

ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ISLE OF HOPE
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 8, 2026
HOLY EUCHARIST: A PENITENTIAL ORDER RITE ONE
8:00 AM

OPENING ACCLAMATION	BCP 319
<i>Celebrant</i> Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.	
<i>People</i> His mercy endureth for ever. Amen.	
THE CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION	BCP 320
THE KYRIE	BCP 324
<i>Celebrant</i> Lord, have mercy upon us.	
<i>People</i> Christ, have mercy upon us.	
<i>Celebrant</i> Lord, have mercy upon us.	
THE COLLECT OF THE DAY	BCP 167
<i>Celebrant</i> Let us pray. Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 17:1-7	Bulletin 4
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DEDICATION OF THE CHAPEL ALTAR-RAIL CUSHIONS	
Solomon beautified the sanctuary, and multiplied the vessels of the temple.	
<i>Bishop</i> Oh, the majesty and magnificence of God's presence!	
<i>People</i> Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!	
Let us pray. O God, whose blessed Son has sanctified and transfigured the use of material things: Receive these altar-rail cushions which we offer, and grant that they may proclaim your love, benefit your Church, and minister grace and joy to those who use them through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	
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*We are a welcoming community of faith and love that serves one another
and seeks to draw others to God through our ministries.*

WELCOME TO ALL GUESTS

Thank you for joining us at worship. Restrooms are available in our parish hall and in the Christian Education building.

Children's faith formation is available during the 10:00 am service for children 0 years old to 5th grade. In the Nursery, those from 0-4 years old learn songs, hear Bible stories, do crafts, as well as play and have snack time. If you do choose to utilize our nursery, we hope you will bring your children back into church to receive communion or a blessing. During the school year we have "Children's Chapel" for the first part of the service. Children can process behind the cross where they will exit to go the CE Building. The children will return to the church from Children's Chapel at the Peace. For both the nursery and Children's Chapel, adults are welcome to accompany their child if that would be helpful. Please see an usher if you have any questions.

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians, regardless of denomination or age, are invited to be fed at God's table. We use the "common cup" at St. Thomas. You can choose to eat your bread and sip from the chalice when it comes to you or you may hold on to your bread and dip it into the chalice when it comes to you. If you do not wish to receive wine, you may cross your arms over your chest. If you would like to come forward for a blessing, come to the railing and cross your arms over your chest to receive God's blessing. If you would like to learn more about the customs of our tradition, please contact The Rev. Colette Hammesfahr. Please, fill out a visitor card from the pew rack and give to one of the clergy or the ushers so that we may greet you more formally in the days to come.

The Rt. Rev. Frank Sullivan Logue, Bishop of Georgia
The Rev. Colette Hammesfahr, Priest in Charge of
Parish Life, Worship, and Pastoral Care
Tripp Hardee, Minister of Music
Dionne Greenlee, Parish Administrator
Mallory Abshire, Bookkeeper
Greg Washabaugh, Sexton
Dianne Jones, Nursery Supervisor

The Vestry

Charlie Barrow, Senior Warden
Lizann Roberts & Stewart Marshall, Co-Junior Wardens
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CONFIRMATION AND HOLY EUCHARIST: A PENITENTIAL ORDER RITE TWO
10:00 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 639* J.S. Bach

THE OPENING HYMN *All my hope on God is founded* Hymnal #665

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 351

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But, if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CONFESION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN BCP 352

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

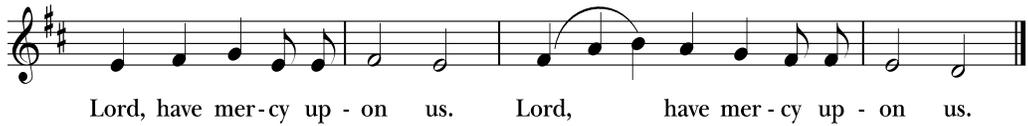
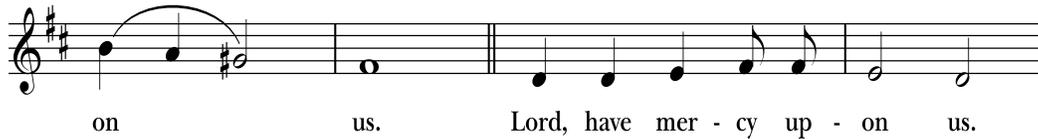
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son 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.

Celebrant 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.**

KYRIE

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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 First Lesson

Exodus 17:1-7

A Reading from Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 95 (read responsively by half verse)

BCP 724

1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
- 8 Harden not your hearts,
as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
**at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
when they tempted me.**
- 9 They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.
- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
**"This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways."**
- 11 So I swore in my wrath, *
"They shall not enter into my rest."

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 5:1-11

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1. I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Come un - to Me and rest;
 2. I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3. I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "I am this dark world's Light;

lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on My breast."
 the liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, stoop down and drink, and live."
 look un - to Me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, wea - ry, and worn, and sad; I
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in Him my Star, my Sun; and

found in Him a rest - ing - place, and He has made me glad.
 thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in Him.
 in that Light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

Celebrating Grace Hymnal 577
 WORDS: Horatio Bonar, 1848
 MUSIC (KINGSFOLD, CMD): Trad. English melody; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE HOMILY

The Rt. Rev. Frank Sullivan Logue

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

BCP 415

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenter I present Katheleen Field and Meghan Hartley for Confirmation.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil.

Candidate I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Please, stand.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Bishop Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The families of those being confirmed are invited to come forward.

