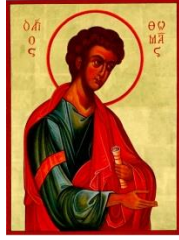


# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A Holy Eucharist and Celebration of the Life of Marjorie Anita Elbert Robison

May 14, 2017

10:00 A.M.

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

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Today's liturgy is a departure from our usual Sunday celebration: it includes the burial rites offered for our sister in Christ, Marj Robison. The intent is to celebrate Marj's life within the fullness of our gathered community. There is no need for anyone (including children) to behave differently than is our practice.

The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised. The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn. (1979 *Book of Common Prayer*, page 507)

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### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Adagio in E

Frank Bridge (1879 – 1941)

*At the ringing of the bell, please stand.*

### INTROIT

Remember not, Lord, our offences (Z.50)

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Remember not, Lord, our offences,  
nor the offences of our forefathers;  
neither take thou vengeance of our sins  
spare us, good Lord, spare thy people,  
whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood,  
and be not angry with us for ever.  
Spare us, good Lord.

*text from the Litany*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus lives! thy terrors now can no longer death appall us

Hymn 194 (*St Albinus*)

1 Je - sus lives! thy ter - rors now can no long - er, death, ap -  
 2 Je - sus lives! for us he died; then, a - lone to Je - sus  
 3 Je - sus lives! our hearts know well nought from us his love shall  
 4 Je - sus lives! to him the throne o - ver all the world is

pall us; Je - sus lives! by this we know thou, O  
 liv - ing, pure in heart may we a - bide, glo - ry  
 sev - er; life, nor death, nor powers of hell tear us  
 giv - en: may we go where he has gone, rest and

grave, canst not en - thrall us. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 to our Sa - vior giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 from his keep - ing ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 reign with him in hea - ven. Al - le - lu - ia!

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECTS

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: 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.**

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant Marjorie, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*All are seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16 (*sung by the choir*)

*In te, Domine, speravi*

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my  
stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.
- 15 My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who  
persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me."

## THE SECOND LESSON

1 PETER 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
 a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
 and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
 has become the very head of the corner”,

and

“A stone that makes them stumble,  
 and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,  
 but now you are God’s people;  
 once you had not received mercy,  
 but now you have received mercy.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

Eternal Father, strong to save  
 Hymn 608 (*Melita*)

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the  
 2 O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard and hushed their ra - ging  
 3 Most Ho - ly Spi - rit, who didst brood up - on the cha - os  
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, thy chil - dren shield in

rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its  
 at thy word, who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep, and  
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and  
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we  
 calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we  
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace; O hear us when we  
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er-more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

**THE GOSPEL**

JOHN 14:1-14

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

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

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

**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

*Presider*

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

*Presider 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:  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
who 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

*Priest*

For our sister Marjorie and for the welfare of the world, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

*Intercessor*

Unite your church and all your people. **Hear us, Lord.**

Guide the leaders of every nation and land. **Hear us, Lord.**

Protect the earth and all its inhabitants. **Hear us, Lord.**

Help us fulfill our baptismal promises through service to you. **Hear us, Lord.**

Deliver all who live in danger, sickness or need. **Hear us, Lord.**

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Marj, and dry the tears of those who weep. **Hear us, Lord.**

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow. **Hear us, Lord.**

You raised the dead to life; give to our sister eternal life. **Hear us, Lord.**

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister to the joys of heaven. **Hear us, Lord.**

Our sister was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give her fellowship with all your saints. **Hear us, Lord.**

She was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant her a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom. **Hear us, Lord.**

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our sister; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

*Silence is kept.*

*Presider*

Father of all, we pray to you for Marjorie, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May her soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

Presider: 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.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

The Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
Such a Way, as gives us breath:  
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:  
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
Such a Joy, as none can move:  
Such a Love, as none can part:  
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
Such a Light, as shows a feast:  
Such a Feast, as mends in length:  
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

*During the Offertory Hymn, the collection is taken and the gifts are brought forward. The People gather around the altar for Communion by following the ushers up the center aisle. You are encouraged to position children where they can see; 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 a chair near the altar, move to the front row of pews, or remain in your seat.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

Christ is made the sure foundation  
Hymn 518 (*Westminster Abbey*)

