



St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Isle of Hope
The Second Sunday of Easter
April 27, 2025

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE
8:00 AM

Opening Acclamation

BCP 323

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

The Collect of the Day

BCP 172

Celebrant

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Acts 5:27-32

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Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

The Presentation of the Gifts

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

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

The Great Thanksgiving

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HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE 2

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune

Jeff Perks

THE OPENING HYMN

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!

Hymnal #450

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

THE SONG OF PRAISE

God's Paschal Lamb

God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore with
Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain, death has no
In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead, though Ad - am's
joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for - sak - ing sin, we
more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through him we die, we to
sin had doomed all flesh to die, in Christ's new life shall
share the bread of truth. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
sin and live to God. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
all be made a - live. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 5:27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him." The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! *
LORD, send us now success.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the LORD.
- 27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you."
- 29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

THE SECOND READING

A Reading from Revelation.

Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Jesus lives! thy terrors now

Hymnal #194

THE CELTIC ALLELUIA

The choir will sing the Alleluia first. The congregation is invited to join in on the second and third times.



THE GOSPEL

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

John 20:19-31

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Colette Hammesfahr

THE NICENE CREED

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**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

<i>Litanist</i>	Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death,
<i>People</i>	And Christ will give you life!
<i>Litanist</i>	Bring newness and change to your church, O God, that we might serve you with courage and grace. Awake, O Church, rise from death,
<i>People</i>	And Christ will give you life!
<i>Litanist</i>	Bring newness and change to your world, O God, that all might know the goodness of your love. Awake, O World, rise from death,
<i>People</i>	And Christ will give you life!
<i>Litanist</i>	Bring newness and change to our nation, O God, that each person might share and honor the other. Awake, O People, rise from death,
<i>People</i>	And Christ will give you life!
<i>Litanist</i>	Bring newness and change for the suffering, O God, that they might know your saving help. We remember especially those we name silently or aloud (<i>pause</i>). Awake, O Sorrowful, rise from death,
<i>People</i>	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. We remember especially those we name silently or aloud (pause). Awake, O Saints, rise from death,
People **And Christ will give you life!**

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!**

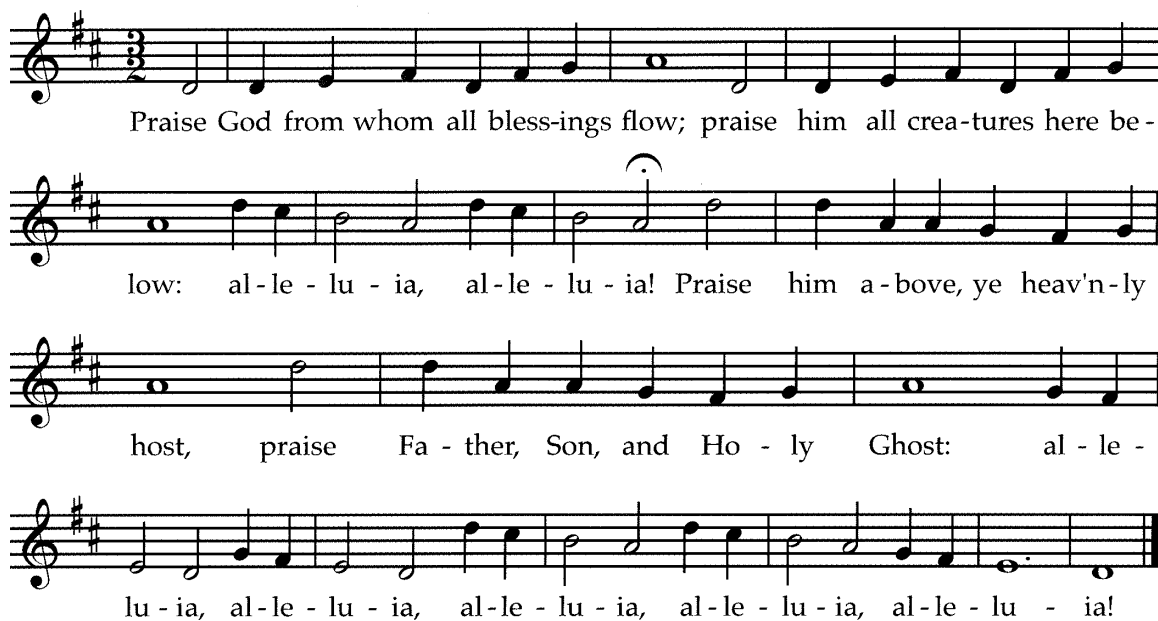
THE PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ANNIVERSARY AND BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Lord of the Small* arr. Dan Forrest, Tanner King, soloist

