



St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Isle of Hope
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11, 2025

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE
8:00 AM

Opening Acclamation	BCP 323
<i>Celebrant</i> Alleluia. Christ is risen.	
<i>People</i> The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.	
<i>Celebrant</i> The Lord be with you.	
<i>People</i> And with thy spirit.	
The Collect of the Day	BCP 173
<i>Celebrant</i> Let us pray. O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.	
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<i>Celebrant</i> All things come of thee, O Lord.	
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HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE 2

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

He Leadeath Me

arr. Dale Wood

THE OPENING HYMN

Holy God we praise thy Name! (vs. 1-5)

Hymnal #366

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 Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

THE SONG OF PRAISE

God's Paschal Lamb

God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore with
Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain, death has no
In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead, though Ad - am's

joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for - sak - ing sin, we
more do - min - ion o - ver him, Through him we die to
sin had doomed all flesh to die, in Christ's new life shall

share the bread of truth. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
sin and live to God. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
all be made a - live. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 225

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner. The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.**
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.**
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.**
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

THE SECOND READING

A Reading from Revelation.

Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever!
Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

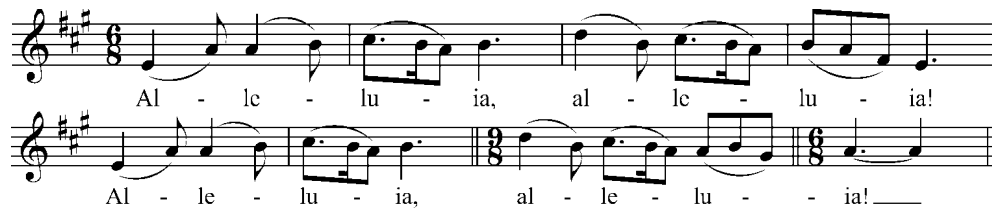
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE CELTIC ALLELUIA

The choir will sing the Alleluia first. The congregation is invited to join in on the second and third times.



THE GOSPEL

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

John 10:22-30

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one." 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 Bring newness and change to your church, O God, that we might serve you with courage and grace.
People **And Christ will give you life!**

Litanist Bring newness and change to your church, O God, that we might serve you with courage and grace. Awake, O Church, rise from death,
People **And Christ will give you life!**

Litanist Bring newness and change to your world, O God, that all might know the goodness of your love. Awake, O World, rise from death,
People **And Christ will give you life!**

Litanist Bring newness and change to our nation, O God, that each person might share and honor the other. Awake, O People, rise from death,
People **And Christ will give you life!**

Litanist Bring newness and change for the suffering, O God, that they might know your saving help. We remember especially those we name silently or aloud (*pause*). Awake, O Sorrowful, rise from death,
People **And Christ will give you life!**

Litanist Bring newness and change to even the departed, O God, that they might forever grow in your likeness. We remember especially those we name silently or aloud (*pause*). Awake, O Saints, rise from death,
People **And Christ will give you life!**

Litanist Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death, for Christ has burst forth from the tomb, making all things new. Rise and live, says the Lord. This day God has made for life and all joy! Amen, alleluia!
People **Alleluia, amen!**

A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

On this Mother's Day, we give thanks to God for the divine gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms. Let us pray for all the mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living and those who have died; for the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be mothers someday and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated; for all mothers who have lost children; for all women and men who have mothered others in any way—those who have been our substitute mothers and we who have done so for those in need; and for the earth that bore us and provides us with our sustenance. We pray this all in the name of God, our great and loving Mother. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ANNIVERSARY AND BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Lord is my Shepherd

Allen Pote

THE FESTAL DOXOLOGY (10:00 am)

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him all crea-tures here be -
low: al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host, praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost: al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THE PRESENTATION (11:30 am)

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer D, BCP 372

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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 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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS

S-125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant and People at 11:30 am

**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.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with blessed Thomas, Anna Alexander, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**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 ANTHEM

This setting is not used in Lent.

Antiphon
Cantor; then All



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

The Fraction (11:30 a.m.)

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

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
Savior, like a shepherd lead us

Hymnal #343
Hymnal #708

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.**

*Clergy and People**Celebrant* **Let us pray.**

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 FOUR PART EASTER BLESSING

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN

Glorius things of thee are spoken!

Hymnal #522

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

THE POSTLUDE

Prelude In Classic Style

Gordon Young

The altar flowers are given by Anne Quaile to the glory of God and in honor of all the women in her life that have been wonderful mother figures to her, her children and grand-children.

