



ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ISLE OF HOPE, GA

St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Isle of Hope
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2022

Holy Eucharist: Rite 2
9:30 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

THE OPENING HYMN

Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.

And I've got a peaceful, easy feeling, and I know you won't let me down
Cause I'm already standing, on solid ground

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

How many roads must a man walk down before you call him a man?
How many seas must a white dove sail before she sleeps in the sand?

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

The answer my friend, is blowing in the wind. The answer is blowing in the wind.
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THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 225

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.**

THE FIRST READING

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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." The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 30 (*said in unison*)

BCP 621

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 (9:30 am)
 A reading from the book of Revelation.

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." The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

SEQUENCE HYMN

All & All

Songwriter: Dennis L. Jernigan

You are my strength when I am weak, You are the treasure that I seek
 You are my all in all.
 Seeking You as a precious jewel. Lord, to give up I'd be a fool
 You are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God; Worthy is Your name (x2)

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame. Rising again, I bless Your name.
You are my all in all.
When I fall down, You pick me up. When I am dry, You fill my cup
You are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God; Worthy is Your name (x2)

THE GOSPEL

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

John 13:31-35

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." The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

Mary Margaret Lemburg

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

**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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader and People pray responsively

Litanist Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death,
People **And Christ will give you life!**

Litanist Bring newness and change to your church, O God, that we might serve you with
courage and grace. Awake, O Church, rise from death,
People **And Christ will give you life!**

Litanist Bring newness and change to your world, O God, that all might know the
goodness of your love. Awake, O World, rise from death,
People **And Christ will give you life!**

Litanist Bring newness and change to our nation, O God, that each person might
share and honor the other. Awake, O People, rise from death,
People **And Christ will give you life!**

Litanist Bring newness and change for the suffering, O God, that they might know
your saving help. Awake, O Sorrowful, rise from death,
People **And Christ will give you life!**

Litanist Bring newness and change to even the departed, O God, that they might forever
grow in your likeness. Awake, O Saints, rise from death,
People **And Christ will give you life!**

Litanist Bring newness and change to our hearts, O God, that we might grow larger
in faith and hope. Awake, O Soul, rise from death,
People **And Christ will give you life!**

(The people may offer their particular concerns and thanksgivings)

Litanist Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death, for Christ has burst forth from the tomb,
making all things new. Rise and live, says the Lord. This day God has made for life
and all joy! Amen, alleluia!
People **Alleluia, amen!**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ANNIVERSARY AND BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

THE BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES

Let us pray. We give you thanks, dear God, for granting us the gift of Grant, James, Jonah, Mary Margaret, Ruby, and Sam to be among us as friends and fellow servants of Christ in this place. Send them forth with your blessing, that they may continue to grow in holiness and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Grant, James, Jonah, Mary Margaret, Ruby, and Sam, on behalf of this parish, I offer you God's blessing:

May God protect you from every danger that you face.

May God give you the strength and courage to take failure, not as a measure of your worth, but as a chance for a new start.

May you care for the body that God has given you and thus be filled with health and wholeness. May prosperity come your way, so that you are free from worry about food and drink, about home and shelter, but May you never be so caught up in material things that you forget that the essence of life lies not in possessions or money, but in love, and in God.

May you find the joy that is ever-present in God's creation.

May you find fulfillment in whatever you choose to do.

May you use your talents to serve in ways that God intends you to, helping your fellow humans and walking in the light of God.

May you fully love and may you be fully loved.

May your happiness be unmarred by evil, spite, or maliciousness, either your own or someone else's.

May your path be one of goodness—leading to changes for the better in the lives of others.

May you be a source of light and inspiration to your family and friends, and may they be the same to you.

May God fill you with wisdom and grace, with virtue and knowledge, with patience and action, and with understanding and love.

May you be forever comforted by a strong and enduring faith in God, who created you and who sustains your life. **Amen.**

Accept these books as a token of our love and affection for you. May they be a reminder to you of the vows that were made at your baptism to live as a member of the body of Christ, and may they be a reminder to you of the place that you will always have among us here in this parish.

Amen.

THE OFFERTORY MUSIC

Listen to the Music

Songwriter: Tom Johnston

Don't you feel it growing, day by day.

People getting ready for the news. Some are happy, some are sad.