THE FESTAL DOXOLOGY (10:00 am)



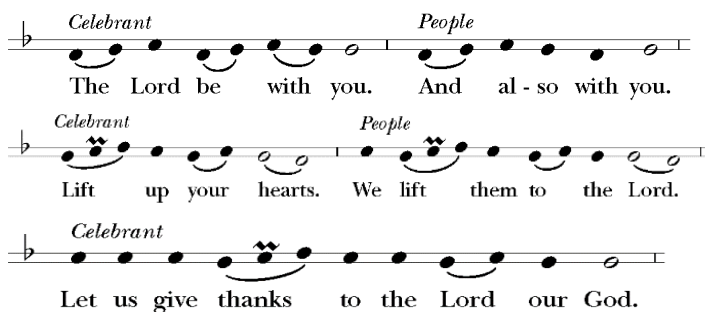
Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him all crea-tures here be -
low: al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host, praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost: al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THE PRESENTATION (11:30 am)

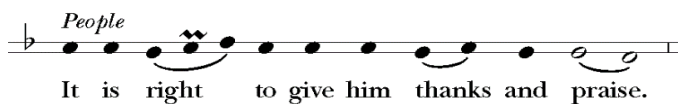
Celebrant All things come of you, O Lord.
People **And of your own have we given you. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer D, BCP 372



Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

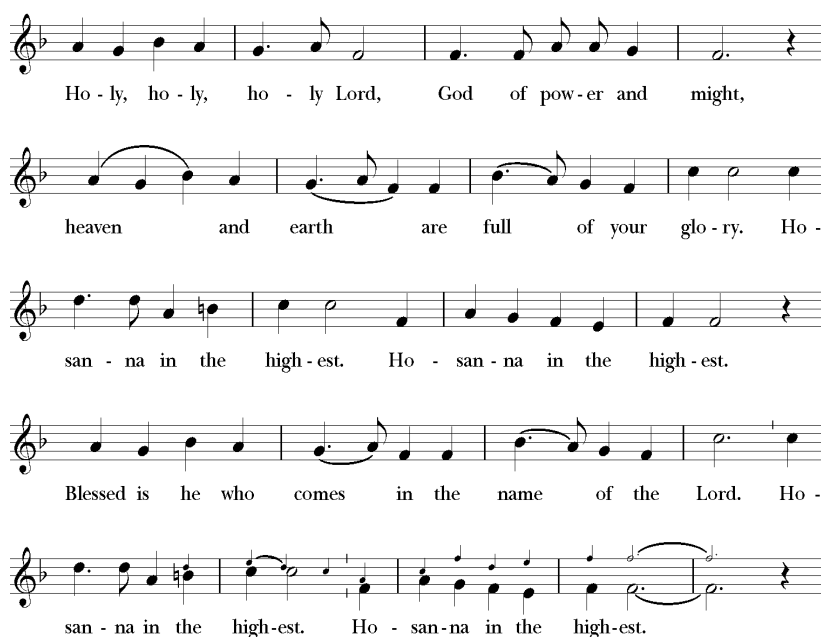
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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,

SANCTUS

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Celebrant and People at 11:30 am

**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.

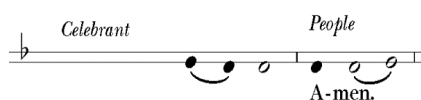
Celebrant and People

**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 blessed Thomas, Anna Alexander, 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

BCP 364

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.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

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This setting is not used in Lent.

Antiphon

Cantor; then All



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

The Fraction (11:30 a.m.)

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.

HYMN AT COMMUNION

Blessed Assurance

Songbook #32

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 as we all share the one bread and the one cup. Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

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

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Hymnal #481

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

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

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

THE POSTLUDE

Rejoice, the Lord is King

arr. Jason D. Payne

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Katie Ward's birthday, by Mitch and Millie Green.

