



ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ISLE OF HOPE, GA

St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Isle of Hope
The First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022

Holy Eucharist: Rite I
8:00 am Service

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

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Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. Amen.	
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<i>Deacon</i> Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.	
<i>People</i> Thanks be to God.	

9:30 AM AND 11:15 AM SERVICES

OPENING HYMN

Come, thou long expected Jesus

Hymnal #66

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP p 355

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

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

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

TRISAGION

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP p 211

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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.

Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord! The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122 *Laetatus sum*

BCP 779

1 I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;

4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.

**5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.**

**6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.**

**7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.**

**8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.**

**9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, *
I will seek to do you good."**

The Second Lesson.

Romans 13:11-14

A reading from the letter to the Romans.

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

O come, O come Emmanuel vs 1-2

Hymnal 56

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

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

Matthew 24:36-44

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour." The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Melanie Lemberg

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.**

ADVENT PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Litanist God of the prophets, give your church courage to speak truth, and to tell of your love.

People **God of the prophets, hear us and help us!**

Litanist God of the angels, give your church voice to sing your presence into the world. Give the world a freedom song, and help us to speak peace throughout the earth.

People **God of the angels, hear us and help us!**

Litanist God of Mary and Elizabeth, give your church grace to be pregnant with hope and to bring forth life for a barren world.

People **God of our mothers, hear us and help us!**

Litanist God of Zechariah and Joseph, give your church dreams and visions, and the courage to follow them.

People **God of our fathers, hear us and help us!**

Litanist God of the shepherds give your church humility, and to all who sit in darkness, alone and afraid, a light from heaven proclaiming peace.

People **God of the shepherds, hear us and help us!**

Litanist God of the magi, give your church gifts, and the will to leave home to find you among the poor.

People **God of the magi, hear us and help us!**

Litanist God of the Holy Innocents, give your church power to stand against violence and to protect the powerless.

People **God of the victim, hear us and help us!**

Litanist God our Sovereign, you are always coming into the world. Come to us now, soon, and forever, and let us receive you as the Child of holiness and the Wind of change, through whom, this day, we pray. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP p 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

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 HYMN

Advent Hymn

Choir anthem

DOXOLOGY (v 3) (9:30 am)

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 thee, O Lord.

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

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. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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

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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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, 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,

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.

Hymns at Communion

Savior of the Nations Come

Hymnal #54

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.**

LEV COMMISSIONING

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 the one bread and the one cup. Amen.**

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant 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

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path. And the blessing of God Almighty: Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you this day and always.
Amen.

EXIT HYMN

Blest be the King whose coming

Hymnal #74

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

<i>Ushers</i> (9:30 am) Eleanor Foster	(11:15 am) Bill Franklin
<i>Vestry on Duty:</i> (9:30 am) Jane Gilchrist	(11:15 am) Annie Quaile
<i>Lectors:</i> (9:30 am) Peggy Varnedoe	(11:15 am) Bill Franklin
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister:</i> Peggy Varnedoe	<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor:</i> Margaret Minis
<i>Acolytes:</i> Isabel Baxter and Gabriella Gonzales	
<i>Cantor:</i> Carolyn Cohen	<i>Flower Guild:</i> Annie Quaile
<i>Altar Guild:</i> Stacie Bacon, Tracy Edgar, Mary Haley, Salli White, and Anna Fowler	
<i>Hospitality:</i> Mary Blaney, Angie Nichuals, and Ellie Titus	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, November 27	10:30 a.m. Advent Wreaths 4:00 p.m. NO EYC
Monday, November 28	3:00 p.m. Capital Campaign meeting
Tuesday, November 29	2:00 p.m. Alexandra “Zannie” Dowling Scheel Funeral
Wednesday, November 30	11:30 a.m. Healing Service in the Chapel.
Thursday, December 1	Budget Requests due to Amy Jo Brick Campaign Begins- more details to follow.
Saturday, December 3	EYC Trip to Wild Adventures

Advent Wreaths and Resources – Sunday, November 27

We’ll be making Advent Wreaths during Hospitality Time in the Parish Hall. Several resources will be available for you and your family to celebrate the season along with a special Advent wreath for our children.

