



Rooted in Hope

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord... They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.

Jeremiah 17:7-8

**St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Isle of Hope
The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**

October 27, 2024

**HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE
8:00 AM**

Opening Acclamation	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 323
<i>Celebrant</i> Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.	
<i>People</i> And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.	
<i>Celebrant</i> The Lord be with you.	
<i>People</i> And with thy spirit.	
The Collect of the Day	BCP 183
<i>Celebrant</i> Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.	
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<i>Celebrant</i> All things come of thee, O Lord.	
<i>People</i> And of thine own have we given thee. Amen	
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HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

arr. James Pethel

THE OPENING HYMN

O bless the Lord, my soul

Hymnal #411

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

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

THE GLORIA

HYMNAL S-278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
 Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa-ther. A-men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 235

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

A Reading from Job.

Job answered the LORD:

“I know that you can do all things,
 and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.
 ‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’
 Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,
 things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.
 ‘Hear, and I will speak;
 I will question you, and you declare to me.’
 I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,
 but now my eye sees you;
 therefore I despise myself,
 and repent in dust and ashes.”

And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him;

and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days. The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 34:1-8, 19-22 *said responsively by half verse*

BCP 627

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!
- 19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.
- 20 He will keep safe all his bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.
- 21 Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
- 22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 7:23-28

A Reading from Hebrews.

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever. The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

There's a wideness in God's mercy

Hymnal #470

THE GOSPEL

Mark 10:46-52

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

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

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaheus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way. The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

The Very Rev. Melanie Lemburg

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 Let us offer our prayers to God for the church and the world, in thanksgiving for all the good things God has entrusted to our care saying: growing in generosity; rooted in hope; Holy Spirit, anoint us.

Litanist We remember the universal church, its members around the world and our mission to spread the good news of Jesus Christ and to become transformed in his image. We pray for our leaders: Michael, the Presiding Bishop and Sean, the Presiding Bishop elect; Frank, our bishop; and Melanie and Colette, our clergy. Growing in generosity; rooted in hope;

All **Holy Spirit, anoint us.**

Litanist We remember the nations of the world and all who have authority in them. We pray that leaders in our own country and around the world may be instruments of God's peace. Inspire us to elect leaders who will be mindful of the needs of all people. Growing in generosity; rooted in hope;

All **Holy Spirit, anoint us.**

Litanist We remember the welfare of the world. We give thanks for the abundant gifts of creation. Give us courage and faithfulness to be caretakers of this planet and all therein. Growing in generosity; rooted in hope;

All **Holy Spirit, anoint us.**

Litanist We remember the needs of this community, and we pray for those who are suffering in mind, body, and spirit-especially those we name either silently or aloud. *(pause)* We remember the departed, especially those we name silently or aloud. *(Pause)*. We give thanks for their examples and for the communion of all your saints. Growing in generosity; rooted in hope;

All **Holy Spirit, anoint us.**

Litanist God of abundance, giver of every good gift: we thank you for all the gifts you have entrusted to our care. Inspire our hearts to continue to grow in generosity and be rooted in hope as individuals and as your church. This we all ask in the name of your son, our savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Celebrant 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.**

THE PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

THE OFFERTORY MUSIC *Beautiful Saviour* Lloyd Larson

THE DOXOLOGY (v3) 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 (11:30 am)

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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE: ALL CREATION SINGS FORM C (ELCA)

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

O God triune, how majestic
 is your name in all the earth.
 Over the eons your merciful might
 evolved our home, a fragile tree of life.
 Here by your wisdom are both life and death,
 growth and decay,
 the nest and the hunt,
 sunshine and storm,
 darkness and light.
 Sustained by these wonders,
 we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:
 The earth is full of your glory.

People **The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.
 In Christ you bring life from death;
 we remember his cross,
 we laud his resurrection.
 Broken like bread, he enlivens our body.
 Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.
 Receiving this mystery,
 we mortals sing our song:

People **The earth is full of your glory.**

We praise you for the heart of Jesus,
so filled with your love for this earth.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

People **Do this for the remembrance of me.**

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

People **Do this for the remembrance of me.**

Gathered around this table,
we your children unite in this song:

People **The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, you create the worlds,
you uphold the living,
you embrace the dead.
Send forth your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.
Strengthen us for our journey with this meal,
the body and blood of Christ.
Give us a future that trusts in you
and cares for your earth.
Empowered by your promises,
we rise from our deaths
to praise you again:

People **The earth is full of your glory. Amen, and 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.

THE FRACTION

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

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.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

*Seek ye first
Just as I am, without one plea*

Hymnal #711
Hymnal #693

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.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

Clergy 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

Be careful as you go into God's creation, for it does not belong to you. Be gentle to yourself and to each other, for you are the dwelling place of God. Be alert, and be silent, for God is a whisper. And the blessing of God Almighty: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you this day and always.

Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN

Savior, like a shepherd lead us

Hymnal #708

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Beecher"

Mark Rippe

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in in thanksgiving for Dorie Garnett's birthday donated by Kim Tutan.