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Vestry on Duty: (10:00 a.m.) Amy Minis

(11:30 a.m.) Robert Hughes

Lectors: (8:00 a.m.) Dave White

(10:00 a.m.) Jane Gilchrist

Lay Eucharistic Minister: (8:00 a.m.) Dave White (10:00 a.m.) Will Calver and Steve Calver*Lay Eucharistic Visitor:* Jane Gilchrist*Acolytes:* Billy Steinhauser and Lela White*Worship Tech:* Tino Aguilar*Ushers:* (10:00 a.m.) Will Calver and Steve Calver*Hospitality:* Joanna Ellis, Cathy and Jim Joyce*Flower Guild:* Anne Quaile*Altar Guild:* Salli White, Tracy Edgar, Stacie Bacon and Mary Haley*Nursery:* Dianne Jones and Eva Aguilar*Cantors:* Abbey Terry and Tanner King*Children's Chapel:* Ingrid Skousgard

LITURGICAL NOTES: EASTER IS A SEASON, NOT JUST A DAY

The Great Fifty Days of Easter is the church's most celebratory season. Our alleluias are brought back in full force after our Lenten fast, and they are even sprinkled in throughout the service in extra places. We omit the confession of sin during the Easter season, and we are also encouraged to return to a custom of the early church (as articulated by the Council of Nicea) by giving up kneeling for the Easter season and instead standing during the Eucharistic prayer throughout the Easter season all the way through the day of Pentecost. In this prayer posture, we acknowledge that in Christ we are made worthy to stand before God. The paschal candle will be lit at every service all through the Easter season.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, May 11	5:30 pm A.A. Meeting in CE building
Monday, May 12	10:00 am Planning in the Parish Hall 6:00 pm Vestry Meeting
Tuesday, May 13	11:30 am Lunch Bunch
Wednesday, May 14	7:30 am Unseen Guest Cooks 11:30 am Healing Service 2:00 pm Eucharist at Rivers Edge 6:30 pm Beer & Hymns
Thursday May 15	6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, May 17	Rev. Melanie at Diocesan Council Meeting in Dublin, GA

Rev. Colette will be on vacation from May 12th through May 18th.

Lunch Bunch

May's lunch bunch is this Tuesday. It will be an opportunity for us to eat lunch and play our favorite games. We'll have card tables set up for easier playing, along with cards, dominoes, and a few of our own games. Come join us if you're eager to learn a new game or bring your own game to teach someone! Lunch is Chicken Divan, salad and bread. Cost is \$10 per person.

Unseen Guests

For over 30 years, Unseen Guest has been cooking over 200 meals, once a month, for residents living in Phoenix House of Union Mission. They are short on volunteers to help cook and package the meals at St. Thomas' on the second Wednesdays of the month. Cooking starts at 7:30 am and meal packaging starts at 9:00 am. If you are interested in helping this great ministry, please contact Angie Nichuals at ascano@bellsouth.net.

May Outreach

For May, we'll be collecting donations for Episcopal Youth and Children's Services. EYCS provides need-based college scholarships for undergraduates and financial assistance for children who might otherwise not be able to go to Summer Camp at Honey Creek, the Episcopal Camp & Conference Center of the Diocese of Georgia. To date, the EYCS Trust has provided over \$1,000,000 in college scholarships for over a thousand youth of the diocese, and in just the past few years, has given over \$40,000 to allow hundreds of children the chance to attend Honey Creek Summer Camp. Donations can be put in the marked box in the parish hall or the offering plate on Sundays.

Children's Chapel

This is the last Sunday for Children's Chapel until the fall. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped teach this year: Karen Otto, Piper Ochsner, Ingrid Skousgard, Karen Conner, Elizabeth Varner, Jennifer Steinhauser, Kim Tutan, Peggy Varnedoe, and Jenny Bernard.

VBS Volunteer Meeting

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner! We're looking for adult and youth volunteers. We're having our first meeting Sunday, June 1st, at 11:15 in the library. For more information, see Rev. Colette or Rev. Melanie.



If you would like to give electronically towards our offering today or if you are traveling during the year, there are two easy and safe options: through our website at www.stthomasioh.org/give or through Venmo [@StThomasEpiscopalChurch](https://www.venmo.com/StThomasEpiscopalChurch).

Episcopal Youth & Children's Services
College Scholarship Applications

Opens April 1
Deadline May 31


New this year:
Simplified application for
returning students




gaepiscopal.org/EYCS



LAST GATHERING BEFORE
SUMMER BREAK:
WEDNESDAY MAY 14 @ 6:30 PM



**SAVANNAH
BEER &
HYMNS**

CHARITY OF THE NIGHT:  **HUGS**
HEADS-UP GUIDANCE SERVICES

ST. THOMAS'
LUNCH BUNCH
Second Tuesday of Every Month
open to all community members



THIS MONTH:
GAME AND GATHER
Enjoy lunch while you learn a new game
or
bring your favorite game and teach us how to play!
card games, dominoes, board games...

MAY 13 TH, 11:30 AM

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