

ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 14) – YEAR C Holy Eucharist

August 7, 2016

10:00 A.M.

Information for newcomers and visitors is located on the back page of this service bulletin.

PRELUDE Adagio in F major, K 580a W.A. Mozart (1756-1791), arr. R. Green

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord
Hymn 637 (*Lyons*)

Descant

5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,

5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
4 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

5 soul, _____ to shake, no,

1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,

5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 1:1, 10-20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 50:1-8, 23-24 (*said by all*)

Deus deorum

- 1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.
- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak: "O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.
- 8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; *
your offerings are always before me.

23 Consider this well, you who forget God, *
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; *
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

THE SECOND LESSON

HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



All: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor: Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.
You have the words of eternal life. *1 Samuel 3:9; John 6:68*

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 12:32-40

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All are seated.

THE SERMON

After the Sermon, there follows a short period of silent reflection. Then all stand.

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant and People

**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

Intercessor

Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Please add your own prayers of intercession and thanksgiving, either silently or aloud.

Silence

Celebrant

Father of light, yours is the morning and yours is the evening. Let Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine for ever in our hearts and draw us to that light where you live in radiant glory. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

Priest

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

Priest 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.**

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The People greet one another with a sign of peace, and then are seated for brief announcements.

During the Offertory Hymn, the People gather around the altar for Communion by following the ushers in procession up the center aisle. You are encouraged to position children where they can see, and small children may sit with a caregiver on the floor in front of the altar. Standing time is approximately 15 minutes. If you are unable to stand, you may sit in one of the chairs arranged near the altar, move to the front row of pews, or remain in your seat.

OFFERTORY HYMN

O what their joy and their glory must be
 Hymn 623 (*O quanta qualia*)

1 O what their joy and their glo - ry must be,
 2 Tru - ly "Je - ru - sa - lem" name we that shore,
 3 There, where no trou - bles dis - trac - tion can bring,
 4 Now, in the mean - while, with hearts raised on high,
 5 Low be - fore him with our prais - es we fall,

1 those end - less Sab - baths the bless - ed ones see;
 2 ci - ty of peace that brings joy ev - er - more;
 3 we the sweet an - thems of Zi - on shall sing;
 4 we for that coun - try must yearn and must sigh,
 5 of whom, and in whom, and through whom are all;

1 crown for the val - iant, to wea - ry ones rest:
 2 wish and ful - fill - ment are not sev - ered there,
 3 while for thy grace, Lord, their voic - es of praise
 4 seek - ing Je - ru - sa - lem, dear na - tive land,
 5 of whom, the Fa - ther; and in whom, the Son;

1 God shall be all, and in all ev - er blest.
 2 nor do things prayed for come short of the prayer.
 3 thy bless - ed peo - ple e - ter - nal - ly raise.
 4 through our long ex - ile on Bab - y - lon's strand.
 5 through whom, the Spi - rit, with them ev - er One.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 5

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

WLP 858

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes".

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C).

Celebrant

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-163

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant

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 are invited to receive Holy Communion at God's table in this church. Please proceed to the most conveniently located station to receive communion, and then return to your seat via a side aisle. Gluten-free bread is available at any station. Non-alcoholic wine is available from the server at the center of the altar. To receive a blessing instead of communion, approach the priest with your arms crossed over your chest.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Watchet auf (from *Cantata 140*)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Zion hört die Wächter singen,
Das Herz tut ihr vor Freuden springen,
Sie wachet und steht eilend auf.
Ihr Freund kommt vom Himmel prächtig,
Von Gnaden stark, von Wahrheit mächtig,
Ihr Licht wird hell, ihr Stern geht auf.
Nun komm, du werthe Kron,
Herr Jesu, Gottes Sohn!
Hosianna!
Wir folgen all
Zum Freudensaal
Und halten mit das Abendmahl.*

Zion hears the watchmen singing,
Her heart within for joy is dancing,
She watches and makes haste to rise.
Her Lord comes from heaven glorious,
In mercy strong, in truth most mighty,
Her light is bright, her star doth rise.
Now come, thou precious crown,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son!
Hosannah!
We follow all
To joy's glad hall
And join therein the evening meal.

Text: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)

After all have received communion, the people remain seated for a period of silence. Then all stand.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: All your works praise you, O Lord.

People: And your faithful servants bless you.

Celebrant and People

Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

FINAL HYMN

O God, our help in ages past
Hymn 680 (*St. Ann's*)

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

DISMISSAL

Priest: *[A priest dismisses the people.]*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Chorale Prelude on "St. Ann's"

C.H.H. Parry (1848-1918)

Serving Today

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Lynda Z. Tyson

Preacher & Assisting Priest: The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp

Organist and Choirmaster: Simon Jacobs

Eucharistic Minister: Dorothy Asch

Crucifer: Chris Martinez

Acolyte: Chris Martinez

Lectors: Dawn Lorentson, Constance Cahill

Intercessor: Diane Schultz

Sacristans: Joan Hogan, Bill & Sally Nanfeldt

Ushers/Greeters: Bob & Lorna Herdt

Coffee Hour Hosts: The Bower-Phipps family

Prayer Intentions

Pray for those in any need or trouble, including:

