



St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Isle of Hope
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 17, 2025

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE
8:00 AM

Opening Acclamation

BCP 323

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day

BCP 180

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, who hast given thy only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

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Psalms 80:1-2, 8-18

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The Peace

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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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WELCOME TO ALL GUESTS

If you are new or with us for the first time, thank you for joining us at worship. 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. During the school year we also have a Children's Chapel for the first part of the service (the Liturgy of the Word). Children in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to follow the little cross in the opening procession where they will exit to go to our chapel. Adults are welcome to accompany them if that would be helpful. The children will return to the church from Children's Chapel at the Peace.

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 a sip, dip the top of the wafer into the cup, or signify that you want to abstain from drinking by crossing your arms over your chest. If you would like to learn more about the customs of our tradition, please, contact The Rev. Colette Hammesfahr.

Please, fill out a visitor card from the pew rack and give to one of the clergy or the ushers so that we may greet you more formally in the days to come.

The Rt. Rev. Frank Sullivan Logue, Bishop of Georgia
The Rev. Colette Hammesfahr, Associate Rector
Dionne Greenlee, Parish Administrator
Tripp Hardee, Minister of Music
Greg Washabaugh, Sexton
Tara Bell, Bookkeeper
Dianne Jones, Nursery Supervisor

The Vestry

Chris Conner, Senior Warden
Lizann Roberts & David Castleberry, Co-Junior Wardens
Mitch Green, Treasurer
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Joseph Bernard
Chris Conner
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HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

Ivory Palaces

arr. Bob Walters

THE OPENING HYMN

Holy God, we praise thy Name

Hymnal #366

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

GLORY TO GOD

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

A Reading from Isaiah.

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-2,8-18 *responsively by half verse*

BCP 702

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.

12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; *
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

A Reading from Hebrews.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection.

Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

My faith looks up to thee

Hymnal #691

THE GOSPEL

Luke 12:49-56

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

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

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens.

And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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 In peace and in faith, let us offer our prayers, saying, "Christ, have mercy."

Litanist For peace and tranquility in the world, and for the salvation of all, let us pray.
People **Christ, have mercy.**

Litanist For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Frank our own Bishop, for Colette our clergy, and for all the People of God, let us pray.
People **Christ, have mercy.**

Litanist For our nation and for all the nations of the world, that they may be places of peace and of liberty and justice for all, let us pray.
People **Christ, have mercy.**

Litanist For the good use of all the gifts that you have given us including our work and our Sabbath and our care for your creation, let us pray.
People **Christ, have mercy.**

Litanist For those in our community who are in need: the homeless and the hungry, the heartbroken and the desolate, the suffering and the mourners especially those we name now (*pause*), let us pray.
People **Christ, have mercy.**

Litanist For those who have died, especially those we name now (*pause*), let us pray.
People **Christ, have mercy.**

Litanist O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE 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.**

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

My God Is So High

arr. Hal Johnson

Karla Thomas, guest soloist from Savannah Voice Festival

THE DOXOLOGY (v 3) (10:00 am)

Hymnal #380

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.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS (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 A

BCP 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

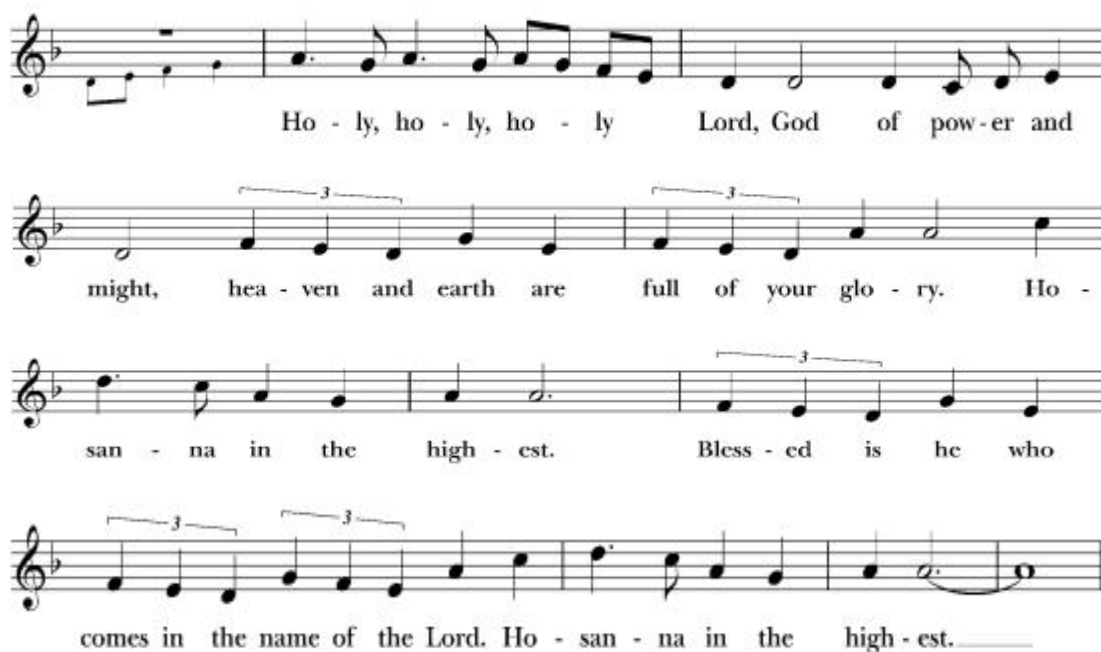
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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.



