

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

50 E. Bagley Road † Berea, OH 44017



Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost November 19, 2023
9:30 AM Holy Eucharist

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Today's service music can be found in the Red Hymnal in the rack in front of you.

PRELUDE: Prelude on "Morning Song"

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: "Awake, Awake to Love and Work!" Hymn 9 *Morning Song*
(Verses 4, 5, and 6 only)

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.**

It is customary to make the Sign of the Cross here. Subsequent places where making the Sign of the Cross is appropriate will be marked with a ✝

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.**

GLORIA: S 280 *(The Hymnal 1982)*

THE COLLECT

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Judges 4:1-7

Reader: A reading from the book of Judges:

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’”

Reader: The Word of the Lord

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

Psalm 123 *(read responsively)*

Attendite, popule

1 To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, until he show us his mercy.

4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Reader: A Reading from Thessalonians

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

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

SEQUENCE HYMN: “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” Hymn 680
(Verses 1, 2, 3 and 4 before the Gospel, Verses 5 and 6 after)

St. Anne

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

Deacon or Celebrant: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

After a long time, the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

For reasonable 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 **Caleb, David Brabson, Ryan Dawson, Robby Hartman, Annmarie Miller, Eli Modesitt, LTCDR John Toolis, Blake Schwartz and Jimmy Loder**. Let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

Bless those celebrating a birthday, or an anniversary, especially **Len and Gloriann Rota**. Let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

And for those expecting the gift and heritage of a child, especially **Erin Toolis, and Betsy Toolis**. *Are there any other prayers of thanksgiving?* (pause) 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: **Gloria Thomas, Spencer Griffith, Leigh Carver, Shelley Armstrong, Linda, Matt Carlsen, Gabrielle Johnson, Mark, Kirsten Lisi, Carol Oswald, Rose Cansler, Ellie, Jane Macintosh, Evelyn & Churchill Ward, Roanne Lisi, Alicia Glynn, Chris Slager, Alma Stoica, Brian Smith, Reva Telfer, Krista Lisi, John Willis, Lynn, Mitchell Stowell, the Katricak Family, Bob Modesitt, Kevin Flowers, Owen Ward, Carole Pozek, Peggy Ryel, Sandy Shoenfelt, 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, Robert Yates Charles Beck, Will Stocker, and those who are suffering from the Tuscarawas Valley School bus crash.** *Is there anyone you would like to remember?* (pause)

For the recovering, including **Mary Lee Stowell, Jim Blanca, Cherie Blanchard, Gerald Gown, Mark Simon, Jay Murillo, and Sue Butz**; and those who are care givers, including **George D'Arras and Nancy Braford**, 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, especially **Florence Mayer and Jan Staub**, 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 CONFESSIO

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.*

THE PEACE

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people:

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

OFFERTORY: "Signs of Ending All Around Us" (WLP 721) *ton-y-Botel*

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 to 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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

THE SANCTUS

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(The Hymnal 1982)

Then the Celebrant continues:

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again, you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor, he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose, he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People:

We praise You, we bless You, we give thanks to You, and we pray to You, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who minister in your Church, especially Bishop Anne.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary and Blessed Joseph, with the patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, St. Thomas and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **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: “Day by Day” Hymnal #654 *Summer*
(Solo first time through, with interludes between repetitions after)

Day by day, dear Lord of Thee three things I pray: To see Thee more clearly,
 Love Thee more dearly, follow Thee more nearly, day by day.

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: “Come, Labor On” Hymn 541 *Ora Labora*

POSTLUDE: Postlude on “*Ora Labora*”

PLEASE WATCH YOUR HOME MAIL!

Stewardship letters were sent in the mail the beginning of this past week. Please read through the documents, and prayerfully consider your giving for 2024. We will dedicate these offerings to God during the service on Sunday, Dec. 3rd.

SERVING THIS MORNING:

Preacher: *The Rev. David R. Radzik*

Chalice Bearer: *Peggy Zambounis*

Lay Reader: *Carl Schen*

Altar: *Mary Lee Stowell*

Flowers: *Julie Kalbrunner*

Musicians: *The Choir, Sue Griffith and Kira Seaton*

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

SUNDAY	11/19	Choir Rehearsal- Chapel - 11am
MONDAY	11/20	Alcoholics Anonymous-Harkess Hall, 7-9pm
THURSDAY	11/23	Thanksgiving
SUNDAY	11/26	Choir Rehearsal-Harkess Hall 9am Worship-Chapel 9:30am Choir Rehearsal- Chapel - 11:00am

This Week's Announcements

THE RED DOOR CAFÉ IS BACK: 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 10am to 12pm in front of our main entrance on Bagley Rd, which has heavy pedestrian traffic during school hours. Talk to Fr. Dave if this ministry is of interest to you. We would love to include treats with the coffee, too!

THE VETERANS' LUNCHEON: The luncheon will be cancelled through to the end of 2023. We will look into the viability of this ministry in the New Year. If you can help with, please contact Fr. David Radzik.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED in the church office to help maintain presence during week, maintain sick list, and assist with parish bulletin. Contact Fr. Dave if you're interested.

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

Upcoming Thanksgiving News

People's Community Church, 631 N. Rocky River Drive in Berea, is jumping into service during the week of Thanksgiving!

On **Thanksgiving Eve Wednesday, Nov. 22nd,** People's will host the Community Thanksgiving Service at 6pm. Folks interested in participating in the mass choir, please come at 5pm to practice. Bring non-perishable food for the offering in-gathering.

On **Thanksgiving Day,** People's Church will be the home of a **FREE** Drive-up Thanksgiving Meal for those in need. Pick-up 11-am-1pm in the church parking lot, People's Church is partnering with Berea City Club and TEAMZ Restaurant & Bar to make this happen. If you would like to help, or if you or someone you know would welcome a free meal, please call 440-234-0609 before Nov. 17th.



IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Caregivers: George D'Arras and Nancy Braford

Anniversaries: Len & Gloriann Rota

Expecting the Gift of a Child: Erin Toolis, Betsy Toolis

Pray for the Repose of the soul of: Florence Mayer and Jan Staub

Missionary Service: Michelle Wood

Military Service: David Brabson, Ryan Dawson, Robby Hartman, Annmarie Miller, Eli Modesitt, John Toolis, Blake Schwartz, Jimmy Loder, and Caleb.

Others: Amy Toolis, The Rosenkranz Family, The Suckart Family, Terri Depp, Christina Last, Chris Reinhart, Karen, and Mary

Sick and Suffering: Gloria Thomas, Spencer Griffith, Leigh Carver, Shelley Armstrong, Linda, Matt Carlsen, Gabrielle Johnson, Mark, Kirsten Lisi, Carol Oswald, Rose Cansler, Ellie, Jane Macintosh, Evelyn & Churchill Ward, Roanne Lisi, Alicia Glynn, Chris Slager, Alma Stoica, Brian Smith, Reva Telfer, Krista Lisi, John Willis, Lynn, Mitchell Stowell, the Katricak Family, Bob Modesitt, Kevin Flowers, Owen Ward, Carole Pozek, Peggy Ryel, Sandy Shoenfelt, 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, Robert Yates, Charles Beck, Will Stocker, and those who are suffering from the Tuscarawas Valley School bus crash

Recovering: Mary Lee Stowell, Jim Blanca, Cherie Blanchard, Gerald Gowern, Mark Simon, Jay Murillo, Sue Butz

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

Pray for peace in Israel, Gaza, and 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.