



ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
ISLE OF HOPE, GA

**St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Isle of Hope**  
**The Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Holy Eucharist: Rite II**  
**9:30am and 11:15 am**  
**June 26, 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

*The Church's one foundation (vs. 1-3)*

Hymnal # 525

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

*Ode to Joy*

**Glory be to God in heaven, peace to all God's people on earth. O Lord God, Almighty King, we praise You and we give You thanks! Jesus Christ, God's only Son, You are the Lord, the Lamb of God. You have freed us from our sins, now hear our prayer and grant us peace.**

**You alone are Holy Lord, and You alone are God's Most High. You reign with the Spirit in the Glory of the Father. Lord, Your creatures praise Your Glory. You alone are Mighty King. Let the whole creation cry out, "Glory Be To God on High!"**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 230

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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 the first book of Kings.

1 Kings 19:15-16,19-21

The LORD said to Elijah, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place."

So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant. The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16

BCP 599

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods \*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; \*  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

## The Second Lesson

A Reading from Galatians.

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

*Day by day*

Hymnal # 654

The Gospel

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

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

Luke 9:51-62

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

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE HOMILY

Reverend Sonia Sullivan Clifton

**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

*Litanist* In peace and in faith, let us offer our prayers, saying, “Christ, have mercy.”

*Litanist* For peace and tranquility in the world, and for the salvation of all, let us pray.  
*People* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Litanist* For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Frank our own Bishop, for Melanie and Aimee our clergy and for Sonia our supply priest] and for all the People of God, let us pray.

*People* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Litanist* For our nation and for all the nations of the world, that they may be places of liberty and justice for all, let us pray.

*People* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Litanist* For the good use of all the gifts that you have given us including our work and our Sabbath and our care for your creation, let us pray.

*People* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Litanist* For those in our community who are in need: the homeless and the hungry, the heartbroken and the desolate, the suffering and the mourners especially those we name now (*pause*), let us pray.

*People* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Litanist* For those who have died, especially those we name now (*pause*), let us pray.

*People* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Celebrant* O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

*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

*My God accept my heart this day*

Hymnal # 697

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 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 A

BCP 361

*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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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.

SANCTUS

*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 people stand or kneel.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People:*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 forever. **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.**

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

*Holy Darkness  
O Lord You're beautiful*

Soloist Carolyn Cohen  
Songbook # 68

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

EXIT HYMN

*God of grace and God of glory*

Hymnal # 594

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 and in celebration for our friends and family donated by Lizann and Joe Roberts.*

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

*Vestry on Duty:* (9:30 a.m.) Stewart Marshall (11:15 a.m.) Paige Case  
*Lectors:* (9:30 a.m.) David Castleberry (11:15 a.m.) Bill Franklin  
*Lay Eucharistic Ministers:* (9:30 a.m.) Tracy Edgar (11:15 a.m.) Charlie Barrow  
*Lay Eucharistic Visitor:* Charlie Barrow  
*Ushers:* (9:30 a.m.) Michael Jordan (11:15 a.m.) Bill Franklin  
*Acolytes:* Eleanor McCurry, Ford McCurry, Tino Aguilar, and Eva Aguilar  
*Altar Guild:* Irma Steel, Cathy Joyce, Pat Martin  
*Flower Guild:* Lizann Roberts  
*Hospitality:* Sarah and Henry Aguilar

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Both Reverend Aimee and Senior Warden Jane Gilchrist will be out of town for the pilgrimage trip until June 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**Vacation Bible School is set for July 19-21.** Registration is open to Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Visit [www.stthomasioh.org](http://www.stthomasioh.org) to register.

**Flower Guild** needs your help with donors and arrangers. You can use the sign-up sheet that has been placed in the Narthex, call Amy Jo at the office, or email Annie Quaile at [squareanne@gmail.com](mailto:squareanne@gmail.com).

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

**Reverend Melanie will return from sabbatical on 7/31/22.**

**100 Years of Dining Dockside on the Isle of Hope**

The St. Martha's Guild, in celebration of St. Thomas Episcopal Church's centennial year, is excited to announce a new cookbook project. Please share your fabulous recipes by submitting 3 – 5 of your favorites using the Recipe Collection Sheet which is available on our St. Thomas website; and in the church office. Return completed hard copies to the church office, or you may submit recipes via e-mail to Millie Green ([millgreen0715@gmail.com](mailto:millgreen0715@gmail.com)), Kelley Marshall ([Kelley1227@comcast.net](mailto:Kelley1227@comcast.net)), or Tracy Edgar ([tracybedgar@gmail.com](mailto:tracybedgar@gmail.com)). Please be sure to follow the instructions on the Recipe Collection Sheet. The recipe submission deadline is July 31, 2022. If you would like to reserve a copy of the cookbook, send an e-mail to Kelley Marshall ([kelly1227@comcast.net](mailto:kelly1227@comcast.net)). A payment of \$25.00 will be accepted when books arrive.