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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we 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:

Celebrant and People:

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 forever. **Amen.**

And now as our Savior has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

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

Abide with Me

Hymnal #662

In Times Like These



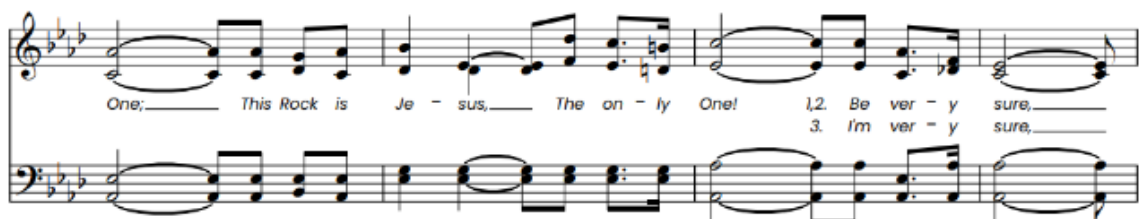
1. In times like these, you need a Sav - ior, In times like these, you need an
 2. In times like these, you need the Bi - ble, In times like these, O be not
 3. In times like these, I have a Sav - ior, In times like these, I have an



an - chor, Be ver - y sure, be ver - y sure, Your an - chor holds
 i - dle, Be ver - y sure, be ver - y sure, Your an - chor holds
 an - chor, I'm ver - y sure, I'm ver - y sure, My an - chor holds



Refrain
 and grips the sol - id Rock! This Rock is Je - sus, Yes, He's the



One; This Rock is Je - sus, The on - ly One! 1, 2. Be ver - y sure,
 3. I'm ver - y sure,



Be ver - y sure, Your an - chor holds and grips the sol - id Rock.
 I'm ver - y sure, My an - chor holds and grips the sol - id Rock!

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 BLESSING

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, and the blessing of God Almighty: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN

Lead On, O King Eternal

Hymnal #555

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE

Fanfare on "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

Paul Fey

The flowers are given to the glory of God and are dedicated to the Conner Family and in celebration of Karen's birthday on August 16th.

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Vestry on Duty: (10:00 am) Andrew Lyons

(11:30 am) Robert Hughes

Lectors: (8:00 am) Howard Bacon

(10:00 am) Anne Quaile

(11:30 am) Bill Franklin

Lay Eucharistic Minister: (8:00 am) Howard Bacon

(10:00 am) Susan Tutan-Gonzales and Anne

Quaile

Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Rick Lantz

Acolytes: Sydney Calver and Sheldon White

Worship Tech: Tino Aguilar

Ushers: (10:00 am) Andrew Lyons and Joe Roberts

Altar Guild: Jane Gilchrist, Lizann Roberts,

Marie Centgraf, Judy Holland and Elizabeth Varner

Nursery: Eva Aguilar and Karen Otto

Cantors: Tanner King and Emma Reardon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, August 17

5:30 pm AA Meeting in the CE Building

Monday, August 18

8:00 am Unseen Guest Pickup

10:00 am Planning in the CE Building

	2:00 pm Women Sharing Wisdom in the St. Thomas Room
	6:00 pm Vestry Meeting in the Parish Hall
Tuesday, August 19	9:00 am Staff Meeting in the Library
	11:00 am Women's Bible Study in the Library
Wednesday, August 20	11:30 am Healing Service
	6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, August 21	6:00 pm ECW Meet & Greet in the Parish Hall
Saturday, August 23	1:00 pm Funeral for Betty Jeffers

A Message from Rev. Melanie,

Dear People of St Thomas,

Thank you so much for the generous purse that you collected for my leave-taking. And thank you for the lovely gift of Sammy Moore's photography book of our "beautiful Isle of Hope". I especially cherish your thoughtful messages on your selected photos. Being your rector these last 8 years has been such a delight, and I am so grateful for all we have learned and accomplished together! Much love always, Melanie+

Episcopal Church Women

The first meeting is Thursday, August 21 at 6:00 pm, in the parish hall, where we will gather for prayer, fellowship, appetizers and refreshments. Please come! Questions?? Ask Marie Centgraf, Jane Gilchrist, Kelley Marshall or Amy Minis.

Do You Needlepoint?

We are in the process of designing new kneelers to be placed along the altar railing in the chapel. If you are a needlepoint enthusiast or know of someone who may like to assist with the project, please contact Jane Moore at (912) 658-2645.

Hurricane Preparedness Form

It's that time again! Please, take a moment to fill out our St. Thomas hurricane preparedness form, so that we can assist or contact you in the event of a hurricane. Please use the attached QR code.



Books, Books, and more Books!

Rev. Melanie cleaned off her bookshelves before packing what she wanted. Her books, and other books found in closets at the church will be up for grabs! Please come by the parish hall and take whatever you'd like!

August Outreach

This month, we are collecting twin sized "bed-in-a-bag" sets for the local chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace. They can be purchased for as little as \$25 at Walmart. Donations can be dropped off on the table in the parish hall.

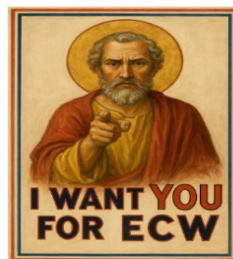


You're invited to a
Meet and Greet
 with the other women of
St. Thomas'



Thursday, August 21st
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall

Feel free to bring an appetizer (not required)
Childcare will be provided



St. Thomas says,
 "If you're a woman of St. Thomas' and between the ages
 of 19-109, then you're already a member of ECW!"

