



St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Isle of Hope
The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ The King

November 26, 2023

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE

8:00 AM

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (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 185

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

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The Presentation of the Gifts

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

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HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO
9:30 AM & 11:15 AM

PRELUDE

Rejoice, the Lord is King

arr. Mark Hayes

THE OPENING HYMN

Crown him with many crowns

Hymnal #494

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.**

THE GLORIA

HYMNAL S-278

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.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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THE LESSONS *The people sit*

THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from Ezekiel.

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken. The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 100 *said in unison*

BCP 729

- 1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *
serve the LORD with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.**
- 2 Know this: The LORD himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**
- 4 For the LORD is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

A Reading from the letter to the Ephesians 1:15-23.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Lead on, O King Eternal

Hymnal # 555

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

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

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

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Melanie Lemburg

**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 God of our fathers and mothers and all who have come before, your faithfulness extends from age to age. As we give thanks for 100 years of ministry together in this place, help us to share the stories of your continued faithfulness, and give us grateful hearts to share the good news of your Son to future generations as we say “one generation will praise your works to the next; and we shall proclaim your mighty acts.”

Litanist We remember the Universal Church and its place in our past, present, and future. Inspire its members around the world that we may carry out our mission—proclaiming that your kingdom has come near and all are called to turn toward it and participate in the good news of the resurrection life. One generation will praise your works to the next;

People **And we shall proclaim your mighty acts.**

Litanist We give thanks for this planet Earth, mother of us all. Engage our hearts and minds with a zeal to care for the planet and each other, that we may be good stewards for all who come after us. One generation will praise your works to the next;

People **And we shall proclaim your mighty acts.**

Litanist We pray for all the nations of the world that a spirit of peace and forbearance may prevail. We remember especially all whose lives are affected by war or terror (*silence*). We ask that you will inspire the hearts of the leaders of our own nation to lay aside their differences and to work together for the common good. And may we be mindful of the part that each one of us plays in our divisions and seek reconciliation. One generation will praise your works to the next;

People **And we shall proclaim your mighty acts.**

Litanist We commend to your care all who are suffering in mind, body, or spirit, especially those we name now (*silence*). We ask that you will give them the gift of your healing and the assurance of your presence. One generation will praise your works to the next;

People **And we shall proclaim your mighty acts.**

Litanist We give thanks for all the generations of the faithful who have come before us, and we remember those who have died, especially those we name now (*silence*). May they grow from strength to strength in your eternal kingdom, and may those who mourn them be comforted. One generation will praise your works to the next;

People **And we shall proclaim your mighty acts.**

Litanist God of our past, present, and future: inspire our hearts to gratitude that we may continue to give generously for the mission and ministry in this place, and may we never tire of doing the work you call us to do here—sharing the story of your never-failing faithfulness. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

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, BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

THE OFFERTORY MUSIC *Heaven Crowned Him Christ the King*

Pepper Choplin

THE DOXOLOGY(v 3) (9:30 a.m.)

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 (11:15 a.m.)

Celebrant All things come of you, O Lord.

People **And of your own have we given you. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 1

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 It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say): Hymnal S-128

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 in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Celebrant and People (11:15 a.m.)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel, and the Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Thomas, Anna Alexander, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ 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

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

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

My God, thy table now is spread

Hymnal pg. 321

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.

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 BLESSING

Be careful as you go into God's creation, for it does not belong to you. Be gentle to yourself and to each other, for you are the dwelling place of God. Be alert, and be silent, for God is a whisper. And the blessing of God Almighty: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Hymnal # 616

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Toccata on 'Jesus Shall Reign'

Gail Leven Pollock

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our St. Thomas' Family by Mary Hill.

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Vestry on Duty: (9:30 a.m.) Susan Hailey (11:15 a.m.) Mary Haley
Lectors: (8:00) Chris Conner (9:30 a.m.) Alton Aimar (11:15 a.m.) Bill Franklin
Lay Eucharistic Minister: (8:00) Dave White (9:30) Annie Quaile and Tracy Edgar
Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Margaret Minis
Acolyte: Eva Aguilar
Ushers: (9:30 a.m.) Eleanor Foster and Dick Young (11:15 a.m.) Bill Franklin
Hospitality: Jan Castleberry and Nancy Gloege *Worship Tech:* Luke Varner
Altar Guild: Salli White, Anna Fowler, Tracy Edgar, Stacie Bacon, and Mary Haley
Cantor: Carolyn Cohen *Flower Guild:* Annie Quaile

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, November 26 Annual Giving Campaign Kick Off -Conversation groups meet in Parish Hall at 10:40 a.m.
No Children's Chapel today.
5:30-6:30 p.m. AA Group in CE Building
NO EYC today.

Monday, November 27 2:00 -3:30 p.m. Women Sharing Wisdom
3:30 Finance Committee Meeting-Library
5:30 Advent Book Study- Library

Tuesday, November 28 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting in the Library
6:15 p.m. EFM in St. Thomas' Room.

Wednesday, November 29 10:00 a.m. Planning at Messiah Lutheran
11:30 a.m. Healing Service in the Chapel.
5:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Upcoming Dates:

December 3 Advent Wreath Making at 10:30 a.m.
December 6 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper: Feast of St. Nick
December 16 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Centennial Street Party Celebrating our Chapel.
December 17 Bishop's visit & Festive Brunch for Storytelling Event and the Conclusion of the Annual Giving Campaign.
December 20 6:00 p.m. Blue Christmas Service.

Feast of St. Nick

Please join us for a feast for the Feast of St. Nick. Please RSVP by clicking on the graphic in the Monday email or by calling Amy Jo in the office. The deadline to RSVP is Friday, December 1st. You have a dinner option: Sausage with Peppers and Onions, Chicken Alfredo with or without Spinach and Mushrooms. If you have registered for an ongoing reservation, you still need to let us know your dinner option. Catering provided by Vincenzo's (Aguilar Family). An adult dinner is \$7.00 with a \$20.00 family maximum. Children 5 and under is \$3.00.

Advent Book Study

As part of the “Episcopal Diocese of Georgia 1Book1Diocese for Advent 2023” book study, we will be reading and discussing Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I’ve Loved by Kate Bowler. Tomorrow, we’ll discuss the preface and chapters 1-3.

2024 Vestry

The nominating committee is collecting names of people interested in running for Vestry in 2024. Candidates must be 18 years or older and be confirmed members in good standing. Please contact Eleanor Foster if interested.

Deadline For Baptisms & Confirmations

If you plan to be baptized or confirmed when the Bishop comes, you must turn in your form to Rev. Melanie by Monday, November 27th. Forms are available in the office.

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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. We hope you will join us again. 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. 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. Melanie Lemburg.

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



As you travel throughout the year, remember that it is easy and safe to give through our website: <https://www.stthomasioh.org/give> or on Venmo @StThomasEpiscopalChurch.



CENTENNIAL STREET PARTY

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE ST. THOMAS CHAPEL ON ISLE OF HOPE

Saturday, December 16th
St. Thomas Ave

5:30 pm Opening service outside chapel with Bishop Logue

6:00 pm Live music from Junkyard Angel Quartet, local food trucks, free S'mores & Hot Chocolate for kids



Lawn Chairs and Coolers Welcome