



St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Isle of Hope
The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
November 16, 2025

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE
8:00 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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Celebrant Let us pray. Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

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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
Dionne Greenlee, Parish Administrator
Tripp Hardee, Minister of Music
Greg Washabaugh, Sexton
Dianne Jones, Nursery Supervisor

The Vestry

Chris Conner, Senior Warden
Lizann Roberts & David Castleberry, Co-Junior Wardens
Mitch Green, Treasurer Jane Gilchrist, Clerk
Joseph Bernard Jennifer Calver David Castleberry
Chris Conner Marie Centgraf Betty Henderson
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HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

10:00 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Melody in D

Paul Fey

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

This is the day that God has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

This is the world that God has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

**We are the people God has made, creative and generous,
made in the image of a creative and generous God.**

Let us rejoice! Let us create! Let us be generous!

Come, let us worship God!

THE OPENING HYMN

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Hymnal #362

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

Celebrant
People

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

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

GLORY TO GOD

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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



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Celebrant
People
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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

A Reading from Isaiah.

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord--and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent-- its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

Canticle 9

The First Song of Isaiah (*Responsively by 1/2 verse*).

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

THE SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

A Reading from Second Thessalonians.

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Luke 21:5-19

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Colette Hammesfahr

THE NICENE CREED

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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 Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Litanist God of roots and branches, defend the leaders of your church as they proclaim the gospel using discernment, wisdom, and brave testimony. Keep all the baptized on righteous paths in response to Christ's call. Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

Litanist God of roaring seas, in a world of earthquake, famine, and plague, use your mighty power to nurture the land and all that lives upon it. Restore peoples and places experiencing natural disasters. Strengthen organizations who provide aid to any in crisis. Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

Litanist God of victory, among quests for power, guide those in government, courts, law enforcement agencies, and the military. Turn them from war and violence to actions of care that build up the common good. Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

Litanist God of healing, where injustice and exploitation result in populations that are marginalized or underserved, accompany those abandoned by friends, hurt by family, and harmed by violence or oppression. Care for all who are ill, anxious, or in pain of any kind especially those we name now (*brief silence*). Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

Litanist Caring God, you care for our children with love and compassion. Be with all the youth and staff who are attending Happening #111 at Honey Creek next weekend, especially for Sheldon White, from St. Thomas' who is serving on the staff. Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

Litanist God of new songs, in a congregation of faithful believers, energize us for compassionate service and delight us through worship, song, and inspired prayer. Encourage your people in building equitable community where all are valued. Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

Litanist God of every generation, we remember the saints with steadfast love and faithfulness especially those we name now (*brief silence*). Confident in Christ's victory over death, may we be inspired by the example of the faithful. Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

Litanist We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant says

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.

THE 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.

ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

THE BLESSING OF THE PLEDGE CARDS

Celebrant O God, in whose every creation we discover a gift freely given: help us to understand that all we have comes from the outpouring of your generosity. Inspire in our hearts a deep sense of gratitude, and move us to share what we have received with the same immensity of spirit in which it was given. Lead us, we pray, to give as we have received—abundantly, generously, and joyfully—that our common ministry may continue to bear witness to your unfailing grace. Accept and bless these pledges offered for the mission and ministry of St. Thomas'. Bless those who have offered them to you in thanksgiving for all the ways in which you bless us and our community of faith. Give us courage, insight and grace to use these gifts to nourish your people and to proclaim the reconciling work of God in Christ. In your holy name we pray. **Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Our Hymn of Gratitude

arr. Mary McDonald

THE DOXOLOGY (v 3) (10:00 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.**

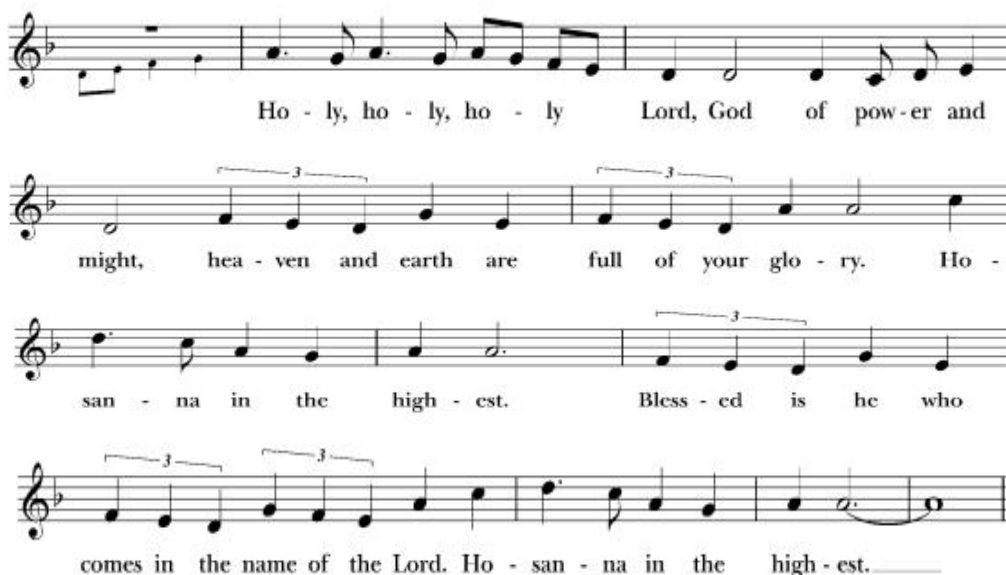
THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE: ALL CREATION SINGS FORM C (ELCA)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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