Whoa, gotta let the music play.

What the people need is a way to make 'em smile. It ain't so hard to do if you know how.

Gotta get a message, get it on through. Oh, now momma don't you ask me why.

Whoa, oh listen to the music (x3)

All the time.....

Well, I know, you know baby, everything I say. Meet me in the country for a day.

We'll be happy, and we'll dance. Oh, we're gonna dance our blues away.

And if I'm feeling good to you and you're feeling good to me,
There ain't nothing we can't do or say
Feeling good, feeling fine
Oh, baby, let the music play

Whoa, oh listen to the music (x3)
All the time....

Like a lazy flowing river, Surrounding castles in the sky.
And the crowd is growing bigger, Listening for the happy sounds
And I got to let them fly!

Whoa, oh listen to the music (x3)
All the time....

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Eucharistic Prayer D, BCP 372

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.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Celebrant and People

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Thomas, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

FRACTION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

HYMNS AT COMMUNION *Stand by me* Songwriters: Ben E. King, Jerry Leiber & Mike Stoller

When the night has come, And the land is dark. And the moon, is the only light we'll see.
 No, I won't be afraid. Oh, I won't be afraid Just as long, as you stand, stand by me.

So darlin', darlin', stand by me. Oh, stand by me.
 Oh, stand, Stand by me, stand by me.

If the sky that we look upon, Should tumble and fall. Or the mountains should crumble to the
 sea. I won't cry, I won't cry. No, I won't shed a tear. Just as long, as you stand, stand by me.

And darlin', darlin', stand by me
 Oh, stand by me
 Whoa, stand now
 Stand by me, stand by me

Whenever you're in trouble, won't you stand by me? Oh, stand by me.
 Whoa, just stand now. Oh, stand, stand by me.

I Shall Be Released

Songwriter: Bob Dylan

They say everything can be replaced. They say every distance is not near
 So I remember every face, Of every man who put me here.
 I see my light come shining, From the west down to the east
 Any day now, any day now, I shall be released.

They say every man needs protection. They say that every man must fall.
 Yet I swear I see my reflection, Somewhere so high above this wall.
 I see my light come shining, From the west down to the east
 Any day now, any day now; I shall be released
 Now, yonder stands a man in this lonely crowd, A man who swears he's not to blame.
 All day long I hear him shouting so loud, Just crying out that he was framed.
 I see my light come shining, From the west down to the east
 Any day now, any day now, I shall be released.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Those unable to take communion today may pray this prayer.

Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness
 with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Though I cannot consume
 these gifts of bread and wine, I thank you that I have received the sacrament of Christ's
 presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion. By the power of the
 Holy Spirit, may I embody your desire and be renewed for your service through Jesus Christ
 our Savior. Amen.

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

Celebrant In the name of God and of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body for we all share the one bread and the one cup. Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Clergy 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.

THE FOUR PART EASTER BLESSING

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN

Spirit in the Sky

Songwriter: Norman Greenbaum

When I die and they lay me to rest, Gonna go to the place that's the best.

When I lay me down to die, Goin' up to the spirit in the sky. Goin' up to the spirit in the sky (spirit in the sky), That's where I'm gonna go when I die (when I die). When I die and they lay me to rest. I'm gonna go to the place that's the best.

Prepare yourself you know it's a must, Gotta have a friend in Jesus. So, you know that when you die, He's gonna recommend you, To the spirit in the sky (spirit in the sky).

Oh he'll recommend you to the spirit in the sky, That's where you're gonna go when you die (when you die). When you die and they lay you to rest, You're gonna go to the place that's the best.

Never been a sinner, I never sinned, I got a friend in Jesus. So, you know that when I die, He's gonna set me up with the spirit in the sky. Oh set me up with the spirit in the sky (spirit in the sky), That's where I'm gonna go when I die (when I die). When I die and they lay me to rest, I'm gonna go to the place that's the best.

Go to the place that's the best.

THE DISMISSAL

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

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Gage donated by Judy Ochsner.

