



**St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Isle of Hope
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 8, 2024

**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 181

Celebrant Let us pray. Grant us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in thee with all our heart; seeing that, as thou dost alway resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

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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
10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Robert J. Powell

THE OPENING HYMN

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Hymnal #493

All children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to follow the small cross out of the church into the chapel for children's chapel. Adults or older siblings are welcome to accompany them. They will return to the church at the Peace.

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 233

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS *The people sit*

THE FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A Reading from Proverbs.

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
 and favour is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common:
 the LORD is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,
 and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed,
 for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor,
 or crush the afflicted at the gate;

for the LORD pleads their cause
 and despoils of life those who despoil them.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 125 *said responsively by half verse*

BCP 781

1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, *
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; *
**so does the LORD stand round about his people,
from this time forth for evermore.**

3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, *
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

4 Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good *
and to those who are true of heart.

5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,
**the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; *
but peace be upon Israel.**

THE SECOND LESSON

James 2:1-10, 14-17

A Reading from James.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Where cross the crowded ways of life

Hymnal # 609

THE GOSPEL

Mark 7:24-37

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

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

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.” The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Colette Hammesfahr

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

**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 Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:

Litanist Father, enliven the Church for its mission.
People **That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

Litanist Breathe fresh life into your people.
People **Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

Litanist We pray for the world: especially those people and places we name either silently or aloud (*pause*). Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.
People **That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Litanist Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.
People **Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

Litanist We pray for those who seek to grow more responsive in their faith.
People **That all may act with integrity and courage.**

Litanist Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.
People **May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

Litanist We pray for those in need: especially those we name either silently or aloud (*pause*). God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.
People **May they know the power of your healing love.**

Litanist Make us willing agents of your compassion.
People **Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.**

Litanist We remember those who have died and those who mourn: especially those we name either silently or aloud (*pause*). We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone. Father, into your hands we commend them.
People **Give comfort to those who mourn.**

Litanist We praise you for the blessed Virgin Mary, for Thomas, Anna Alexander, and all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.
People **May their example inspire and encourage us.**

Litanist Lord, you have called us to serve you. Grant that we may walk in your presence with your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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

Love Has Made Us One

Karen Crane

THE DOXOLOGY(v 3)

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 (11:30 am)

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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE: ALL CREATION SINGS FORM C (ELCA)

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 indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

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.

All 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.

O God triune, how majestic
is your name in all the earth.
Over the eons your merciful might
evolved our home, a fragile tree of life.
Here by your wisdom
are both life and death,
growth and decay,
the nest and the hunt,
sunshine and storm,
darkness and light.
Sustained by these wonders,
we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:
The earth is full of your glory.
People **The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.
In Christ you bring life from death;
we remember his cross,
we laud his resurrection.
Broken like bread, he enlivens our body.
Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.
Receiving this mystery,
we mortals sing our song:

People **The earth is full of your glory.**

We praise you for the heart of Jesus,
so filled with your love for this earth.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

People **Do this for the remembrance of me.**

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

People **Do this for the remembrance of me.**

Gathered around this table,
we your children unite in this song:

People **The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, you create the worlds,
you uphold the living,
you embrace the dead.
Send forth your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.
Strengthen us for our journey with this meal,
the body and blood of Christ.
Give us a future that trusts in you
and cares for your earth.
Empowered by your promises,
we rise from our deaths
to praise you again:

People **The earth is full of your glory. Amen, and 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.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Come, Share the Lord

arr. Mark Hayes

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

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Hymnal # 423

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Festive Postlude in C Major

by Paul Fey

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our St. Thomas' Family and the prayers for Holly Lantz donated by Lauren and Robert Hughes.

