



ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
ISLE OF HOPE, GA

**St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Isle of Hope**  
**The Second Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**January 16, 2022**

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

*\*We ask that you adhere to the following COVID precautions. Please, make sure you sign in and give us your email for contact tracing if you are not in our church directory. See the contact tracing section later in the bulletin for more information on this. We ask all people ages 2 and up to wear masks for the entire service, including when you come forward for communion.*

*The congregation is invited to sing all hymns along with the choir. The hymns are found in the Blue Hymnal in the pew rack.*

OPENING HYMN *Christ whose glory fills the skies* Hymnal # 7

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.**

THE GLORIA *All glory be to God on high* Hymnal #421

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY BCP p 215

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS *The people sit*

The First Lesson *(both services)*

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, \*  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.**

**6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,  
your justice like the great deep; \*  
you save both man and beast, O Lord.**

**7 How priceless is your love, O God! \*  
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.**

**8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; \*  
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

**9 For with you is the well of life, \*  
and in your light we see light.**

**10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, \*  
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

The Second Lesson (*9:30 am only*)

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

*Blessed Jesus at thy word*

Hymnal # 440

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

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

John 2:1-11

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

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what

concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. The Gospel of the Lord

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

THE HOMILY

THE NICENE CREED

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*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

*Deacon* 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.**

*Deacon* 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.**  
*Deacon* 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.**  
*Deacon* 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.**  
*Deacon* Shine in the saints and the departed, O God; teach us to follow their lead to outrageous faith and eternal love. *[Silence]* This day and always,  
*People* **Christ, be our Light.**  
*Deacon* 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.**  
*Deacon* 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

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*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      *This is the hour of banquet and of song*

Hymnal #317

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)

*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord.

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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*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 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, 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. Behold what you are.

*People* **May we become what we receive.**

HYMNS AT COMMUNION

*Here I am, Lord*

*Songbook 13*

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION *(for those worshipping virtually)*

Blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for

the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly for the blessings given me.... I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

LEV COMMISSIONING (9:00 and 11:15 am)

*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 one cup. Amen.**

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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*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 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: Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

EXIT HYMN

*The Great Creator of the world (vs 1-3)*

Hymnal # 489

THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The altar flowers today are given by Karen and Chris Conner to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for their wedding anniversary.*

**Contact Tracing Notice:** If you test positive for COVID-19 within 5 days of attending this worship service or gathering, please notify the church office or one of the clergy immediately. Your confidentiality will be maintained, but we will notify those who were present that they may have possibly been exposed to the virus. We will also notify the health department and Canon Loren Lasch on the bishop's staff in accordance with Diocesan policy.

If you have been present at a worship service or other event at St. Thomas with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 within 5 days of this gathering, we will notify you immediately that you may have been exposed to the virus. All confidentiality will be maintained.

## Serving in Worship today

*Ushers:* (9:30) Mary Ryan Aimar Bill Franklin (11:15)  
*Vestry on Duty:* (9:30 am) Joe Roberts Charlie Barrow (11:15)  
*Lectors:* (9:30 am) Alton Aimar Bill Franklin (11:15)  
*Cantor:* Carolyn Cohen *Flower Guild:* Margaret Minis  
*Lay Eucharistic Visitors:* Hugh Papy and Charlie Barrow  
*Altar Guild:* Irma Steel, Cathy Joyce and Pat Martin

## Announcements

### This Week:

**Sunday 1/16 4-5:30 p.m. EYC/Youth Group on Zoom**  
**Monday 1/17 Office closed for MLK, Jr holiday**  
**6:00 p.m. January Vestry meeting**  
**Wednesday 11:30 a.m. Healing service in the chapel**

**Sign up to donate flowers for 2022!** Our flower chart is available at the registration table if you'd like to donate flowers for a Sunday in 2022. Our call Amy Jo in the office-355-3110.

**The Annual Parish Meeting** will be **Sunday, January 30 at 10:30 am** in the church. We will hear reports from the treasurer and the rector and elect four new vestry members. The slate of candidates for the 4 open vestry positions as presented by the Nominating Committee are Mary Blaney, Susan Hailey, Jim Moore, and Annie Quaile. To vote by absentee ballot, contact the church office before January 23.