Bill M., Bill R., Bob, Ginny, Jane, Jonathan, Katie, Lee, Marj, Marilyn, Norma, Phil, Suzanne

Pray for those who have died, especially:

All around the world who have died in terrorist attacks

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

St. Peter's, South Windsor; Epiphany, Southbury; St. Paul's, Southington

Liturgical assistants serving in parishes: lectors, lay readers, Eucharistic ministers, Eucharistic visitors, lay evangelists

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

The Church of South India (United); The Most Revd. Dr Govada Dyvasirvadam, Moderator of CSI & Bishop of Krishna-Godavari

Prayer for the Good Use of Leisure

(Book of Common Prayer, p. 825)

O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Church Leadership

The Rev. Keri Aubert—Priest-in-Charge

Simon Jacobs—Director of Music and Organist

Julie Kelly—Administrator, Parish and Property

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Mark Branch (Junior Warden)

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The Rev. Jakki Flanagan

The Rev. Julie Kelsey

The Rev. Bill Loutrel

The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp

The Rev. Lee McGee Street

The Rev. Dr. Parke Street

The Rev. Dr. Lynda Z. Tyson

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Jennifer Herdt, David Kelsey— Adult Formation

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Kathryn Scherer (Parish Rep)

Announcements

For more calendar highlights, visit www.stthomasnewhaven.org and www.musicatstthomas.org.

Today's Eucharistic Prayer...

...is from the Alternative Service Book of the Anglican Church of Canada. The Prayers of the People and Post-Communion Prayer are also from that source.

New St. Thomas's Parish Website!

Our new church website has been launched, at the same URL as before: www.stthomasnewhaven.org. It is not complete, but we're on our way. Because this is the time of year when a lot of people move into the area, we tried to make it easy to find information of interest to newcomers and visitors. Note that the website now includes archives for Sunday sermons (text and audio), Sunday bulletins, and the Parish Enews.

Donations can still be made at the click of a button, found on the home page of the new website. The donation page has been updated to reflect the new website theme and it is now much easier to designate your contribution.

Staff Vacations

- Keri Aubert is on vacation through August 15, including today and Sunday, August 14.

Office Hours and Pastoral Emergencies

Church office hours are 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday–Thursday. For pastoral emergencies outside those hours, contact Keri at home (listed in the directory). If you are unable to reach Keri, contact Ricardo Chavira or Mark Branch.

Save the Date: Bishop's Visitation October 9

St. Thomas's official Bishop's Visitation is scheduled for Sunday, October 9. Bishop Ian Douglas will preside and preach at our usual 10 a.m. service. After worship, he will enjoy fellowship with the congregation and then meet for conversation with the Vestry. (Remember, this is rescheduled from our original February date, which Bishop Ian had to cancel due to illness.)

St. Thomas's Choristers

Children 7 and up are invited to join the St. Thomas's Choristers (junior choir). They rehearse following the Sunday service and sing monthly on the 3rd Sunday. Contact Simon Jacobs.



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If you are new or visiting ...

Welcome! Thank you for attending worship at St. Thomas's. Please consider returning the information slip below, signing the guest register near the main entry, and introducing yourself to a clergyperson or usher. After the service, you are invited to join the congregation for Coffee Hour (in the Lounge on the second floor).

Families with children: On most Sundays during the school year, Sunday School is offered for children from pre-K through grade 8. All children are invited to attend. On three Sundays a month, Sunday School takes place during the service; on one Sunday a month, it follows the service. On any given Sunday, the bulletin announcements and worship instructions provide additional information.

Families with small children: Two seating areas at the front of the church are reserved for families with small children: the area under the array of paper cranes (for children age 3 and under); the area in front of the left side of the pews (for children age 10 and under). For safety, every child should be accompanied by a caregiver.

All are invited to receive Holy Communion at God's table in this church. At St. Thomas's, the people gather around the altar for the celebration of the Eucharist. While this may be unfamiliar to you, most find it to be a powerful experience of true communion.

There are usually two stations (located at the front corners of the altar) where you may receive Holy Communion. **Gluten-free bread** is available at both stations. **Non-alcoholic wine** is available only from the server at the center of the altar. Any difference in orientation will be explained during the announcements.

To receive Holy Communion: The server will place the bread in your hands; they will place it on your tongue if that is your practice. Wine is sipped from the common cup; please use both hands to guide the chalice to your lips. Some people 'intinct' (dip the bread into the wine), or receive bread only, or request only a blessing. Additional instructions for communion and for worship more generally are included at appropriate points in the bulletin.

Tear along dotted line, and then place in the offering plate or give to a member of the parish

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail & Phone _____

I would like to:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Speak to a clergyperson | <input type="checkbox"/> Enroll my child(ren) in Sunday School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Receive parish emails | <input type="checkbox"/> Learn about joining the Adult Choir |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Have a permanent name tag | <input type="checkbox"/> Enroll my child(ren) in the St. Thomas's
Choristers (Junior Choir) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Explore becoming a member | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Get involved with _____ | |