



ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ISLE OF HOPE, GA

St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Isle of Hope
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist: Rite II
8:00am, 9:30am and 11:15 am
August 7, 2022

*We are a welcoming community of faith and love that serves one another
and seeks to draw others to God through our ministries.*

OPENING HYMN

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

Hymnal #574

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

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

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

GLORIA

Ode to Joy

Glory be to God in heaven, peace to all God's people on earth. O Lord God, Almighty King, we praise You and we give You thanks! Jesus Christ, God's only Son, You are the Lord, the Lamb of God. You have freed us from our sins, now hear our prayer and grant us peace.

You alone are Holy Lord, and You alone are God's Most High. You reign with the Spirit in the Glory of the Father. Lord, Your creatures praise Your Glory. You alone are Mighty King. Let the whole creation cry out, "Glory Be To God on High!"

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 232

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 Genesis

Genesis 15:1-6

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!**
- 13 The LORD looks down from heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the world.**
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth.**
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.**
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.**
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.**
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,**
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.**
- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; *
he is our help and our shield.**
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.**
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon**

The Second Lesson (9:30 a.m.)

A Reading from Hebrews.

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them. The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Sing praise to God who reigns above

Hymnal #408

The Gospel

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Luke 12:32-40

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour." The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE HOMILY

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

Litanist In peace and in faith, let us offer our prayers, saying, “Christ, have mercy.”

Litanist For peace and tranquility in the world, and for the salvation of all, let us pray.
People **Christ, have mercy.**

Litanist For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Frank our own Bishop, for Melanie and Aimee our clergy,, and for all the People of God, let us pray.
People **Christ, have mercy.**

Litanist 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.
People **Christ, have mercy.**

Litanist For the good use of all the gifts that you have given us including our work and our Sabbath and our care for your creation, let us pray.
People **Christ, have mercy.**

Litanist 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 (*pause*), let us pray.
People **Christ, have mercy.**

Litanist For those who have died, especially those we name now (*pause*), let us pray.
People **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant 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

BCP 360

The Deacon says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

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.**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BLESSINGS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OFFERTORY

Lord of all hopefulness

Hymnal # 482

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 PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS (8:00 and 11:15)

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee. 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.

Celebrant **We lift them to the Lord.**

People Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Celebrant **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. 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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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 he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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 Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

FRACTION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN

As a Doe Longs

SB 48

O love, how deep, how broad, how high

Hymnal # 448

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.

COMMISSIONING OF 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 for we all share the one bread and the one cup. Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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

EXIT HYMN

All creatures of our God and King (vs. 1,4,5,7)

Hymnal # 400

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the Washabaugh family donated by Janet & Charlie Barrow.

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

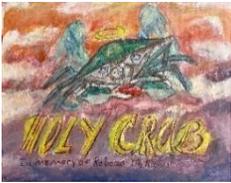
Vestry on Duty: (9:30 a.m.) Paige Case (11:15 a.m.) Stewart Marshall
Lectors: (8:00 a.m.) Dave White (9:30 a.m.) David Castleberry (11:15 a.m.) Bill Franklin
Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Dave White
Ushers: (9:30 a.m.) Jane Gilchrist (11:15 a.m.) Bill Franklin
Acolytes: Mary Margaret Lemburg, Gabriella Gonzales, Sheldon White
Altar Guild: Jane Gilchrist, Lizann Roberts, Claudia Welch
Flower Guild: Janet Barrow
Hospitality: Jan Castleberry and Nancy Gloege

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, August 7 Choir Rehearsal today following 9:30 a.m. service.
Monday, August 8 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
6pm Vestry Meeting in the parish hall.
Tuesday, August 9 6pm Centennial Missions Meeting in the library.
Sunday, August 14 Back to School Blessing

We have printed two hard copies of the church directory. There is one copy in the narthex and one copy in the parish hall. Please check the directory to make sure your information is listed correctly. If it is correct, please initial. If not, please make necessary changes. Thank you!

As you travel this summer, remember that it is easy and safe to give through our website: <https://www.stthomasioh.org/give>



Thank you to all who participated and volunteered to make the St. Thomas' Annual Rebecca McNicoll Community Crabbing Tournament a success.

WELCOME TO ALL GUESTS

If you are new or with us for the first time, thank you for joining us at worship. We hope you will join us again. Restrooms are available in our parish hall and Christian Education buildings. Nursery care is available in our Christian Education building for children ages 0-6. Please, see an usher to assist you in locating the nursery if that is the preferred option for your family. Children are always welcome to stay in the church at St. Thomas as they are full members of the body of Christ. If you do choose to utilize our nursery, we hope you will bring your children back into church to receive communion or a blessing.

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians, regardless of denomination or age, are invited to be fed at God's table. When it is your turn, hold your hands out open in front of you to receive the bread. When the cup of wine comes to you, help guide it to your mouth to take a sip, dip the top of the wafer into the cup, or signify that you want to abstain from drinking by crossing your arms over your chest. If you would like to learn more about the customs of our tradition, please, contact The Rev. Melanie Lemburg.