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Vestry on Duty: (9:30 a.m.) Paige Case (11:15 a.m.) Stewart Marshall
Lectors: Sam Bianco, Ruby Buckingham and Jonah Tinfow
Litanist: Grant Baxter
Ushers: Mary Ryan Aimar, Molly Conner, James Thompson. (11:15 a.m.) Bill Franklin
Acolytes: Eva Aguilar, Tino Aguilar, Ford McCurry, and Lela White
Sunday School of Rock: Isabel Baxter, Gabriella Gonzales, Emmaline McNicoll, and Sheldon White

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: (9:30 a.m.) Jane Gilchrist (11:15 a.m.) Annie Quaile
Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Hugh Papy
Hospitality: Mary Blaney, Angie Nichuals, and Ellie Titus
Altar Guild: Salli White, Anna Fowler, Tracy Edgar, Stacie Bacon, and Mary Hailey

ANNOUNCEMENTS

5/16, Monday 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. – Vestry Meeting

5/18, Wednesday 11:30 a.m. Healing Service (Last One Until August 10, 2022)
5:30 p.m. Pilgrimage Meeting @ Troy Mediterranean Cafe

5/22, Sunday Choir Practice after 9:30 a.m. service

Bernadette Winters will be on vacation through Tuesday, May 19th.

Reverend Melanie will be on sabbatical on Saturday, May 28th to Saturday July 30th.
Please watch for more information in an upcoming email.

Vacation Bible School is set for July 19-21. Registration is now open to Pre-K to 5th Grade. We can't wait to have some fun with your kiddos this summer. Visit www.stthomasioh.org to register. We've also created a Facebook event so share with your friends! To volunteer, please contact Rev. Aimee.



On your desktop computer, visit the website below to register your account. Please note you will need to have the email that is listed in the church directory to create an account. If you are unsure of that email or need to add an email, please contact Amy Jo.
Once you are in the directory page, check out your family's listing and make any changes or additions you deem necessary.
Please be sure to fill in birthdays and anniversaries as well.
Any other problems, please contact Amy Jo in the church office Monday-Thursday.

Directory Website: members.instantchurchdirectory.com

WELCOME TO ALL GUESTS

If you are new or with us for the first time, thank you for joining us at worship. We hope you will join us again. Restrooms are available in our parish hall and Christian Education buildings. Nursery care is available in our Christian Education building for children ages 0-4. Please, see an usher to assist you in locating the nursery if that is the preferred option for your family. Children are always welcome to stay in the church at St. Thomas as they are full members of the body of Christ. If you do choose to utilize our nursery, we hope you will bring your children back into church to receive communion or a blessing.

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians, regardless of denomination or age, are invited to be fed at God's table. When it is your turn, hold your hands out open in front of you to receive the bread. When the cup of wine comes to you, help guide it to your mouth to take sip or signify that you want to abstain from drinking by crossing your arms over your chest. (At this time, we are not allowing intinction/dipping of the wafer in the wine.) If you would like to learn more about the customs of our tradition, please, contact The Rev. Melanie Lemburg.

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS AND CONTACT TRACING

We ask that you adhere to the following Covid-19 precautions. Please, make sure that you sign in before or after the service and give us a good email to contact you on for contact tracing purposes. If you test positive for COVID-19 within 5 days of attending this worship service or gathering, please notify the church office or one of the clergy immediately. Your confidentiality will be maintained, but we will notify those who were present that they may have possibly been exposed to the virus. We will also notify the health department and Canon Loren Lasch on the bishop's staff in accordance with Diocesan policy.

If you have been present at a worship service or other event at St. Thomas with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 within 5 days of this gathering, we will notify you immediately that you may have been exposed to the virus. All confidentiality will be maintained.

LITURGICAL NOTES: EASTER IS A SEASON, NOT JUST A DAY

The Great Fifty Days of Easter is the church's most celebratory season. Our alleluias are brought back in full force after our Lenten fast, and they are even sprinkled in throughout the service in extra places. We omit the confession of sin during the Easter season, and we are also encouraged to return to a custom of the early church (as articulated by the Council of Nicea) by giving up kneeling for the Easter season and instead standing during the Eucharistic prayer throughout the Easter season all the way through the day of Pentecost. In this prayer posture, we acknowledge that in Christ we are made worthy to stand before God. The paschal candle will be lit at every service all through the Easter season.

MISSION OF ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are a welcoming community of faith and love that serves one another and seeks to draw others to God through our ministries.