



Proclaim  
*the* Message

**WITH**



GRATEFUL  
HEARTS



to serve the Lord...

with your whole heart, mind, and soul as  
you go about doing his works in today's  
world!



**ECW Sunday**  
September 17, 2017

## **Purpose ...**

We are called to celebrate in visible fellowship

### **ECW Sunday Third Sunday in September September 17, 2017**

We are ALL EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN. Some congregations do not have organized ECW branches, but all share in the ministry of the women of the Church. It is the intent of the Diocesan ECW Board to involve ALL the women throughout the Diocese in this special occasion.

We join with Episcopal Church Women throughout the Diocese in celebrating the visible fellowship of women to go forth into the world to serve the Lord and do his work.

## **The Episcopal Church Women's Prayer**

Almighty God, we pray that You will bless our work in mission and ministry in the world. Help us to pray fervently, labor diligently and give liberally to make known the power of your love given through your son Jesus Christ. Let us not forget the lessons from the past nor the fear the challenges of the future. Anoint us with your grace and shine in our hearts as we reflect your light throughout the world. Amen

Dios Omnipotente, oramos para que Tú bendigas nuestro trabajo en nuestra misión ministerial por el mundo. Ayúdanos a orar fervientemente, laborar diligentemente y danos la libertad para que demos a conocer el poder de Tu amor a través de Tu Hijo Jesucristo. No dejes que olvidemos las lecciones del pasado y que nuestros corazones reflejen Tu luz a través del mundo. Amen

## **Suggestions for ECW Sunday ...**

- Ask your priest to assist your Board in planning for ECW Sunday.
- Serve with joy and enthusiasm! Be Creative! Use the gifts and talents God has given you!
- Participate in corporate worship at a designed service. Include the ECW prayer in your worship.
- Participate in a renewal of Baptismal vows or a form of commitment to Christian Service.
- Participate in serving as a speaker, reading the lessons, Prayers of the People, serve as Chalice Bearers, bake bread for the Eucharist.
- Serve as Ushers; greet worshippers as they enter and leave.
- Share items of interest about your ECW, your favorite project through a speaker, photographs, displays, etc.
- Support a special project.
- Incorporate the installation of your new ECW officers.
- Plan to have your UTO (United Thanks Offering) In-Gathering on this same day.
- Have special bulletin covers.
- Publish brief history of your ECW in the bulletin.
- Use the Martha-Mary Eucharist
- Come up with some of your own ideas how to celebrate this special Sunday.

(Send sample programs or other information about your ECW Sunday in your parish to the Diocesan President for the ECW website, newsletter, and the resource exhibits for Annual Celebration and diocesan convention.) Thank you!