



ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ISLE OF HOPE, GA

St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Isle of Hope
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist: Rite II
9:30am and 11:15 am
September 25, 2022

*We are a welcoming community of faith and love that serves one another
and seeks to draw others to God through our ministries.*

OPENING HYMN *Ye holy angels bright* Hymnal #625

OPENING ACCLAMATION BCP 355

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

GLORIA *All glory be to God on high* Hymnal #421

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY BCP 234

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS *The people sit*

The First Lesson

A Reading from Amos. Amos 6:1a,4-7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away. The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

1 Hallelujah!**Praise the LORD, O my soul! *****I will praise the LORD as long as I live;****I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.****2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.****3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.****4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;****5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;****6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.****7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;****8 The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.****9 The LORD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!**

The Second Lesson

A Reading from the first letter to Timothy. (*9:30 a.m.*)

1 Timothy 6:6-19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life. The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

O holy city seen of John

Hymnal #583

The Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

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

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'" The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE HOMILY

Rev. Melanie Lemburg

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: FORM IV

BCP 388

Deacon Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Litanist Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence* Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Litanist Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence* Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Litanist Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence* Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Litanist Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence* Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Litanist Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence* Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Litanist We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence* Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

The Deacon 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

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BLESSINGS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OFFERTORY

When in our music

Hymnal # 420

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 OF THE GIFTS (11:15)

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

BCP 369

The people remain standing.

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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
Celebrant and People **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our

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Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

Celebrant 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.

FRACTION

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

*On Eagles' wings
Freely, freely*

SB # 38

SB # 2

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.

COMMISSIONING OF 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 for we all share the one bread and the one cup. Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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 may the blessing of God Almighty: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you this day and always.

EXIT HYMN

Crown him with many crowns

Hymnal # 494

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Michael Jordan in thanksgiving for St. Thomas.

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Vestry on Duty: (9:30 a.m.) Susan Hailey

(11:15 a.m.) Charlie Barrow

Lectors: (9:30 a.m.) Jane Gilchrist

(11:15 a.m.) Bill Franklin

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Jane Gilchrist

Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Charlie Barrow

Ushers: (9:30 a.m.) Susan & Tom Hailey

(11:15 a.m.) Bill Franklin

Acolytes: Ford McCurry, Eleanor McCurry, Eva Aguilar, and Brinkley McCurry

Altar Guild: Beth Wall, Sandra Calver, Jennifer Calver, Kelley Marshall

Hospitality: Henry & Sarah Aguilar

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, September 26

10:30 a.m.

Service Sunday (parish hall)

1:15 p.m.

Peace Parade (meet at Daffin Park stage to walk in the parade)

4:00-5:30 p.m.

EYC at St. Thomas.

Monday, September 26

Reverend Aimee will be out of the office at a meeting.

Tuesday, September 27

6:00 p.m.

Revered Melanie will be at a clergy conference.

Capital Campaign Committee Meeting.

Wednesday, September 28

11:30 a.m.

Healing Service in the chapel.

Saturday, October 1

3:00 p.m.

EYC Scarowinds Trip.

Will Quaille's funeral.

Nursery Assistant Needed

We are in need of a Nursery Assistant to work occasionally as a substitute when other staff need to be away. Requirements: Must love kids, be 18 years old and willing to go through our Safe Church training. Pay is \$15/hour. If you know anyone who would be a good fit for this position, please contact Rev. Aimee.

Fall Schedule and Offerings

Starting in September, we will be re-introducing some of our favorite Sunday morning offerings between services from 10:30-11:15AM. See below for the schedule for each Sunday.

- First Sunday - Sunday School of Rock and Choir Practice
- Second Sunday - Adult and Children's Formation
- Third Sunday - Choir Practice
- Fourth Sunday - Service Sunday
- Fifth Sunday - Brunch Potluck

Day of Peace Parade, September 25

St. Thomas will be participating in the Day of Peace Parade in Daffin Park as our first Service Sunday experience on September 25. The Day of Peace is an intentional peacebuilding event designed by the Mediation Center to bring all sectors of our community together.

There are two ways you can participate and be involved:

1. We will be making signs for those walking in the parade to carry during our Service Sunday time between services from 10:30-11:15AM. St. Thomas will provide all the materials. You just bring your coloring and drawing skills!
2. You can walk in the parade with us. All those interested in walking in the parade need to meet at Daffin Park at 1:15 p.m. by the stage.

Our very own, Lizann Roberts, will be recognized as a Peace Builder at the event. Congratulations Lizann!

October 2nd

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi & Pet Blessing at 4:00 p.m. under the pavilion. Please bring donations of dog food, cat food, dog toys, and cat toys for One Love Animal Rescue.

Wednesday Night Supper – October 5, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Oktoberfest Menu: Bratwurst on a bun, sauerkraut, potato salad, applesauce, and dessert. Vegan option available. Adults: \$7.00 per person. \$3.00 for children under 5. Family Maximum: \$20.00. You can RSVP through sign up genius by scanning the QR Code to the right, emailing or calling Amy Jo in the office, or by using the sign-up sheet in the parish hall or narthex.

PLEASE RSVP by Monday, October 3, 2022, at noon.



Important Upcoming Dates

October 2	Feast of St. Francis of Assisi & Pet Blessing at 4:00 p.m.
October 5	Octoberfest (Wednesday Night Supper)
October 27	Blood Drive
November 1	All Saints Service at 7:00 p.m.
November 4-5	Inquirer's / Confirmation Class
November 18	CAST 4:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m. (If you want to be a vendor, please contact Paige Case at pbinnscase@comcast.net)
December 1	Centennial Memorial Brick Sale begins
December 7	Feast of St. Nick (Wednesday Night Supper)
December 11	Tour of Homes
December 14	6:00 p.m. Blue Christmas Service
December 18	Bishop's Visit & Centennial Kick Off

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

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 0-6. 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.

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.



The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi & The Blessing of the Animals Service

Sunday, October 2 - 4:00PM
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The Rt. Rev. Frank Sullivan Logue, Bishop of Georgia
The Rev. Melanie Lemburg, Rector
The Rev. Aimee Baxter, Minister of Discipleship
Bernadette Winters, Minister of Music
Amy Jo Washabaugh, Parish Administrator
Nicole King, Sexton
Greg Washabaugh, Facilities Manager

The Vestry

Jane Gilchrist, Senior Warden
Scott Tanner, Stewart Marshall, Co-Junior Wardens
Mitch Green, Treasurer
Amy Jo Washabaugh, Clerk

Mary Ryan Aimar

Charlie Barrow

Mary Blaney

Paige Case

Eleanor Foster

Jane Gilchrist

Susan Hailey

Stewart Marshall

Bobby Minis

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