One of the resources will be a devotional book written by Frank and Victoria Logue titled, *Feast of Feasts*. If you would like to order a copy of the book, it is available at Amazon and Barnes & Noble. There is also a free PDF version you can access in our Monday email.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS 2022



It's time to order flowers and greenery to decorate the church altar for Christmas. A contribution of **\$20.00** per plant is suggested. Please enclose your check (marked "Christmas flowers" on the memo line) along with this slip and mail it to the church office: 2 St. Thomas Ave, 31406. You can also fill out the flower request online. (Link will be in our Monday email.)

*** Requests must be received no later than Sunday, December 18, to be included in our Christmas Bulletin!**

I/We would like _____ plant(s)

(Please, print clearly)

Given by: _____

In Thanksgiving for:

and/or

In Memory of:

Centennial Memorial Brick Sale –The sale of bricks given in honor or memory of loved ones to be placed in the Memorial Garden will begin in December. The cost is \$100 each. Stay tuned for more information on how to purchase.

**Feast of St. Nicholas –
Wednesday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m.**

Make plans to join us for dinner and a special guest in the church afterwards. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by Monday, December 5.



Feast of St. Nicholas

Wednesday, December 7

6:00pm



Menu: Fried chicken,
mac n' cheese, green
beans, and cookies.

Cost: \$7.00 - Adults
\$3 - Kids
\$20 Family Max

RSVP by December 5

Feast of St. Nicholas worship in the church following dinner
including a special surprise for the children.

Tour of Homes – December 11, 2022

The Christmas Tour of Homes will be Sunday, December 11, 2022, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Tickets will be available at the St. Thomas Thrift Store M-F from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the church office M-Th from 2:00-4:00 p.m., Sundays at St. Thomas during hospitality, CAST, and at the door the day of.

Volunteers Needed for Tour of Homes

All Volunteers get a free ticket to the Home Tour!!

See below for volunteer needs for each of the two shifts listed:

Volunteer Shift 1 - 3:45-5:30PM

Volunteer Shift 2- 5:15-7:00PM

- Docents for the homes – At least two docents needed per shift to greet guests as they arrive.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Susan Hailey at 615-424-3606 or by email at tshailey@hotmail.com.

Decorating Committee

Donations of cut greenery are needed the week of the tour. Please bring greenery to the church in buckets of water by Friday, December 9th outside by the door to the CE building facing the parish hall.

Food Committee

The reception committee is asking for food and beverage donations. Please use the link in the weekly email to see the items needed and sign-up to donate. You may also sign-up by emailing Eleanor Foster at chuklily@comcast.net or via phone at (912) 655-3017.

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.

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

St. Thomas Happenings

Feast of St. Nicholas
December 7 - 6:00PM

Christmas Tour of Homes
December 11 - 4-7:00PM

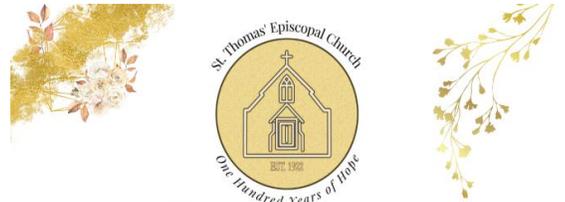
Blue Christmas Worship Service
December 14 - 6:00PM

**Centennial Kick-off
with Bishop Frank Logue**
December 18

Christmas Eve Worship
3:00PM & 5:00PM

Christmas Day Worship
11:15AM

Visit www.stthomasioh.org for more details.



St. Thomas Centennial
DECEMBER 18, 2022 - DECEMBER 16, 2023

Sunday, December 18, 2022
Centennial Kick-off
with Bishop Frank Logue

Wednesday, February 1, 2023
Capital Campaign Kick-off Dinner

Saturday, April 29, 2023
Capital Campaign Celebration Gala

Saturday, December 16, 2023
Neighborhood Street Party
with Bishop Frank Logue