

# St. Thomas Episcopal Church

50 E. Bagley Road † Berea, OH 44017



**Fourth Sunday of Easter**                      **April 21, 2024**  
**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 “*Land of Rest*”

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

**OPENING HYMN:** “I Come with Joy” Hymn 304 *Land of Rest*  
(Verses 1, 4, and 5)

## 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 COLLECT FOR THE DAY

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Acts 4:5-12*

*Reader:* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the

prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?"

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* Thanks be to God

**PSALM 23**      *(read in unison)*

*Dominus regit me*

**1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.**

**2 He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

**3 He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**

**4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

**5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**

**6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**THE SECOND LESSON**

*1 John 3:16-24*

*Reader:* A Reading from John

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

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

**SEQUENCE HYMN:** “Christ is Made” Hymn 518 *Westminster Abbey*  
(Verses 1, 2 and 3 before the Gospel reading, Verse 4 after)

### **THE GOSPEL**

*John 10:11-18*

*Deacon or Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel according to John

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

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

*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.

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP Form III)**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

### **CONCLUDING COLLECT:**

*Officiant:*

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart [and especially the hearts of the people of this land], that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

*(Names of parishioners & friends on our prayer list are on the last page of the bulletin)*

## 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 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

*The Celebrant says to the people:*

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

*People:* **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY HYMN: “Shepherd Me, O God” (*Psalm 23*)  
(*from Psalms for all Seasons*)

*Marty Haugen*

## 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      S 128**

*(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.**

**THE FRACTION ANTHEM**

**S 155**

*(The Hymnal 1982)*

**COMMUNION HYMN: “Here, O My Lord”**

Hymn 318

*Nyack*

*(Verse one as solo, all other verses with possible interludes between verses)*



*After Communion, the Celebrant says:* Let us pray.

**ALL:** 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:** “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” Hymn 664 *Resignation*

## DISMISSAL

**POSTLUDE:** “Monk’s Gate” (Hymn 478)

### **SERVING THIS MORNING :**

**Preacher:** *The Rev. David R. Radzik*      **Chalice Bearer:** *Deacon Barbara Telfer*  
**Lay Reader:** *Tim Gilles*      **Altar:** *Julie Kalbrunner*  
**Bread:** *Nancy Braford*      **Flowers:** *Barb Emigh*      **Musicians:** *The Choir*

### **WEEKLY CALENDAR:**

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| <b>SUNDAY</b><br>4/21   | Sunday Worship in the Chapel - 9:30am<br>Fireside Chat and Coffee Hour - Harkess Hall after worship                                    |
| <b>MONDAY</b><br>4/22   | Alcoholics Anonymous -Harkess Hall, (7-9pm)                                                                                            |
| <b>THURSDAY</b><br>4/25 | AA/Bluebook - Harkess Hall, (7-9pm)                                                                                                    |
| <b>SATURDAY</b><br>4/27 | Plant Sale and Church Workday – 9:00am to 2:00pm                                                                                       |
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br>4/28   | Choir Warm-up before service – 9:00am<br>Sunday Worship in the Chapel - 9:30am<br>Choir Rehearsal – in the Chapel after worship (11am) |

## **THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**APRIL 23 – TUESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST** at 12:00pm is on hiatus for this week only.

**PLANT SALE AND CHURCH WORKDAY is the NEXT SATURDAY:** Grab your work clothes and gloves and join us **April 27<sup>th</sup>** from 9am-2pm.

**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.

**THE RED DOOR CAFÉ IS BACK:** The Red Door Café takes place every Tuesday from 10am to 12pm in front of our main entrance on Bagley Rd, which has heavy pedestrian traffic during school hours. Help us get to know our BW neighbors, this is a great opportunity!

**VETERANS' LUNCHEON** news: We have suspended the Veteran's Luncheon temporarily as we continue the search for a Coordinator for this very popular outreach. If you can help with this once-per-month activity, please contact Fr. David Radzik.

## **WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOUR HELP!**

*Please take a look at the Prayer List on the next page, and let us know the status of our prayer recipients?*

*We understand that there are folks who need to have prayer over the long-term. But this ministry works best when our prayers are informed and timely, and it is easier to invest in people as we know how we can help!*

In our continuing search for ways to care for our church community, we invite you to let us know of people in your lives who might benefit from cards and prayers.

As we reach out to those who God has put in our path, please consider not only updating us on your existing prayer concerns, but also let us know if there are others who might benefit from a card or inclusion on our prayer list.

Prayer list requests can be sent via email to Dave Frazier at [frazida@gmail.com](mailto:frazida@gmail.com).

Every week members and friends of our church family will be selected as card recipients; it is amazing how receiving a card in the mail can brighten someone's day!

Our recipients for the next few weeks are:

Charles and Marilyn Glass  
10412 Leawood Oval, Strongsville, OH 44136-8832

Ellen Herron  
19290 Trillium Trail, Strongsville, OH 44149



**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

**Caregivers:** George D'Arras and Nancy Braford

**Birthdays:** Lynn Vincent, Brian Telfer, Sally Ebersole, Marilyn Thomas, William Hacker, Clint Hist

**Expecting the Gift of a Child:** Caroline Renzenbrink

**Missionary:** Michelle Wood & **Military Service:** David Brabson, Ryan Dawson, Robby Hartman, Annmarie Miller, Eli Modesitt, John Toolis, Blake Schwartz, Jimmy Loder, Caleb Jones, and Maria Estrada.

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

**Sick and Suffering:** Phyllis Hall, Owen Heller, Sue Butz, Gloriann Rota, Heather Flowers, Carol Flowers, Spencer Griffith, Linda, Matt Carlsen, Gabrielle Johnson, Mark, Kirsten Lisi, Carol Oswald, Ellie, Jane Macintosh, Evelyn & Churchill Ward, Roanne Lisi, Alicia Glynn, Chris Slager, Alma Stoica, Brian Smith, Reva Telfer, Krista Lisi, John Willis, Lynn, 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, Rita, Rudy Capece, Linda Gulla, Clint Hist, Bill Hacker, Nellie Cooper, the McKinney Family, Tommy, Helen Depp, Clint Anderson, Christina, Lori Hobaty, Robert Yates and Charles Beck.

**Recovering:** Tony Domenick, David Zambounis, Shelly Campbell, Jim Blanca, Gerald Gown, Mark Simon, Jay Murillo

**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.