



ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ISLE OF HOPE, GA

St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Isle of Hope
The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
July 5, 2020

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

10:00 AM, HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Prayer Book pg 355

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

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

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

Prayer Book pg 356

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Prayer Book pg 230

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and

united to one another with pure affection; 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 the book of Zechariah.

Zechariah 9:9 –12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double. The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:8-15

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- 8 **The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.**
- 9 **The Lord is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.**
- 10 **All your works praise you, O Lord, *
and your faithful servants bless you.**
- 11 **They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;**
- 12 **That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**
- 13 **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.**
- 14 **The Lord is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.**
- 15 **The Lord upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.**

The Second Lesson

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Romans 7:15–25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh.

I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. Matthew 11:16-19,25-30

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

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE HOMILY

THE NICENE CREED

Prayer Book pg 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

Prayer Book pg 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

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.**

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Prayer Book pg 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....

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.

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 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.

A PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

In unison,

Blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly for the blessings given me.... I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BLESSINGS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please, Note:

Fran Conner, our Parish Administrator, is on vacation June 29-July 6 will return to the office from her vacation on July 7.

The Church office will be closed on Monday, July 6, in observance of the 4th of July holiday.

Instructions for Receiving Consecrated Hosts for July 12th Worship

Sunday service, July 5th, we be a celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Rev. Melanie will consecrate an abundance of bread, and later that day or the next, members of our Altar Guild, using gloves and masks, will package the consecrated hosts into small bags in one or two host portions. We will have gluten-free wafers available upon request.

Wednesday, July 8th, we will offer two different time windows for you to come to the church to pick up communion from the reserve sacrament for you (and anyone else who wants it). Those times will be **11-1 and 5:30-7**. If you are not able to come pick up communion because of infirmity, quarantine, or other concerns, Dave White will be coordinating volunteers to bring communion from the reserve sacrament to you sometime between Wednesday, July 8th and Saturday, July 11th. Please, contact him directly at drdewhite@aol.com or 912-507-9179 by noon on Wednesday, July 8th.

Sunday, July 12th during our 10 am live-stream service, we will pray together in a service that will be similar to the service used by our Lay Eucharistic Visitors when they take communion from the reserve sacrament to those who cannot be physically present in worship with us. In this way, even though we cannot gather in physical space together for Eucharist and distribution of communion, we will be able to gather virtually in the same temporal space for our prayers and consumption of the sacrament.