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Vestry on Duty: (10:00) Joseph Bernard 11:30) Robert Hughes (*Worship Tech:* Luke Varner

Lectors: (8:00) Chris Conner (10:00) David Castleberry (11:30) Bill Franklin

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: (8:00) Chris Conner (10:00) Judy Wenum and Jane Gilchrist

Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Margaret Minis *Acolytes:* Tino Aguilar and Eva Aguilar

Ushers: (10:00) Joe Roberts and Andrew Lyons (11:30) Bill Franklin

Cantor: Carolyn Cohen

Nursery: Selleck Hostetter and Dianne Jones

Children's Chapel: Peggy Varnedoe

Altar Guild: Sally Minis, Pam Smith, and Boo McCullough

Hospitality: Altar Guild

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sunday, October 27 Annual Giving Campaign Kick-Off.
12:00-1:30 p.m. EYC in the EYC Room.
1:45 p.m. Pilgrimage Meeting in the Library.
5:30 p.m. AA in the CE Bldg.
- Monday, October 28 10:00 a.m. Planning in the Parish Hall.
5:30 p.m. Book Study in the Library-Sections 4&5.
- Tuesday, October 29 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting in the Library.
11:00 a.m. Women's Bible study in the Library.
6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study in the Library.
- Wednesday, October 30 11:30 a.m. Healing Service in the Chapel.
5:30 p.m. Bell Rehearsal.
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal.
- Thursday, October 31 Budget requests due to Amy Jo
5:00 p.m. Halloween Photo Booth.
Parish Hall set-up for Friday rental.
- Friday, November 1 Private Wedding Rental in the Chapel and Parish Hall.
6:45 p.m. All Saint's Service in the Memorial Garden.

Hospitality Spotlight: Altar Guild

The opportunity to serve on Altar Guild is a very sacred and special thing. We get to be a part of our church service without being seen or heard. Altar Guild members serve 2 months out of the year, six months apart and also a week in July and December. This service includes setting up all Sunday and weekday services. This is putting out wine, wafers and the host, linens, brass, silver, candles, and changing the frontal and paraments for the different seasons and services. Also, we set up for special services like baptisms, funerals, confirmations, bishop visits, or any others that arise. We also clean, polish and shine the brass and silver 2-3 times per year especially for Easter and Christmas. We would love if you would consider becoming a part of our group. Talk to Sandra Calver if you would like to be a part of this special group of people.

Annual Giving

You should have received your pledge card in the mail. If you have not, please contact Amy Jo in the office. This year, we are introducing an electronic way to pledge by scanning the code to the right, complete the required fields and submit. Once submitted correctly, Amy Jo will receive an email with your pledge, and you will receive a confirmation email from Amy Jo that your pledge has been received. Our end gathering will be celebrated with a brunch provided by Vestry during hospitality on Sunday, November 17th.



All Saint's Day

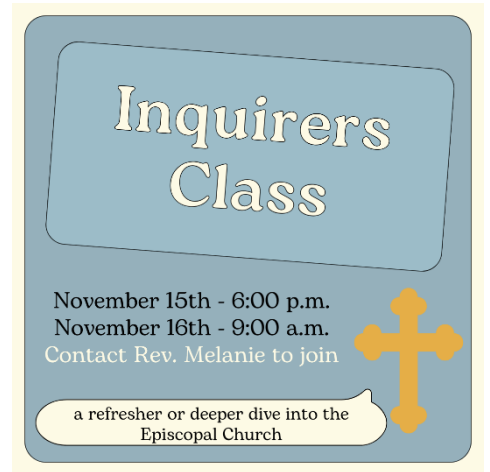
Take a moment to stop by the parish hall today to create a luminary bag by writing the names of saints or your faithful departed on them. When you are finished, put one scoop of sand and tea light in the bottom of your bag, and leave it there for us to collect. We'll illuminate the Memorial Garden with the bags for our All Saints' service on Friday, November 1st at 6:45 p.m.

Save the Date:

Our Wednesday Night Supper for November 6th is our fan favorite Chili Cook Off. We award a People's Choice and a Judge's Choice award. Let Amy Jo know if you want to compete or just show up to eat.

Inquirers Class

The Inquirers' Class weekend is a deep dive into the Episcopal faith and our worship. Whether you are looking to officially join the church by getting baptized, confirmed or received when the bishop comes on January 5, you want to learn more about the Episcopal faith, or you would like a refresher or an opportunity to have your questions answered, the Inquirers' class is for you. We'll cover topics spanning from Episcopal vocabulary, how our church governance is structured and the history of the Episcopal church, Book of Common Prayer 101, how Episcopalians read scripture, and the sacraments, and we conclude our time together with an Instructed Eucharist, a service of Holy Eucharist in which Rev Melanie gives deeper explanation and answers questions. This class is appropriate for people ages 13 and up. If you have questions about Inquirers' class or would like to reserve your spot, please, contact Rev Melanie by Tuesday, November 12th.



Promise 686

Promise 686 is a non-profit group that works with government agencies through local church communities to provide for the relational and physical needs of vulnerable children and families who care for them. If you are interested in helping with the needs of these children and families, you can become part of the St. Thomas Care Team. As a member of the Care Team, you will receive emails when there is a need in the community. If you would like more information or to sign up for the Care Team, please see Rev. Colette.

WELCOME TO ALL GUESTS

If you are new or with us for the first time, thank you for joining us at worship. Restrooms are available in our parish hall and Christian Education buildings. Nursery care is available in our Christian Education building for children ages 0-4. Please, see an usher to assist you in locating the nursery. 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. We have a Children's Chapel for the first part of the service. Children in grades K- 5 are invited to follow the little cross in the opening procession where they will exit to go to our chapel.

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians, regardless of denomination or age, are invited to be fed at God's table. If you do not want to receive communion, but you would like to receive a blessing, please, signify by crossing your arms over your chest when the priest comes to you with the bread.

If you would like to give electronically towards our offering today here are two options: <https://www.stthomasioh.org/give> or on Venmo [@StThomasEpiscopalChurch](https://www.venmo.com/@StThomasEpiscopalChurch)

