



ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ISLE OF HOPE, GA

**St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Isle of Hope
The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King
November 20, 2022**

**Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament
9:30 am and 11:15 am**

*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

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Hymnal #460

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 236

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; 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

A Reading from the book of Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness." The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 46

BCP 649

**1 God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.**

**2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;**

- 3 **Though its waters rage and foam, ***
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 **The LORD of hosts is with us; ***
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 5 **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, ***
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 **God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; ***
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 7 **The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; ***
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8 **The LORD of hosts is with us; ***
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 9 **Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, ***
what awesome things he has done on earth.
- 10 **It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; ***
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.
- 11 **"Be still, then, and know that I am God; ***
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."
- 12 **The LORD of hosts is with us; ***
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

The Second Lesson (9:30 a.m.)
 A Reading from Colossians.

Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Eternal light, shine in my heart

Hymnal # 465

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 23:33-43

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

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Aimee Baxter

THE NICENE CREED

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**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:

Deacon In this season of thanksgiving, let us remember all the good gifts that God has given us and pray for the will to use them and share them.

Litanist For the church, both at home and abroad, and for the mission of reconciliation and hope to which you call each and all of us,

People **We thank you, Lord.**

Litanist For the beauty of your creation, for the interconnectedness of all your creatures, and for the ways you invite us to support each other through care and mindfulness for your creation,

People **We thank you, Lord.**

Litanist For our nation, for sound government, that our divisions may cease and that we may be mindful of the part we play in them,

People **We entreat you, Lord.**

Litanist For this community of faith, that we may be nourished by your body and blood and sent out into the world inspired to spread your love by sharing our gifts and talents and resources, especially those attending Happening this weekend: Greyson Epting, Benjamin Varner and Genevieve White,

People **We entreat you, Lord.**

Litanist For those who are suffering in mind, body, or spirit, especially those we now name (silence), that they may be healed and comforted,

People **We entreat you, Lord.**

Litanist For those who have died, especially those we now name (silence), that they may grow from strength to strength and that we may be inspired by their light and their witness,

People **We thank you, Lord.**

Deacon Abundant God, you made us in your image and breathed in us a spirit of generosity that is both gift and response. Move us, we pray, to give as we have received -- abundantly, generously, and joyfully that our common ministry may ever bear witness to your unfailing grace. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **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.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OFFERTORY

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymnal # 390

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)

Presider All things come of thee, O Lord.

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

Presider 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.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN

*On Eagle's Wings
Majesty*

Songbook #38

Songbook # 27

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 THE LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

Presider 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

Presider Let us pray.

All **Gracious Father, we give you praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption; and we pray that it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness, and everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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 and for Thanksgiving donated by Mary Hill.

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Vestry on Duty: (9:30 a.m.) Mary Blaney (11:15 a.m.) Scott Tanner
Lectors: (9:30 a.m.) Annie Quaile (11:15 a.m.) Bill Franklin
Lay Eucharistic Ministers: (9:30 a.m.) Tracy Edgar (11:15 a.m.) Jane Gilchrist
Ushers: (9:30 a.m.) Mary Ryan Aimar (11:15 a.m.) Bill Franklin
Acolytes: Ford McCurry, Eleanor McCurry, Gabriella Gonzales, and Brinkley McCurry
Altar Guild: Stacie Bacon, Tracy Edgar, Mary Haley, Salli White, and Anna Fowler
Flower Guild: Mary Hill
Hospitality: Jan Castleberry and Nancy Gloege
Tech: Isabel Baxter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, November 20	10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 4:00 p.m. No EYC
Monday, November 21	6:30 p.m. Tour of Homes meeting

Reverend Melanie will be out of the office November 20 – 22nd. There will be no Wednesday Healing service this week.

The church office will be closed November 22nd to November 25th in observance of Thanksgiving.

Thank you to everyone who helped make CAST such a wonderful event this past Friday!

Thank you to everyone who donated to the I AM Food Pantry for St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church.

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.

Centennial Memorial Brick Sale – December 1. The sale of bricks given in honor or memory of loved ones to be placed in the Memorial Garden will begin on Thursday, December 1. The cost is \$100 each. Stay tuned for more information on how to purchase.

Feast of St. Nicholas –

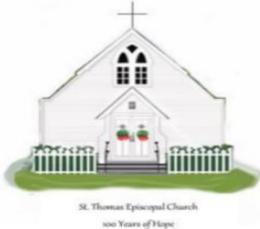
Wednesday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m.

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 



An Isle of Hope Christmas Tour of Homes

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

Sunday, December 11, 2022

4:00-7:00pm

Festive reception in the Parish Hall



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.

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.