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Vestry on Duty: (10:00 a.m.) Lizann Roberts

(11:30 a.m.) David Castleberry

Lectors: (8:00) Dave White

(10:00 a.m.) Barry Wilson

(11:30 a.m.) Bill Franklin

Lay Eucharistic Minister: (8:00) Dave White

(10:00) Tracy Edgar and Jennifer Calver

Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Dave White

Acolytes: Eva Aguilar and Sydney Calver

Worship Tech: Tino Aguilar

Ushers: (10:00 a.m.) Eleanor Foster and Alton Aimar

(11:30 a.m.) Bill Franklin

Hospitality: The Conner Family

Flower Guild: Jane Moore and Millie Green

Altar Guild: Sally Minis, Pam Smith, Boo McCullough, and Mary Wilson

Nursery: Dianne Jones and Holly Barrett

Children's Chapel: Kim Tutan

Cantors: Abbey Terry and Tanner King

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, April 27	5:30 pm A.A. Meeting in CE building
Monday, April 28	10:00 am Planning in the Parish Hall
Tuesday, April 29	11:00 am Women's Bible Study in library
Wednesday, April 30	11:30 am Healing Service 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, May 3	11:00 am Anna Fowler's funeral

Rev. Melanie will be at Clergy Conference at Honey Creek Tuesday-Wednesday.

Women's Bible Study

The study on the Lord's Prayer begins Tuesday, April 29th. Please complete lesson 1 for Tuesday.

Youth Sunday, May 4 at 10:00 a.m.

Join us as we honor our graduates and are led by our youth in worship. If any of the youth want to participate and have not spoken to Rev. Colette, please contact her!

