



ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ISLE OF HOPE, GA

St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Isle of Hope
The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
February 11, 2024

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

8:00 AM, HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE

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 165

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, who before the passion of thy only-begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12

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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
9:30 AM & 11:15 AM

PRELUDE *Meditation on 'Hyfrydol'* *arr. Paul Fey*
ENTRANCE HYMN *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* Hymnal #460

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.

OPENING ACCLAMATION BCP 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE GLORIA S-280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY BCP 217

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray. O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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 Second Kings. 2 Kings 2:1-12

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I

know; be silent.”

Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 50:1-6 *in unison*

BCP 654

- 1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; ***
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, ***
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; ***
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above ***
to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, ***
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; ***
for God himself is judge.

The Second Lesson

A Reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Hymnal #7

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

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

Mark 9:2-9

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Melanie Lemburg

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

Officiant Let us reaffirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**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 FOR THE SEASON AFTER EPIPHANY

Litanist Shine in your church, O God; embolden us in a dark world, to speak truthfully and to act with the courage of love. This day and always,

People **Christ, be our Light.**

Litanist Shine on your world, O God; heal the warring of nations and the wounding of the earth to give us peace at last. This day and always,

People **Christ, be our Light.**

Litanist Shine for your people, O God; make us one human family who clothe each other with mercy and feed each other with justice. This day and always,

People **Christ, be our Light.**

Litanist Shine in our hearts, O God; help us to reach to the heavens and deep in our souls to seek you, to find you, and to know you. This day and always,

People **Christ, be our Light.**

Litanist Shine in the saints and the departed, O God; teach us to follow their lead to outrageous faith and eternal love. This day and always,

People **Christ, be our Light.**

Litanist Shine for the afflicted, O God; remind them of your deep compassion and how you tenderly bear all our sorrows [*Silence.*] This day and always,

People **Christ, be our Light.**

Litanist Shine, O God, as the Light that creates, the Light that calls, the Light that comes again with every dawn. Shine as the Light that scatters every shadow, and the Light in which we promise to walk, with your help. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

The 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, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

COMMISSIONING OF WARDENS AND VESTRY

Celebrant Friends in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good.

Joseph Bernard, Mary Blaney, Jennifer Calver, Susan Hailey, Mary Haley, Robert Hughes, Amy Minis, Jim Moore, and Lizann Roberts have been called to the ministry of vestry members, Annie Quaile and David Castleberry to Co-Junior Wardens, and Chris Conner as Senior Warden.

People **Praise be to God, who has called you to this service.**

Celebrant Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Look with favor upon those whom you have called to service as vestry members and wardens for this parish, O God, and grant that they may be so filled with your Holy Spirit, that they may minister in this task with joy and steadfast devotion; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Feast and remember

Tom Fettke

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 OF THE GIFTS (11:15 am)

Celebrant All things come of you, O Lord.

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Celebrant and People

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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 people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to 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 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,

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

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 where, with the blessed Virgin Mary, St. Thomas, Anna Alexander, 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Turn your eyes upon Jesus

Helen H. Lemmel

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (*for virtual participants who do not have access to communion*)

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 we 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 One Bread and One Cup. Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

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

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

EXIT HYMN

Hail to the Lord's anointed

Hymnal #616

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Shambala

Three Dog Night
(we do not own the rights to this music)

*To the glory of God and in thanksgiving of St. Valentines Day to our St. Thomas' Family,
donated by Mary Hill.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sunday, February 11
 - Deadline to Sign Up For Lunch Bunch
 - 10:30 a.m. Acolyte Training - Church
 - 12:00 p.m. EYC Lunch at Jalapeno's
 - 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting – CE Building
- Monday, February 12
 - 10:00 a.m. Plarning – Parish Hall
- Tuesday, February 13
 - 11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch
 - 6:00 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Mardi Gras
- Wednesday, February 14
 - 7:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday Worship – Chapel
 - 11:30 a.m. Ash Wednesday Worship – Church
 - 6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship – Family Friendly - Church
 - 5:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
 - 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (immediately following worship)

New Service Times

Did you see the email this week announcing new service times? Beginning on March 3rd, we will move the 9:30 a.m. service to 10:00 a.m. and the 11:15 a.m. service will move to 11:30 a.m. service. 8:00 a.m. service will remain the same.

