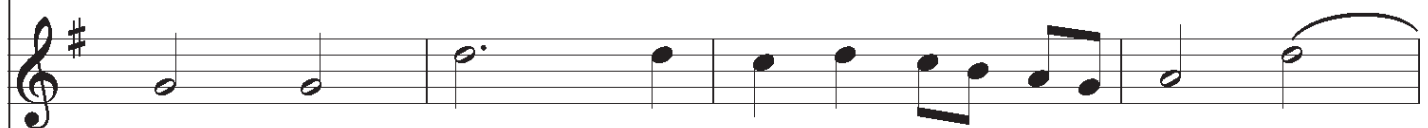
Wonder, Love, and Praise #880



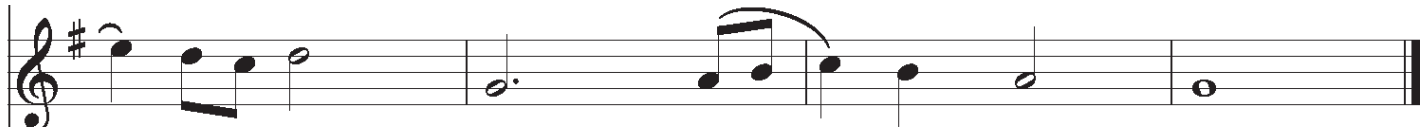
1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:



There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through
though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in



sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -
him we die to sin and live to God. Al -
Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -



le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

Leader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148 *Said responsively.*

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.

² Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.

³ Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.

- ⁴ Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.
- ⁵ Let them praise the Name of the Lord; *
for he commanded, and they were created.
- ⁶ He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- ⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- ⁸ Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- ⁹ Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;
- ¹⁰ Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;
- ¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;
- ¹² Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.
- ¹³ Let them praise the Name of the Lord, *
for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- ¹⁴ He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

The Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

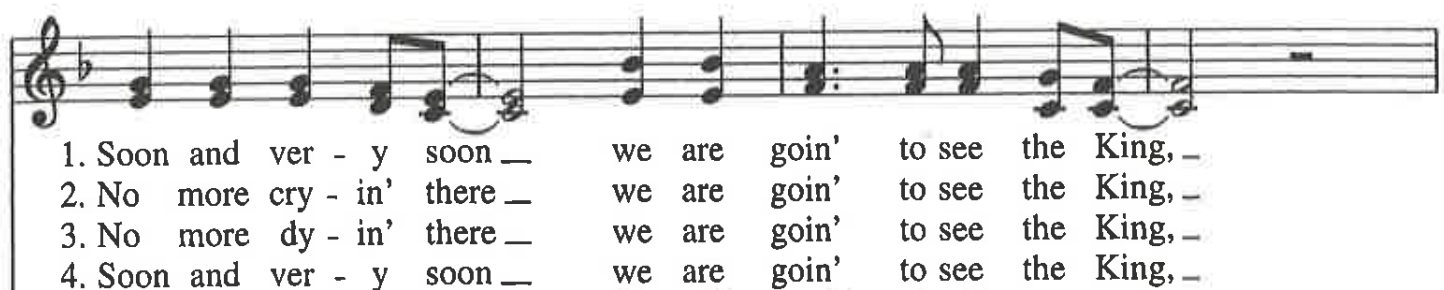
Gospel Acclamation *Sung by all. We sing verses 1-2 before the Gospel, verses 3-4 after.*

Soon and very soon

LEVAS #14



1. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King, —
2. No more cry - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —
3. No more dy - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —
4. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King, —



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3. No more dy - in' there — we are goin' to see the King,
4. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King,



Hal-le - lu - jah, Hal-le - lu - jah, — we're goin' to see the King!



1. 2. Hal - le - lu jah, Hal - le - lu -



jah, Hal - le - lu jah, Hal - le - lu jah.

Holy Gospel

John 13:31-35

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Joseph Mumita

Nicene Creed *Said by all, standing.*

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Alan and Gayle our Bishops; and for all
bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things done and left undone;

and so uphold us by your Spirit

that we may live and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Peace *All stand.*

Deacon The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Morning Announcements

In addition to being in Friday's Happenings email, announcements are listed on the back of this bulletin.

