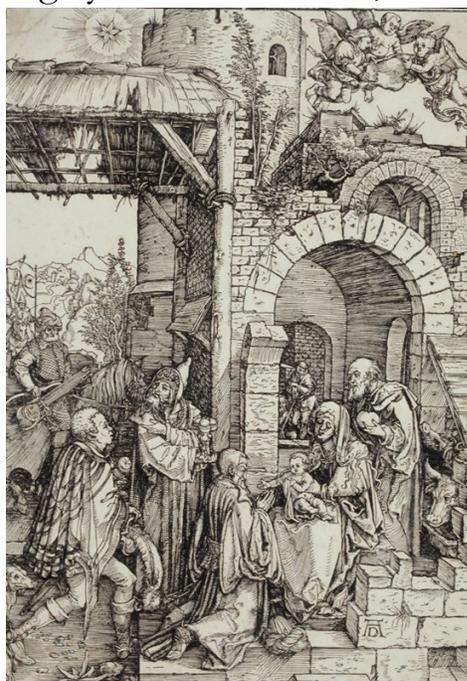


St. Thomas Episcopal Church

50 E. Bagley Road Berea, OH 44017



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 29 2023

10:30 AM

Rite II Holy Eucharist

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PRELUDE: Prelude on “Franconia”

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: “Tell Out My Soul” Hymn 438 Woodlands

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

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

People: **And Blessed be his Kingdom now and forever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant says:

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.**

It is customary to make the Sign of the Cross here. The Sign of the Cross is suggested at places marked with a ✝

THE GLORIA: Hymn 421, with an AMEN at the end

THE COLLECT:

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Micah 6:1-8

Reader: A reading from *Micah*

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;

and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you

but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader: The Word of the Lord

***People:* Thanks be to God**

PSALM

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Domine, quis habitabit?

1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?

**2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.**

3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

**4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the LORD.**

5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.

**6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**

7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

THE SECOND LESSON
A reading from 1 Corinthians

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord

***People:* Thanks be to God**

SEQUENCE HYMN: “Blest are the Pure in Heart” Hymn 656
(Verse 1 and 2 before the Gospel, verse 4 after)

Franconia

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

Deacon or Celebrant: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you

falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Deacon or Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

THE SERMON *The Rev. David R. Radzik*

THE NICENE CREED

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:

(At the italic words, it is traditional to bow in remembrance that God became truly human at Christ's incarnation)

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

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air. For those in missionary service, especially **Michelle Wood**; for those in military service, especially **David Brabson, Ryan Dawson, Robby Hartman, LTJG Stephanie Lasch, Annmarie Miller, Eli Modesitt, LTCDR John Toolis, and Blake Schwartz.** Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those celebrating a birthday, especially **Gloria Thomas.** *Are there any other prayers of thanksgiving?*
(pause)

Bless those celebrating an anniversary, and those expecting the gift and heritage of a child, especially **Morgan Childrey** and those recently born, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, for the suffering, and for the sick, especially: **Tom Doberling, Jane Macintosh, Kevin Flowers, Owen Ward, Carol Pozek, Peggy Ryel, Sandy Shoenfelt, Barb Pertz, Maryellen Maraldo, Kathy Everson, Frannie Millward, Tom Griffith, Dennis Braford, Lauren Isaac, Jan Jordan, Jude Swearingen, Bruce, Landyn Hill, Jan Staub, Rita, Rudy Capece, Linda Gulla, Clint Hist, Bill Hacker, Nellie Cooper, the McKinney Family, Tommy, Helen Depp, Clint Anderson, Christina, Lori Hobaty, Kayla, Anne Davis and Allison (Hennie) Janacek.**

Is there anyone you would like to remember? (pause)

For the recovering, including **Cherie Blanchard, Bill Kerbusch, Pat Shook, Carol Flowers, Marilyn Thomas, Mackenzie Shirilla, Gerald Gown, Mark Simon, Bart Hancock, Ginny Wehrenberg,** and those who are care givers, including **George D'Arras, Nancy Braford, and Donna Doberling,** let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

✝ For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

Defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us, O Lord, by your grace. *Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Thomas, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

GENERAL CONFESSION

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

Celebrant & 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 Priest stands and says:

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.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “These Three are the Treasures” Song of Lau Tsu

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

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.**

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,

People and Celebrant:

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.