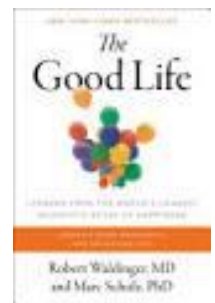
8:00 a.m. – Rite I

10:00 a.m. – Rite II

11:30 a.m. – Rite II

Lent Book Study

Starting Tuesday, February 20th, we will be participating in the 1 Book 1 Diocese study for Lent. Each week until March 19th there will be 2 meeting times every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. If you're interested in participating, please purchase *The Good Life* by Robert Waldinger & Marc Schulz and review the discussion questions for the corresponding weeks. A link to the questions can be found in the Monday email or you can pick up a paper copy from the office.



Altar Flowers

The chart for the 2024 altar flowers is on the bulletin board in the parish hall. If you want a special date for a dedication, please sign up soon. The dates fill up fast.

Lenten Service Project

For Lent, we will be collecting food for the St. Michael and All Saints Food Pantry. Let's fill up their shelves!! Please bring canned proteins such as chicken, tuna, beans, and peanut butter – individual/family sizes, not bulk sizes. All donations can be placed on the table in the parish hall.

Bags Needed

Please save your grocery/Walmart bags and as you get a “stash” put them in the box outside the office door.

Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who donated to our January Service Project. We collected \$595 in grocery store gift cards for Unseen Guest.

Free Documentary Showing

The Philadelphia Eleven documentary will be shown at St. Peter's on February 29th at 5:45 p.m. It is free and no tickets are required. Snacks will be provided. It's about the first women ordained priests in the Episcopal Church.

Centennial Memorial Brick Sale

We have two bricks waiting to be ordered for the Memorial Garden. To place the order, we need eight more. If you are interested in placing an order, bricks can be ordered on our website at <https://www.stthomasioh.org/give> and click on the brick. Bricks are \$100.00. All proceeds will benefit the St. Thomas' Episcopal Church Endowment Fund. If you are unable to place your order online, please visit Amy Jo in the office for a form.

Who is St. Anna Alexander?

During the Eucharist, you may have noticed that we've added Anna Alexander to our list of saints for whom we pray. At the 2023 Diocesan Convention, St. Anna Ellison Butler Alexander, Deaconess (1865-1947), was named the patron saint of the Diocese of Georgia. She served the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia despite the persecution and hardships she faced during the Jim Crow era. In 1894, she founded Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Pennick and in 1902, Good Shepherd Episcopal School in Pennick. In 1907 she became the first black deaconess in the Episcopal Church. St. Anna worked tirelessly and devotedly taught, led services, cared for the poor and elderly, and inspired young people with hope for six decades. The Episcopal Church commemorates Deacon Alexander annually on her feast day of September 24th.



SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers (9:30 am) Joe Roberts, Billy Steinhauser (11:15 am) Bill Franklin
Vestry on Duty: (9:30 am) Joseph Bernard (11:15 am) Chris Conner
Lectors: (8:00 am) David White (9:30 am) Peggy Varnedoe (11:15 am) Bill Franklin
Lay Eucharistic Minister: (8:00) Dave White (9:30) Jane Gilchrist, Tracy Edgar
Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Charlie Barrow *Worship Tech:* Tino Aguilar
Acolytes: Gabriella Gonzales, Vivian Bernard *Cantor:* Carolyn Cohen
Altar Guild: Jane Gilchrist, Lizann Roberts, Marie Centgraf, Judy Holland, Elizabeth Varner
Hospitality: Mary Blaney, Angie Nichuals, Ellie Titus
Children's Chapel: Piper Ochsner *Nursery:* Eva Aguilar
Flower Guild: Mary Hardee and Mary Hill

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.

ST. THOMAS'
SHROVE TUESDAY

Pancakes & Gumbo
Mardi Gras Activities



6:00 p.m.
February 13th

Ash Wednesday Worship

7:00AM - Chapel

11:30AM - Church & Online

6:00PM - Family Friendly
Eucharist in Church.