



**St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Isle of Hope**  
**The Third Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 22, 2023**

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

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE  
8:00 A.M.

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity	BCP 323
The Collect of the Day	BCP 163
<i>Celebrant</i> The Lord be with you.	
<i>People</i> <b>And with thy spirit.</b>	
<i>Celebrant</i> Let us pray. Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. <b>Amen.</b>	
The First Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Bulletin 3
Psalms 27:1, 5-13 <i>in unison</i>	Bulletin 3
The Gospel: John 1:29-42	Bulletin 4
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<i>Celebrant</i> All things come of thee, O Lord.	
<i>People</i> <b>And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.</b>	
The Great Thanksgiving	BCP 340
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HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO  
9:30 A.M.

*For our visitors: Hymnals are the blue books found in the pew rack.*

OPENING HYMN *The Church's one foundation* Hymnal # 525

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.**

GLORIA

*Tune: 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

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; 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 book of Isaiah.

Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. The Word of the Lord.

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

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear? \*  
the LORD is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?**
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;  
one thing I seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;**
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD \*  
and to seek him in his temple.**
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.**
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head \*  
above my enemies round about me.**
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the LORD.**
- 10 Harken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.**
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
Your face, LORD, will I seek.**
- 12 Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.**
- 13 You have been my helper;  
cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.**

The Second Lesson

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. The Word of the Lord.

*People*   **Thanks be to God.**

*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 4:12-23

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

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
     on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—  
 the people who sat in darkness  
     have seen a great light,  
 and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
     light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Melanie Lemburg

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

*Litanist* 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.**

*Litanist* 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.**

*Litanist* 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.**

*Litanist* 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.**

*Litanist* Shine in the saints and the departed, O God; teach us to follow their lead to  
outrageous faith and eternal love. This day and always,

*People* **Christ, be our Light.**

*Litanist* 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

*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.**

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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

*What wondrous love is this*

Hymnal #439

THE 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 a.m.)

*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.

HYMNS AT COMMUNION

*Take my life, and let it be*

Hymnal # 707

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

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 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 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

*I come with joy to meet my Lord.*

Hymnal # 304

THE DISMISSAL

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

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

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for family donated by Judy Ochsner Wenum.*

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

*Ushers* (9:30 am) Eleanor Foster & Mary Ryan Aimar

(11:15 am) Bill Franklin

*Vestry on Duty:* (9:30 am) Paige Case

(11:15 am) Stewart Marshall

*Lectors:* (8:00 am) David White (9:30 am) Alton Aimar

(11:15 am) Bill Franklin

*Lay Eucharistic Minister:* (8:00 am) David White

(9:30) Judy Ochsner Wenum

*Lay Eucharistic Visitor:* Mary Blaney

*Acolytes:* Isabel Baxter

*Cantor:* Carolyn Cohen

*Worship Tech:* John Lemburg

*Altar Guild:* Irma Steel, Cathy Joyce, Pat Martin

*Flower Guild:* Judy Ochsner Wenum

*Hospitality:* Mary Ryan Aimar & Tracy Edgar



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, January 22	10:30 a.m. Mission Trip Meeting 1:00 p.m. Wine and Cheese with the Wardens 4:00 p.m. EYC Kick off at St. Thomas
Monday, January 23	10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
Wednesday, January 25	11:30 a.m. Healing Service in the Chapel 5:30 p.m. Holy Happy Hour 5:30 p.m. Flower Guild Meeting 6:00 p.m. Bible Study Reverend Melanie's Birthday

### **Summer Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic Informational Meeting - Sunday, January 22 from 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. in the Library**

As part of our Centennial Celebration, we are planning a trip to our sister parishes in our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic around late May or early June.

If you are interested in participating in this experience, please make plans to attend this meeting. For more information, contact Rev. Aimee.

### **Wine and Cheese with the Wardens**

Please, join us On January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00-3:00 p.m. for Wine and Cheese with the Wardens. This is an opportunity for you to walk around St. Thomas and view firsthand those items needing either immediate repair or replacement and to discuss other projects.

### **Vestry Slate & Annual Parish Meeting**

The Nominating Committee for the vestry is happy to present the following slate for election to the vestry at the annual parish meeting: Joseph Bernard, David Castleberry, Chris Conner, and Mary Haley. We will elect four new vestry members at the Annual Parish Meeting. Per our by-laws, the nominations for new vestry members will close at the Annual Parish Meeting, January 29, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall. If you would like an absentee ballot, please, notify Amy Jo in the church office by Sunday, January 22.

### **Holy Happy Hour and Bible Study**

Join us for Holy Happy Hour and Bible Study on Wednesday evenings from January 18 through February 15. Bible Study participants will only need a Bible for the class. The class will be reviewing *The Gospel of Matthew: God With Us*. A workbook is available if you would like. Let Rev. Aimee know if you are interested. If participating in Happy Hour, bring a light snack to share; the church will provide the beverages. Holy Happy Hour begins at 5:30 and Bible Study begins at 6:00-7:00 p.m.

### **Flower Guild**

The Altar Flower Sign Up sheets are now posted in the Narthex and the Parish Hall. Please write your name on the sheet with your phone number and we will contact you about the specifics of your donation. Please do not sign up for days that are already accounted for. St. Thomas is contracted with Sandfly Flower Shop; two vases of altar flowers are running \$150.00. However, if you are interested in arranging your own flowers or having a flower guild member arrange for you, please contact Annie Quaile at 912 656 3147. A Flower Guild meeting for old and new members, will be held on January 25 at 5:00 p.m. If you are interested but cannot attend, please contact Annie.

## **Usher Meeting**

There will be a brief usher meeting after the 9:30AM service on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> in the church. We will be going over duties/responsibilities and give you an opportunity to ask questions. I will update the usher responsibilities and email a copy to you before the meeting.

**Qigong** is a gentle exercise practice that uses breath, movement, relaxation, self massage, and meditation to renew the body to increase energy and balance. It can be practiced standing or sitting down. Classes will be held this winter in the Parish Hall. Beginners are welcome! Chair Qigong, M, 8 to 8:45. Standing Qigong, T & Th, 7 to 7:45. For more information contact: Amy Jo Washabaugh, 912-355-3110.

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## WELCOME TO ALL GUESTS

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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>**



# Capital Campaign Kick-off Dinner

**Wednesday, February 1**

**6:00pm**

**Menu:** Coc au Vin Blanc Chicken (chicken in wine sauce), Haricot vert (green beans), salad, bread and dessert.

**RSVP attendance by January 30.**

The Rt. Rev. Frank Sullivan Logue, Bishop of Georgia  
The Rev. Melanie Lemburg, Rector  
The Rev. Aimee Baxter, Minister of Discipleship  
Bernadette Winters, Minister of Music  
Amy Jo Washabaugh, Parish Administrator  
Dianne Jones, Nursery Supervisor  
Matt Rice, Youth Minister  
Greg Washabaugh, Sexton

**The Vestry**

Jane Gilchrist, Senior Warden  
Scott Tanner, Stewart Marshall, Co-Junior Wardens  
Mitch Green, Treasurer  
Cathy Joyce, Clerk

Mary Ryan Aimar

Charlie Barrow

Mary Blaney

Paige Case

Eleanor Foster

Jane Gilchrist

Susan Hailey

Stewart Marshall

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