*Descant*

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and  
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of  
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of  
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,  
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion  
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness  
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er



with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in  
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est  
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.  
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

- Presider: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
 Presider: Lift up your hearts.  
**People: We lift them to the Lord.**  
 Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Presider*

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Hymnal S-125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Presider*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Presider and People*

**We remember his death,  
 We proclaim his resurrection,  
 We await his coming in glory;**

*Presider*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country were, with Mary, Thomas, Marjorie, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*You are invited to say the Lord's Prayer in the language of your choice.*

**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 Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

### FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Presider

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**      Simple gifts      arranged by Aaron Copland (1900 – 1990)

'Tis a gift to be simple. 'tis a gift to be free  
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,  
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained,  
To bow and to bed we shan't be ashamed,  
To turn, turn will be our delight,  
Till by turning, turning we come 'round right.

*Text: Joseph Brackett*

*The People remain seated for the Communion Hymn.*

**COMMUNION HYMN**      God is Love      Cyril Vincent Taylor  
Hymn 379 (*Abbot's Leigh*)

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let  
2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in  
3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him  
one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,  
hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun-  
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are  
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through  
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that  
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.  
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.  
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

*The People remain seated for a period of silence. Then all stand.*

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Presider*

Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

**Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love, you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink, of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom, where there is no death, neither sorrow no crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen**

## THE COMMENDATION

*Presider:* Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints

*People:* where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

**You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, “You are dust, and to dust you shall return.” All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Presider:* Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints

**People:** where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

*Presider*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Marjorie. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

### **THE PASCHAL BLESSING**

*Presider*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

*Priest:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

**RECESSIONAL**                      Toccata (*from* Symphony V)                      Charles Marie Widor (1844-1937)

*Marj's ashes will be placed in the Memorial Garden outside the church. Marj's family will precede the Presider in procession; others who wish to attend should follow the Presider.*

### **THE COMMITAL**

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.  
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,  
even though he die.  
And everyone who has life,  
and has committed himself to me in faith,  
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives  
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.  
After my awaking, he will raise me up;  
and in my body I shall see God.

I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him  
who is my friend and not a stranger.  
For none of us has life in himself,  
and none becomes his own master when he dies.

For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,  
and if we die, we die in the Lord.  
So, then, whether we live or die,  
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on  
are those who die in the Lord!  
So it is, says the Spirit,  
for they rest from their labors.

*The Presider pours out the ashes and says the following while covering them with earth.*

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we commend to Almighty God our sister Marjorie, and we commit her body to the ground;  
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless her and keep her, the Lord make  
his face to shine upon her and be gracious to her, the Lord lift up his countenance upon  
her and give her peace. **Amen.**

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

**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.**

Presider: Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord;

**People: And let light perpetual shine upon her.**

Presider: May her soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God,  
rest in peace. **Amen.**

*The Presider dismisses the people with these words*

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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*Flowers for today's service were given to the glory of God  
in thanksgiving for the life of Marjorie Anita Elbert Robison*

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## If you are new or visiting ...

**Welcome!** After the service, you are invited to attend Coffee Hour (in the Lounge on the second floor).

**Education for all ages:** On most Sundays during the academic year, education for all ages takes place from 9 to 9:45 A.M. Sunday school is offered for children pre-K through grade 8; adult education takes place in The Lounge.

**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); and 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.

**Restrooms for men and women** are located on the second floor. Go through the red double doors at the front of the church, up the stairs to the left, and to the far end of the hallway. An **all-gender restroom (with baby changing table)** in the Vesting Room, located opposite the red double doors at the front of the 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.

**All are invited to receive Holy Communion.** Baptism is not required. There are usually two Communion stations, located at the front corners of the altar. **Gluten-free bread** is available at each station. **Non-alcoholic wine** is available only from the server at the center of the altar. Any difference will be explained during the announcements.

**To receive Holy Communion:** The server will place the bread in your hands. Wine is sipped from the common cup; please use both hands to guide the chalice to your lips. This is the most sanitary option. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about St. Thomas's? \_\_\_\_\_

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- Speak to a clergyperson
- Receive parish emails
- Have a permanent name tag
- Explore becoming a member

- Get involved with \_\_\_\_\_
- Enroll my child(ren) in Sunday School
- Learn about joining the Adult Choir
- Enroll my child(ren) in the St. Thomas's Choristers (Junior Choir)