May Outreach

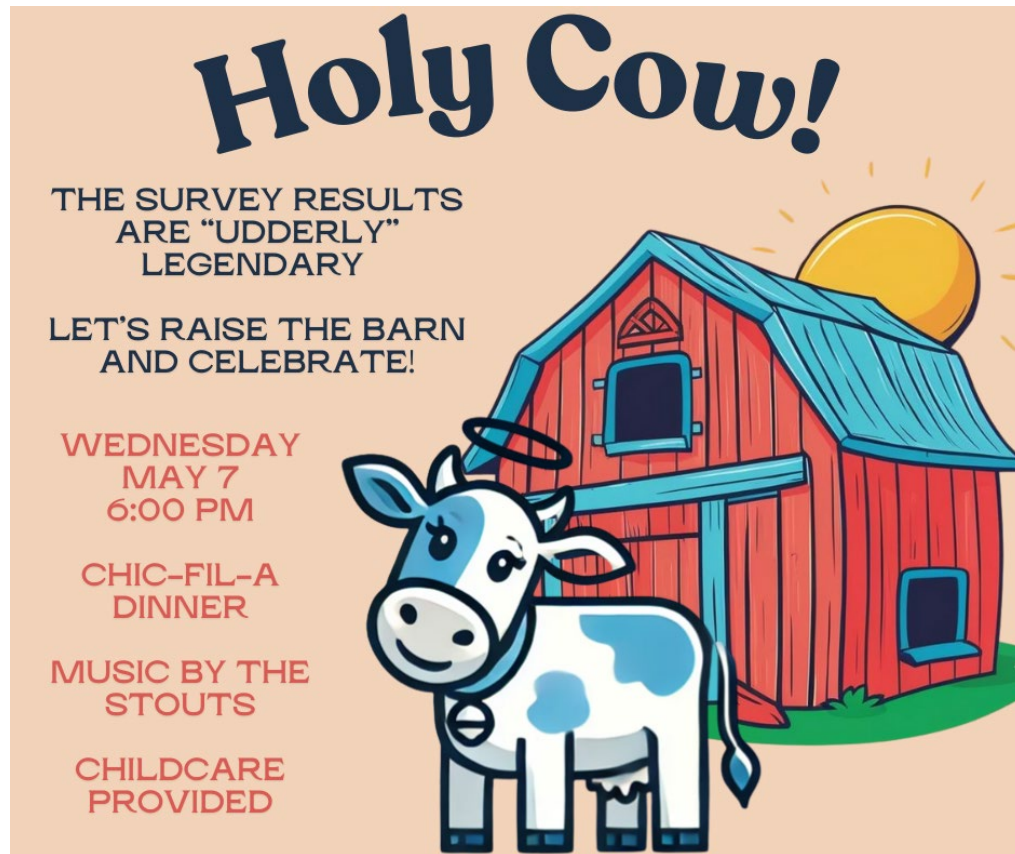
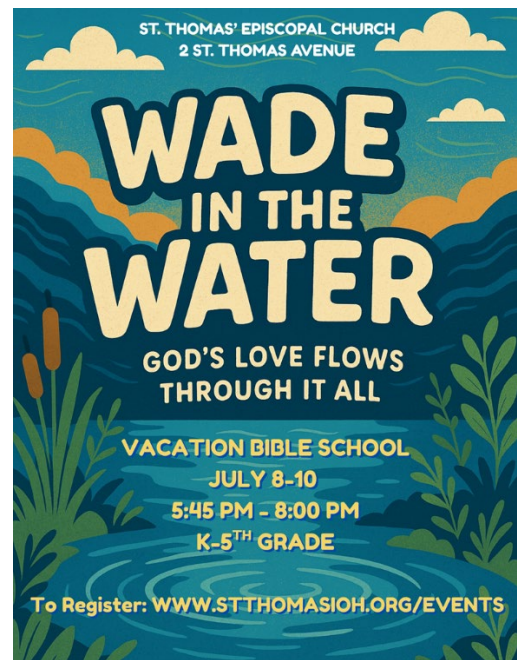
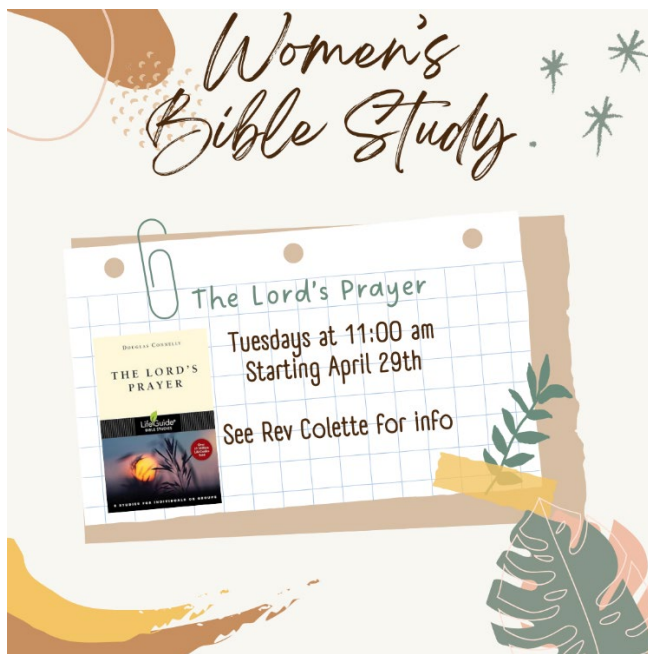
For May, we'll be collecting donations for Episcopal Youth and Children's Services. EYCS provides need-based college scholarships for undergraduates and financial assistance for children who might otherwise not be able to go to Summer Camp at Honey Creek, the Episcopal Camp & Conference Center of the Diocese of Georgia. To date, the EYCS Trust has provided over \$1,000,000 in college scholarships for over a thousand youth of the diocese, and in just the past few years, has given over \$40,000 to allow hundreds of children the chance to attend Honey Creek Summer Camp. Donations can be put in the marked box in the parish hall or the offering plate on Sundays.

Easter Flowers

Thank you to everyone who helped by purchasing an Easter flower in honor or in memory of someone. If you'd like your flower, you can pick it up after the 10:00 am service today.

Save the Date!

VBS is July 8-10 from 5:45 pm – 8:00 pm for K – 5th graders. We'll also need volunteers! Please spread the news to your family and friends so they can see what it's like to "Wade in the Water!"



If you would like to give electronically towards our offering today or if you are traveling during the year, there are two easy and safe options: through our website at www.stthomasioh.org/give or through Venmo [@StThomasEpiscopalChurch](https://www.venmo.com/StThomasEpiscopalChurch).