COMMUNION HYMN: "Here, O My Lord" Hymn 318 *Nyack*
(Solo first verse, then all other verses with interludes in between)

After Communion, the Celebrant says: Let us pray.

Almighty and ever living 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 BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: "Help Us, O Lord" Hymn 628 St. Ethelwald

THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE: Postlude on "Ethelwald"

Serving this morning:

Celebrant: The Rev. David R. Radzick

Lay Reader: Joseph Allotta

Altar Guild: Laura Gaba and Barb Pertz

Bread: Etta Scheu

Flowers: Linda Kinsey

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Sick: Tom Doberling, Jane Macintosh, Kevin Flowers, Owen Ward, Carol Pozek, Peggy Ryel, Sandy Shoenfelt, Barb Pertz, Maryellen Maraldo, Kathy Everson, Frannie Millward, Tom Griffith, Dennis Braford, Lauren Isaac, Jan Jordan, Jude Swearingen, Bruce, Landyn Hill, Jan Staub, Rita, Rudy Capece, Linda Gulla, Clint Hist, Bill Hacker, Nellie Cooper, the McKinney Family, Tommy, Helen Depp, Clint Anderson, Christina, Lori Hobaty, Jay Murillo, Kayla, Anne Davis and Allison (Hennie) Janacek

Recovering: Cherie Blanchard, Bill Kerbusch, Pat Shook, Carol Flowers, Marilyn Thomas, Mackenzie Shirilla, Gerald Gown, Mark Simon, Bart Hancock, Ginny Wehrenberg

Caregivers: George D'Arras, Nancy Braford, and Donna Doberling

Pregnancies: Morgan Childrey

Birthdays: Gloria Thomas

Others: The Rosenkranz Family, The Suckart Family, Terri Depp, Christina Last, Chris Reinhart,

Karen, and Mary

Missionary Service: Michelle Wood

Military Service: David Brabson, Ryan Dawson, Robby Hartman, LTJG Stephanie Lasch, Annmarie Miller, Eli Modesitt, LTCDR John Toolis, and Blake Schwartz

Pray for the people worldwide suffering from devastating floods, famine, or lack of clean water, and pray for the victims of gun violence everywhere.

Pray for peace in Ukraine:

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DO YOU HAVE A PET? The bulletin board next to the office window will display photos of St. Thomas pets. Send your pet's pictures with pet or pets names with your name on the back of the picture or on a separate piece of paper. If more than one pet, please identify the breed so the correct name is on the picture. Photos may be sent to email bssngrif@yahoo.com or bring the picture into the office and put it in my mailbox as the **Vestry Clerk**. All pets are welcome!

THE BREAD BAKERS: are looking for bakers to join their team of volunteers. If you're interested, please contact Peggy Zambounis at 440-336-1682.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED in the church office to help maintain presence during the week and maintain the prayer list. Contact Fr. Dave if you are interested.

THE RED DOOR CAFÉ IS BACK: With the support of the Young Adult Outreach Task Force and the United Thank Offering (UTO) our parish is offering this ministry! The Red Door Cafe, a free pour-over coffee bar, is building stronger relationships between St. Thomas Episcopal Church and the Baldwin Wallace University community. The Red Door Cafe is open every Tuesday from 10 AM to 12 PM in front of our main entrance on Bagley Rd, which has heavy pedestrian traffic during school hours. If you love people and want to get to know our BW neighbors, this is a great opportunity! Talk to Fr. Dave if this ministry is of interest to you. We would love to include treats with the coffee, too!

COVID Protocol Changes: We have resumed offering the Precious Blood from the common cup. This represented an important turning point in the way in which our parish community is now addressing the COVID-19 Pandemic. Wearing masks is no longer compulsory. We encourage everyone to practice social distancing while seated in the church and ask that respect be afforded to those who continue to wear masks. Our mask policy can be changed at any time at my discretion based on the status of the Pandemic.

-In Christ, *The Rev. David R. Radzik, Rector*