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Vestry on Duty: (10:00) Jim Moore (11:30) David Castleberry *Worship Tech:* Tino Aguilar
Lectors: (8:00) Dave White (10:00) Jennifer Calver (11:30) Bill Franklin
Lay Eucharistic Ministers: (8:00) Dave White (10:00) Susan Tutan Gonzales and Charlie Barrow
Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Dave White *Acolytes:* Gabriella Gonzales and Sydney Calver
Ushers: (10:00) Dick Young and Jim Moore (11:30) Bill Franklin
Cantor: Carolyn Cohen
Nursery: Dianne Jones and Eva Aguilar *Children's Chapel:* Elizabeth Varner
Altar Guild: Beth Wall, Sandra Calver, Jennifer Calver, Kelley Marshall, and Sheldon White
Hospitality: Music Program

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, September 8 11:10 a.m. Pilgrimage Parent Meeting in Library.
12:00-1:30 p.m. EYC Mall Scavenger Hunt. Meet at Food Court and bring money for lunch.
2:00-4:00 p.m. Diocesan Listening Session in the Parish Hall.
Monday, September 9 10:00 a.m. Plarning Breakfast Open House in the Parish Hall.
2:00 p.m. Women Sharing Wisdom in the St. Thomas' Room.
6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting in the Parish Hall.
Tuesday, September 10 11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch in the Parish Hall.
6:00 p.m. Tour of Homes Meeting in the Parish Hall.
Wednesday, September 11 7:30 a.m. Unseen Guest
11:30 a.m. Healing Service in the Chapel.
2:00 p.m. Monthly Eucharist at River's Edge.
5:30 p.m. Bell Rehearsal.
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal.

Reverend Melanie will be at Honeycreek September 13th-14th for a Diocesan Commission on Ministry Meeting.

Hospitality Spotlight

Join us after the service today for hospitality hosted by the Music Ministry Department of St. Thomas'! It's a perfect opportunity to connect with our community, learn more about our music ministry, and discover how you can get involved in the vibrant musical life of our parish.

Plarning Breakfast

Come have breakfast and learn how to plarn on Monday, September 9th. We plarn in the parish hall from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm but you can drop in or leave early. Plarning is cutting grocery bags, tying them together, and knitting the plastic yarn into mats and pillows.

Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, September 10th at 11:30 a.m. Annie Quaile will be presenting on "Coastal Ecology." Please bring \$10.00 for lunch. Menu: Soup, Sandwich, and Dessert. Please RSVP by using the link in the weekly email or by calling Amy Jo in the office.

Men's Bible Study

A few men have expressed interest in an evening study beginning at 5:30 p.m. on a Tuesday or Thursday. Please see Rev. Colette if interested.

September Outreach Project

This month we are helping Savannah Safe Shelter. We are collecting two types of items. 1. Gently used purses 2. Small purse size toiletry item (toothpaste, toothbrushes, small bottles of mouthwash, lotion, hand sanitizer, tissues, nail files, shampoo, lip balm, notepads, pens, etc.). A list of suggested items on the table in the parish hall, where we are collecting these items, where we are collecting the items.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study starts Tuesday, September 17th at 11:00 am. Please order the book, *Gratitude: Giving Thanks in Life's Ups and Downs* by Dale and Sandy Larsen.

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. If you do not want to receive communion, but you would like to receive a blessing, please, signify by crossing your arms over your chest when the priest comes to you with the bread. If you want to partake of communion, hold your hands out open in front of you to receive the bread. You may choose how you would like to partake from the common cup at this time. If you want to drink, help guide the cup to your lips and take a sip. If you prefer to intinct (dip) your wafer into the wine, then hold onto your wafer and when the chalice comes to you, carefully touch the edge of your wafer to the very top of the wine and consume your wafer. If you do not choose to partake of the wine at this time, cross your arms over your chest to signify that you do not want to partake. Once you have received all you desire from God's table, then make your way back to your seat via the side steps and the side aisle. Our ushers will be available to assist you with the stairs if you would like, or you may notify the ushers if you'd like the clergy to bring communion to you in your seat. 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.



If you would like to give electronically towards our offering today here are two options: <https://www.stthomasioh.org/give> or on Venmo [@StThomasEpiscopalChurch](#)