FOR CONFIRMATION

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower her for your service; and sustain her all the days of her life. **Amen.**

or this

Defend, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your heavenly grace, that she may continue yours forever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until she comes to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

Then the Bishop says

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* arr. Gilbert M. Martin

THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God throughout these forty days;
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise;
And praise the Spirit who imparts;
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By this grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for and rose again. 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.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
 Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
 - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth -
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

THE FRACTION

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O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
 on us. O Lamb of God, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have



mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of



God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the



world, grant us thy peace.

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Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

HYMNS AT COMMUNION

Oh How He Loves You and Me

arr. John Purifoy
Cantors

Come, thou fount of every blessing

Hymnal #686

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 we send you forth bearing 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 One Bread and One Cup. Amen.**

Celebrant Let us pray.
Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

THE SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE AND BLESSING

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Hymnal #690

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE

Postlude on CWM RHONDDA

Paul Manz

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Acolytes: Crucifer: Sheldon White *Torches:* Sydney Calver and Lela White*Book Bearer:* Piper Brooks *Children's Cross:* Gabe Ochsner*Lay Eucharistic Minister:* (8:00 am) Dave White

(10:00 am) Henry Aguilar and Tracy Edgar

Lectors: (8:00 am) Dave White (10:00 am) David Castleberry*Lay Eucharistic Visitor:* David White*Ushers:* (10:00 am) Steve Calver and Will Calver*Vestry on Duty:* (10:00 am) Tracy Edgar*Worship Tech:* Luke Varner*Altar Guild:* Jennifer Calver, Sandra Calver, Kelley Marshall, Beth Wall and Sheldon White*Hospitality:* Men's Group*Nursery:* Dianne Jones and Eva Aguilar*Children's Chapel:* Elizabeth Varner and Jennifer Steinhauser*Cantors:* Elijah Green, Emma Reardon, and Kaleb Reavis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, March 8	9:00 am	Men's Bible Study
	11:00 am	Brunch with Bishop Logue
	5:30 pm	AA Meeting in the CE Building
Monday, March 9	9:00 am	Parkersburg Garden Club
	10:00 am	Planning in the CE Building
	1:30 pm	Crafting in the CE Building
	5:00 pm	Search Committee Meeting in the Library
	6:00 pm	Vestry Meeting in the Parish Hall
Tuesday, March 10	11:30 am	Lunch Bunch
	1:30 pm	Tuesday Tiles in the Parish Hall
Wednesday, March 11	7:30 am	Unseen Guest Cook
	11:30 am	Healing Service
	2:00 pm	Communion at River's Edge
	5:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, March 14	9:00 am	Vestry Retreat in the Parish Hall

Special Offering Today

It is always a joy to have our Bishop Frank Logue with us! The loose plate offering that we collect today will go to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund to help people in need across the diocese, so please, be mindful of that in your giving.

Chapel Altar-Rail Cushions

Today we give thanks to Henry and Sally Minis for the gift of beautiful new altar-rail cushions for the Chapel, given in loving memory of Sally's parents, Sally and Joe McCaughan. The cushions will be dedicated at the 8:00 a.m. service by Bishop Logue.

From charity *for* others to ministry *with* others

Collecting items for those in need matters, and St. Thomas' has always responded with generous abundance each month. In 2026, we hope to deepen our outreach by taking a small but meaningful step forward. The Gospel invites us not only to give, but to show up — to serve side by side and to build relationships where Christ meets us face to face. In the coming year, you will see new opportunities to use our hands as well as our generosity, moving from charity for others toward ministry with our neighbors. The I AM Food Pantry is in need of volunteers to work a regular schedule and others to work fill-in. If you would like to assist, please see Rev. Colette and she will provide you with the contact information.

Lent Outreach

For Lent, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for the I AM Food Pantry. The pantry was originally a service of St. Michael's and All Saints Episcopal Church. The pantry continues to serve those in need every Tuesday, out of the Episcopal Center of the Diocese of Georgia. The number of families the pantry supports each week has doubled over the past year. They are in most need of canned meats, vegetables, and fruit. Please drop off your items on the table in the parish hall.

Women's Bible Study

Do you sometimes wish that the Bible could make your decisions for you? Donald Baker is familiar with this desire. He writes, "God has given me free will, and while I appreciate his confidence in my ability to choose, there are times when I wish that he would make the decisions for me." The Bible won't give you a direct answer to each choice—or dilemma—you face. But the Bible will teach you how to make decisions wisely, confidently and in harmony with God's will. This nine-session Life Guide Bible Study will introduce you to the Bible's lessons on decision making—and show you how to apply what you learn to your own decisions, big and small. *(from Amazon.com)*

Art Fair

Join us for **TIDE** (Talent in Design & Expression), a relaxed, family-friendly art and music fair at St. Thomas'. We'll gather, connect and celebrate the creativity of local Lowcountry artists and musicians. Mark your calendar for **April 18** from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and plan to spend the day with us. Consider volunteering or sharing your creative work as a vendor. Applications are now open. For more information, visit tideisleofhope.com and follow us on [social@tide.fair](https://twitter.com/social@tide.fair).

ST. THOMAS'
LUNCH BUNCH
Second Tuesday of Every Month
open to all community members



THIS MONTH:
LUCY MCINTIRE HITCH WILL SHARE TIDBITS OF HISTORY ON A FORMER LANDMARK OF ISLE OF HOPE, BARBEE'S, BEFORE AND AFTER.

March 10th , 11:30 am
Free lunch will be served.
Please RSVP by March 9th



2 St. Thomas Avenue Savannah, GA 31406



EASTER DONATIONS NEEDED
Items can be left in the parish hall

Non-chocolate candy to fill eggs for the St. Thomas' Easter Egg Hunt

No Eggs Needed!
All candy is needed by Sunday, March 29th