



St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Isle of Hope
The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 29, 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 164
<i>Celebrant</i> The Lord be with you.	
<i>People</i> And with thy spirit.	
<i>Celebrant</i> Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.	
The First Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Bulletin 3
Psalm 15 <i>in unison</i>	Bulletin 3
The Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12	Bulletin 4
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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
9:30 A.M. AND 11:15 A.M.

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

OPENING HYMN

Tell out, my soul

Hymnal # 437

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 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

BCP 215

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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

A reading from Micah.

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,

and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.
O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you

but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response: Psalm 15

BCP 599

- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?**
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.**
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.**
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the LORD.**
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.**
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**
- 7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.**

The Second Lesson

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.” The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Help us, O Lord, to learn

Hymnal # 628

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 5:1-12

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Melanie Lemburg

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

BCP 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

Blest are the pure in heart

Hymnal #656

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

BCP 367

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

Be not afraid

Solo

Christ is the world's true Light

Hymnal # 542

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

God of grace and God of glory

Hymnal # 594

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 Ellie Titus' birthday by Annie Quaile.

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers (9:30 am) Dick Young & Michael Jordan (11:15 am) Bill Franklin
Vestry on Duty: (9:30 am) Charlie Barrow (11:15 am) Susan Hailey
Lectors: (8:00 am) David White (9:30 am) Jane Gilchrist (11:15 am) Bill Franklin
Lay Eucharistic Minister: (8:00 am) David White (9:30) Charlie Barrow
Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Dave White
Acolytes:
Cantor: Carolyn Cohen
Worship Tech: John Lemburg
Altar Guild: Irma Steel, Cathy Joyce, Pat Martin *Flower Guild:* Annie Quaile
Hospitality: Joanne Leaf

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, January 29 10:30 a.m. Annual Parish Meeting in the Parish Hall
Monday, January 30 2:00 p.m. Grant Party at the Thrift Store
Deadline to RSVP for Wednesday Night Supper
Tuesday, January 31 6:30 p.m. Tour of Homes Recap Meeting - Library
Wednesday, February 1 11:30 a.m. Healing Service in the Chapel
6:00 p.m. WNS – Capital Campaign Kick off Dinner- FREE
7:00 p.m. Bible Study Formation
Saturday, February 2 9:00-12:00 p.m. Vestry Retreat Parish Hall
9:30 a.m. EYC Ski Trip meet and leave from Publix on Abercorn

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. Nursery care will be provided until 11:15 a.m.

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. February 1st, Bible Study will begin at 7:00 p.m. to allow time for the Wednesday Night Supper Capital Campaign Kick Off.

Usher Meeting

There will be a brief usher meeting after the 9:30AM service on Sunday, February 5th 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.

Save the Dates:

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper/Mardi Gras Extravaganza
Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Services: February 22, 2023

7:00 a.m. in the Chapel

11:30 a.m. in the Church and virtual

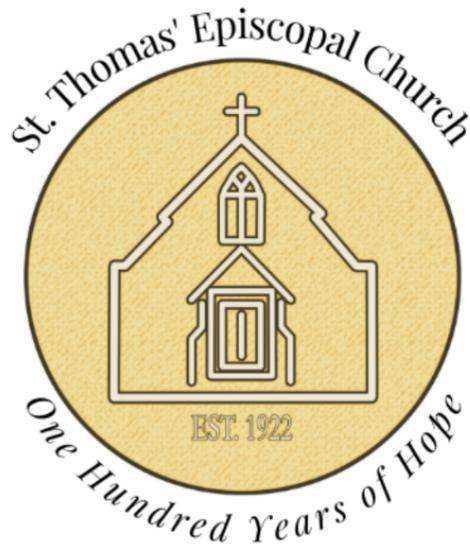
6:00 p.m. Imposition of ashes and family Eucharist in the church.

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>



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, EYC Youth Coordinator
Greg Washabaugh, Sexton

The Vestry

Jane Gilchrist, Senior Warden
Scott Tanner, Stewart Marshall, Co-Junior Wardens
Mitch Green, Treasurer
Amy Jo Washabaugh, Clerk

Mary Ryan Aimar

Charlie Barrow

Mary Blaney

Paige Case

Eleanor Foster

Jane Gilchrist

Susan Hailey

Stewart Marshall

Bobby Minis

Jim Moore

Scott Tanner

Annie Quaile

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