



St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Isle of Hope
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2023

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE

8:00 AM

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 323

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

The Collect of the Day

BCP 182

Celebrant Let us pray. Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; 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: Exodus 16:2-15

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Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45

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Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

The Presentation of the Gifts

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

The Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Blessing & Dismissal

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HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

9:30 AM & 11:15 AM

PRELUDE

Prelude On "Bread of Life"

Arr. Gordon Young

THE OPENING HYMN

All who hunger gather gladly

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words aligned under multiple notes. The lyrics are as follows:

All who hun - ger gath - er — glad - ly; — ho - ly — man - na
All who hun - ger, nev - er — stran - gers, seek - er, — be a
All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, — Je - sus — Christ is

is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and — wan - d'ring.
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and — roam - ing. —
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and — long - ing. —

Here in — truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
Here, in — joy we keep the feast. We that once were
Here, in — peace we have been fed. Blest are those who

days of — full - ness, all a - round us is our — food.
lost and — scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
from this — ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.

Taste and — see the grace e - ter - nal. —
Taste and — see the grace e - ter - nal. —
Taste and — see the grace e - ter - nal. —

Taste and — see that God is good.
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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.**

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.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 (9:30 am)

A Reading from Exodus.

Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat." The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 105:1-6, 37-45 *said in unison*

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1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.

3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.**
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,**
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.**
- 37 He led out his people with silver and gold; *
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.**
- 38 Egypt was glad of their going, *
because they were afraid of them.**
- 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering *
and a fire to give light in the night season.**
- 40 They asked, and quails appeared, *
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.**
- 41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, *
so the river ran in the dry places.**
- 42. For God remembered his holy word *
and Abraham his servant.**
- 43 So he led forth his people with gladness, *
his chosen with shouts of joy.**
- 44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, *
and they took the fruit of others' toil,**
- 45 That they might keep his statutes *
and observe his laws.
Hallelujah!**

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 1:21-30

A Reading from the book of Philippians.

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have. The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,
 4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

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

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they

would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last." The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

The 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* Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:
- Litanist* Father, enliven the Church for its mission.
People **That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**
- Litanist* Breathe fresh life into your people.
People **Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**
- Litanist* We pray for the world: especially those people and places we name either silently or aloud (*pause*). Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.
People **That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**
- Litanist* Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.
People **Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**
- Litanist* We pray for our community: especially our military, first responders, and their families. God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others.
People **That all may act with integrity and courage.**
- Litanist* Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.
People **May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**
- Litanist* We pray for those in need: especially those we name either silently or aloud (*pause*). God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.
People **May they know the power of your healing love.**
- Litanist* Make us willing agents of your compassion.
People **Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.**
- Litanist* We remember those who have died and those who mourn: especially those we name either silently or aloud (*pause*). We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone. Father, into your hands we commend them.
People **Give comfort to those who mourn.**
- Litanist* We praise you for the blessed Virgin Mary, for Thomas, and all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.
People **May their example inspire and encourage us.**
- Litanist* Lord, you have called us to serve you. Grant that we may walk in your presence with your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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 SENTENCE

THE OFFERTORY MUSIC *Song of Remembrance* arr. Tom Fettke

THE 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 (11:15 am)

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 1

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 truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all Creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

The musical score is written on five staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note Bb4. The second staff continues with a whole rest, a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note Bb4. The third staff starts with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note G4. The fourth staff begins with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note G4. The fifth staff starts with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note G4. The sixth staff begins with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note G4. The seventh staff starts with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note G4. The eighth staff begins with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note G4. The ninth staff starts with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note G4. The tenth staff begins with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note G4. The eleventh staff starts with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note G4. The twelfth staff begins with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note G4. The thirteenth staff starts with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note G4. The fourteenth staff begins with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note G4. The fifteenth staff starts with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note G4. The sixteenth staff begins with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note G4. The seventeenth staff starts with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note G4. The eighteenth staff begins with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note G4. The nineteenth staff starts with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note G4. The twentieth staff begins with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note G4. The twenty-first staff starts with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note G4. The twenty-second staff begins with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note G4. The twenty-third staff starts with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note G4. The twenty-fourth staff begins with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note G4. 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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.