SANCTUS

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O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth. Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life. Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay, the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm, darkness and light.

Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient song: The earth is full of your glory.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

And now as our Savior 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.

HYMNS AT COMMUNION

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy
Here I Am, Lord

Hymnal #482
SB #13

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

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Celebrant Let us pray.
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

Friends, the service has ended; now the wider service begins. Go now in peace, just as you are – God’s children, creative and generous, made in the image of a creative and generous God. In the name of the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, **Amen!**

THE CLOSING HYMN

Come, ye thankful people, come

Hymnal #290

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

*Celebrant
People*

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

THE POSTLUDE

Prelude on “St. George’s Windsor”

Jason D. Payne

*The flowers were donated by Betty Henderson to the Glory of God and given in memory of
Tom Henderson and Rebecca McNicoll.*

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Vestry on Duty: (10:00 am) Joseph Bernard

Lectors: (8:00 am) Dave White (10:00 am) Bob Lupacchino

Lay Eucharistic Minister: (8:00 am) Dave White (10:00 am) Rick Lantz and Anne Quaile

Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Jane Gilchrist *Ushers:* (10:00 am) Steve Calver and Lela White

Hospitality: The Vestry

Altar Guild: Stacie Bacon, Tracy Edgar, Mary Haley and Salli White

Flower Guild: Annie Quaile

Nursery: Dianne Jones and Eva Aguilar

Worship Tech: Luke Varner

Children’s Chapel: Kim Tutan and Elizabeth Varner

Acolytes: Crucifer: Sheldon White, Book: Marin Brooks, Children’s Cross: Gage Ochsner

Cantors: Emma Reardon and Larry Roberson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, November 16	12:30 pm	Feast of St. Nicholas Meeting in the Parish Hall
	5:30 pm	AA Meeting in the CE Building
Monday, November 17	8:00 am	Unseen Guest Pickup
	10:00 am	Planning in the CE Building
	2:00 pm	Women Sharing Wisdom in the St. Thomas Room
	2:00 pm	Open Play Mahjong with Martie Gay in the Parish Hall (Register at: IOH Mahjong FB page)
Tuesday, November 18	11:00 am	Women’s Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Women of St. Thomas’ Meeting in the Parish Hall
Wednesday, November 19	11:30 am	Healing Service
	5:30 pm	Hand Bell Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal

Greg Washabaugh will be on vacation from November 21st thru November 30th.

Church office will be closed for Thanksgiving November 24th thru November 28th.

The Women of St. Thomas' – A New Focus for Our Meetings

Beginning this month, our Women of St. Thomas' meetings will include a time for meaningful conversation and reflection. Each month, we'll discuss one of the Diocese of Georgia's new strategic goals—Encourage, Strengthen, Love -- One Another—and explore how we can live these values within our own parish community. All women are invited to join us this coming Tuesday for fellowship, prayer, and purposeful discussion as we grow together in faith and service. If you need childcare, please contact Dionne@stthomasioh.org or call the office no later than Monday at 12:00 pm.

November Outreach

My Veterans Place Savannah is a nonprofit organization committed to supporting Veterans through meaningful programs and unwavering support. This month in Honor of Veteran's Day, we will be collecting the suggested items: Gift Cards (Grocery & Eateries), Toiletries (Men & Women) and Chatham Area Transit Pass (CAT Card).

New Bible Study Opportunities

Rev. Colette is exploring interest in Sunday morning Bible studies from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m.—one group for men and one for women. These studies will begin in January. If there is sufficient interest, childcare will be provided. Please let her know if you'd like to participate so she can plan accordingly!

2026 Flower sign up

The 2026 altar flower calendar is now posted on the parish hall bulletin board. Please sign up for your preferred Sunday. Dee Greenlee will contact you during the week of your selected date to confirm the dedication for the bulletin.

You may order flowers from any florist you prefer. However, Sandfly Florist is recommended, as they know the appropriate size for our church and can deliver on Saturdays — they have a key to the building, which makes delivery easy and reliable.

