



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

August 4, 2024

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE
8:00 a.m.

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 180

Celebrant Let us pray. O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church, and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succor, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; 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: Ephesians 4:1-16

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Psalms 51:1-13

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The Gospel: John 6:24-35

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The Prayers of the People

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The Confession of Sin & Absolution

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The Peace

BCP 332

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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Prayer of Humble Access

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The Blessing & Dismissal

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HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Communion Opus 52

George E. Whiting

THE OPENING HYMN

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Hymnal #690

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.

GLORY TO GOD

S- 280

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.

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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 Second Samuel.

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD, and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun." David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 4:1-16

A Reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
 he gave gifts to his people."

(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the

measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love. The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Let us break bread together on our knees

Hymnal #325

THE GOSPEL

John 6:24-35

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

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

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." 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.

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| <i>Litanist</i> | For peace and tranquility in the world, and for the salvation of all, let us pray. |
| <i>People</i> | Christ, have mercy. |
| <i>Litanist</i> | For Frank our Bishop, for Melanie and Colette our Priests, and for all the People of God, let us pray. |
| <i>People</i> | Christ, have mercy. |
| <i>Litanist</i> | For our nation and for all the nations of the world, that they may be places of liberty and justice for all, let us pray. |
| <i>People</i> | Christ, have mercy. |
| <i>Litanist</i> | For the good use of all the gifts that you have given us including our work and our play, our Sabbath rest, and our care for your creation, let us pray. |
| <i>People</i> | Christ, have mercy. |
| <i>Litanist</i> | For those in our community who are in need: the homeless and the hungry, the heartbroken and the desolate, the suffering and the mourners especially those we name now (<i>pause</i>), let us pray. |
| <i>People</i> | Christ, have mercy. |
| <i>Litanist</i> | For those who have died, especially those we name now (<i>pause</i>), let us pray. |
| <i>People</i> | Christ, have mercy. |
| <i>Litanist</i> | O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. |

CONFESSION OF SIN

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 *For the Bread Which Thou Hast Broken*

by William Bradley Roberts

THE DOXOLOGY (v 3)

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 GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

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.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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.

SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven 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.

The people stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we 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.

The Celebrant continues

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 at 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 forever. **AMEN.**

And now as our Savior 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

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.

HYMN AT COMMUNION

You are my All in All

Tripp Hardee and Carolyn Cohen

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

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, and the blessing of God Almighty: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN

Onward, Christian soldiers

Hymnal #562

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

God of Grace and God of Glory

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Lem Highsmith donated by Anna Highsmith.

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Vestry on Duty: (10:00 a.m.) Amy Minis

(11:30 a.m.) Chris Conner

Lectors: (8:00 a.m.) Chris Conner

(10:00 a.m.) Joanna Ellis

(11:30 a.m.) Bill Franklin

Lay Eucharistic Minister: (8:00 a.m.) Chris Conner

(10:00 a.m.) Annie Quaile and Mary Wilson

Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Margaret Minis

Ushers: (10:00 a.m.) Jane Gilchrist and Maggie Lyons

(11:30 a.m.) Bill Franklin

Hospitality: Bill and Betsy Franklin

Worship Tech: Luke Varner

Acolytes: Eva Aguilar and Brinkley McCurry

Cantor: Carolyn Cohen

Nursery: Dianne Jones and Selleck Hostetter

Altar Guild: Jane Gilchrist, Lizann Roberts, Marie Centgraf, Judy Holland, and Elizabeth Varner.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amy Jo and Greg will be on vacation from Thursday, August 1st returning to the office on Monday, August 12th.

Sunday, August 4

11:10 a.m. Children's Chapel Volunteer Meeting in the Library.

Monday, August 5

10:00 a.m. Planning in the Parish Hall.

2:00 p.m. Women Sharing Wisdom in the St. Thomas' Room.

5:30 p.m. Endowment Committee Meeting in the Library.

6:00 p.m. Building and Grounds Committee Meeting in the Parish Hall.

Wednesday, August 7

11:30 a.m. Healing Service in the Chapel.

5:30 p.m. Hand Bell Rehearsal.

6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal.

Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make the United Song Fest a huge success! Special thanks to the Saint Martha's Guild, especially Lizann Roberts and Boo McCullough, for their hard work and for providing the fabulous reception, and a special thanks for Annie Quaile and Jane Moore for the beautiful flowers. I am so grateful to the choirs from all three churches for the beautiful music they shared. Your efforts and talents made the event truly memorable.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Tripp A. Hardee, Minister of Music

August Service Project:

It's back to school time and our August Mission Project is kicking off!

We will be collecting school supplies for IOH Elementary School. A table is available in the parish hall for donations. There is also a supply list on the table with needed items for each grade level. Here are some suggested items: #2 pencils, markers, 24 pack crayons, glue sticks, glue, dry erase markers, composition books, paper, 2 pocket plastic folders, 1-inch binders, and headphones (no earbuds).

Choir & Hand Bells Wednesday Rehearsals Resume

Choir rehearsals will resume next Wednesday, and we welcome all to join us in singing! Every voice is valuable, and we'd love to have anyone who is interested come and sing with us. No prior experience is necessary—just bring your enthusiasm and love for music! Please contact Tripp Hardee, Minister of Music, for more details or if you have any questions.

Plarning

We're still looking for plarners!

If you can fold a plastic bag, then plarning is for you! Mondays from 10:00 – 12:00 we meet in the parish hall to make sleeping mats out of plastic bags, to be given to the unsheltered community in Savannah. Drop in late or leave early, come enjoy conversation while providing a service to the community. If you can donate plastic bags, please leave them in the wicker bin in the lobby.

Disaster Preparedness Form

We are updating all emergency contact information in our files. Please take a few minutes to complete the Emergency Preparedness Form. This form allows us to know what you may need in the event of an emergency and your emergency contact information. Even if you have filled out this form in the past, please do it again to allow us to keep our records accurate. The link to the form will be in the weekly emails. Amy Jo will have hard copies in the office for your convenience as well.

Nursery Open House

Our moms have been working hard on the nursery renovations the past few months and are ready to show it off! Stop by the nursery on August 18th after the 10:00 service, grab a mimosa, and see the artwork, new flooring, updated paint, and so much more! We're looking forward to sharing the new space with our toddlers.

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)



EYC Pool Party

Youth, meet your new EYC Coordinator, Olivia Kate!
Parents, stick around for Q&A's with Rev. Colette about future youth formation opportunities.

AUGUST 11, 2024
2:00 - 5:00 P.M.

Event will be held at the home of
Mary Blaney:
15 Dorothy Ave.
Savannah, GA 31406

6th - 12th grade

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

Sunday, August 18th
10:00 a.m. service

St. Thomas IOH wants to bless the students, teachers, and administrators as they embark on a new school year! Students, bring your book bag for a blessing!

St. Thomas' Episcopal Church

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL KICK-OFF

August 18th

STORIES **MUSIC**

CRAFTS

Every Sunday
During 10:00 A.M. Service

St. Thomas' Episcopal Church IOH

END OF SUMMER PARTY

For Young Adults & Young Families

Thursday, August 29th
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Music from Junkyard Trio & activities for kids!

CATERED BY SANDFLY BBQ
\$10 per person or \$20 per family

BYOB