Celebrant and People

**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.**

The people stand or kneel, and the Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or 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 Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Thomas, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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.

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.

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
 word of grace, in strength of which we
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bid - with
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

1. I am weak but thou art strong;
 2. Through this world of toil and snares,
 3. When my fee - ble life is o'er,

Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee,

1. Je - sus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as
 2. If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur - den
 3. Time for me will be no more; Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly

Refrain: Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea, Dai - ly walk - ing close to

D.C. for Refrain

1. long As I walk, let me walk close to thee.
 2. shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
 3. o'er To Thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

Refrain: thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

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.**



1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
 3 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
 all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
 when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
 in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress Fanfare

Arr. Virgil Hostetler

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Will Quaile on the first anniversary of her death donated by Annie Quaile and Ellie Titus.

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Vestry on Duty: (9:30 a.m.) Annie Quaile

(11:15 a.m.) Susan Hailey

Lectors: (8:00) Dave White (9:30 a.m.) Peggy Varnedoe

(11:15 a.m.) Bill Franklin

Lay Eucharistic Minister: (8:00) Dave White (9:30) Peggy Varnedoe and Charlie Barrow*Lay Eucharistic Visitors:* Charlie Barrow*Acolyte:* Ford McCurry*Ushers:* (9:30 a.m.) Jane and Jim Moore

(11:15 a.m.) Bill Franklin

Hospitality: Kelley Marshall*Worship Tech:* Tino Aguilar*Altar Guild:* Beth Wall, Sandra Calver, Jennifer Calver, Kelley Marshall, and Sheldon White*Flower Guild:* Annie Quaile*Cantor:* Carolyn Cohen*Children's Chapel:* Jenny Bernard

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, September 24	10:40 a.m. LEM/ Acolyte Training 4:00 -5:30 p.m. EYC at St. Thomas'
Monday, September 25	6:00 p.m. B&G Meeting in the Library
Tuesday, September 26	6:15 p.m. EFM in the St. Thomas' Room
Wednesday, September 27	11:30 a.m. Healing Service in the Chapel. 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Choir

Acolyte and Lay Eucharistic Minister Trainings TODAY!

The clergy will be offering training for new and returning acolytes and LEMs on Sunday, September 24 at 10:40 am in the church. If you have questions, please contact Rev Melanie.

Choir and Handbell Rehearsal Time Change

Handbell rehearsals will take place weekly on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal will be held weekly on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. On the first Wednesday of the month, choir rehearsal will be at 7:00 p.m. to allow for Wednesday Night Supper.

St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church needs food for food pantry.

Canned meats, canned vegetables, canned fruit with the pull tab tops, and peanut butter are in high demand. No size 10 cans can be accepted. Food can be placed in lobby basket.

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 0-4. 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. We also have a Children's Chapel for the first part of the service (the Liturgy of the Word). Children in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to follow the little cross in the opening procession where they will exit to go to our chapel. Adults are welcome to accompany them if that would be helpful. The children will return to the church from Children's Chapel at the Peace.

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.

Please, fill out a visitor card from the pew rack and give to one of the clergy or the ushers or scan the QR code and fill out our virtual connection card so we may greet you more formally in the days to come.



As you travel throughout the year, remember that it is easy and safe to give through our website: <https://www.stthomasioh.org/give> or on Venmo @StThomasEpiscopalChurch.

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS
Pet Blessing

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

5:00 PM

UNDER THE PAVILION

All furry, feathery,
slithery, and slimy friends
are welcome!



SPOOKY BINGO



October 19th

ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Naked Dog Food Truck & yard games

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Bingo

Bingo at no cost, donations accepted for beverages. Costumes are encouraged.



SCAROWINDS TRIP

When: Sat Oct 28th - Sun Oct 29th

Where: Carowinds Park in Charlotte NC

Spending the night @: Episcopal Church of our Savior
in Rock Hill SC

Price: \$115 a person



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2023

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**SILENT AUCTION
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