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians*

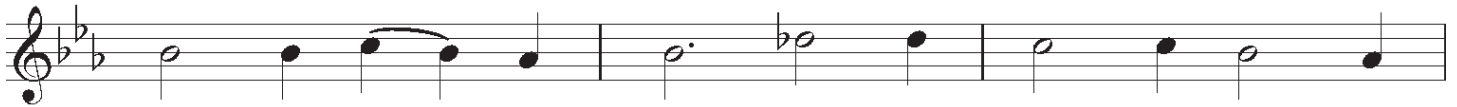
Offertory Hymn *Sung by all.*

Come, my Way, my Truth

The Hymnal 1982 #487



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
length; such a strength as makes _____ his guest.
part; such a heart as joys _____ in love.

Doxology *Sung by all, standing.*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The people remain standing.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son

Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

The Hymnal 1982 #S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na



The people kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Celebrant then continues

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread *A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are invited to the altar to receive communion. The bread is received in the open palm, right hand over left. The wine, if desired, may be taken as an individual cup. If you do not wish to receive Communion, but would like a blessing, come forward to the Altar Rail and cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Hymns

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall still be my vision, O ruler of all

Love One Another

As I have love you, Love one another. This new commandment; Love one another. By this men shall know Ye are my disciples, if ye have love One to another.

Postcommunion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us
as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

The Celebrant says the blessing. The people respond Amen.

Recessional Hymn *Sung by all.*

In Christ there is no East or West

The Hymnal 1982 #529

Unison or harmony

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Please come to Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall following the service.

Participants

The Rev. Joseph Mumita, *Celebrant and Preacher*

The Rev. Virgilio Fortuna, *Deacon* • Ed Seaholm, *Music Director*

Louis Raposa, *Guitarist* • John Blake, *Verger*

Prayers

In the Parish Cycle of Prayer, each week we pray for five households so we reach out in prayer to all our members on a regular basis. This week we pray for the McNamee, Medeiros, Michaels, Mongiovi, and Moniz families. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you.

Prayers for the Homebound and Ill: Jess Hopkins, Martha Pickett, Annemarie Matulis, Edna Michaels, Chuck Vanderhoof, Paul Yagman, Esther Wilbur, Mark M., Cindy Quinn, Jim Medeiros, Carole Silvia, Joe Andrade, Frank Capron, Janice Crepeau, Ken LeGrice, Judy Lincoln, Jay Medeiros, Julie Moore, Wayne Perkins, Louie Raposa, Carol Russell, Sherry, Sandy Trauterman, Jacqui White.

Prayers for those who serve in the Armed Forces and Overseas: Nicholas Ceriani, Megan Drewniak, Adam Dyke, William Marsh IV, Donald Souza, Noel Souza, Ryan Vohnoutka, Christopher French, Scott Larson, and Jay Devenger.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer this week we pray for the Parishes of the Merrimack Valley Deanery: St. James' Church, Amesbury; Christ Church, Andover; All Saints' Church, Chelmsford; St. James' Church, Groveland; Trinity Church, Haverhill.

Memorial flowers are given in loving memory of the Morse & Hall Families by their Families; Charles Peckham; William, Florence, Gardner & Gordon Pratt by Family; William Steeves by Family; Robert Scully by Mrs. Robert Scully; and Antone Cruz by Evelyn Cruz.

Announcements

Lobster Roll Day

We need many hands to create roughly 2,000 (!) lobster rolls. Please sign up to help Thursday, June 2 and/or Friday, June 3. Paul Boudreau has sign-up sheets.

You must fill out an order form by May 27 to purchase a lobster roll. (Order forms are available at the back of the church or by calling or emailing the office.)

Formation

Confirmands will meet with Fr. Joseph during Coffee Hour today.

Our **Tweens and Teens** program is up and running! They meet every Saturday from 10:00-11:30 am.

Barbara C. Harris Camp and Center

Summer Camps are back this year! Weekend Family Camps and week-long Youth Camps will be offered at the Barbara C. Harris Camp in New Hampshire. See Friday's Happenings email for details.

Communications

It takes only a minute to scan the headlines of Friday's Happenings email. This is the main way we're able to share information, so if you don't receive it, please see, call (508-824-9595), or email (StThomasEpiscopalChurch@comcast.net) Kristina.

Parish Office

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Parish Directory: If you find an error in your information or would like to add a second phone number or email, please let the office know. We'll compile and share a list of changes so each person can make updates in their home copy.

Fellowship

Senior Luncheon: If you're 55+, join us Thursdays at 12 noon to enjoy appetizers, a meal, fellowship, and a game. You'll leave with a recipe and the ingredients to make it.

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