

# St. Thomas Episcopal Church

50 E. Bagley Road † Berea, OH 44017



**Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost      October 13, 2024**

**10:00 AM      Holy Eucharist Rite II**

**The Rt. Reverend Anne Jolly, Bishop**

**Serving Today: Reverend James Kulma**

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

PRELUDE

*Jim Kulma, musician*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

TRANSITION PRAYER FOR ST. THOMAS

*Senior Warden*

**All:** Almighty God, look graciously on all of us here at St. Thomas during this time of transition. Be with us and lead us as we seek the next rector for our church. We ask your direction and guidance for all the individuals that will step up to be part of the search committee here, so that they will choose the right spiritual leader for this parish. We pray we receive an upright and faithful priest, who will care for your people, and equip us for our ministries. Grant us perception, faithfulness and joy, so that we may hear your voice in all our deliberations. Grant us also the desire and the ability to truly hear each other and those who have entrusted us with this process. Give us courage to respond and act as you lead us. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN: "Father All Loving"

Hymn 568

*Was lebet*

*(All Four Verses)*

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 278

*Red Hymnal*

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Amos 5:6-7,10-15*

*Reader:* A reading from Amos

Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.

For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.

Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said.

Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

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

## PSALM 90:12-17 (*read responsively*) *Domine, refugium*

12 So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

**13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? be gracious to your servants.**

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

**15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us and the years in which we suffered adversity.**

16 Show your servants your works and your splendor to their children.

**17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Hebrews 4:12-16*

*Reader:* A Reading from Hebrews.

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

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

**SEQUENCE HYMN:** “O, For a Closer Walk With God” Hymn 684  
*(Verses One and Two before the Gospel, Verse Three After)*

*Caithness*

## THE GOSPEL

*Mark 10:17-31*

*read by Deacon Barb Telfer*

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

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

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’”

He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

*Deacon or Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord  
*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ

**SEQUENCE HYMN (reprise):** “O, For a Closer Walk With God” Hymn 684 *Caithness*  
(*Verses three only*)

## THE SERMON

*The Rev. James Kulma*

## 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 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; especially those on our parish list. We raise them up to You, O Lord, and place them in our hearts this week;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Marilyn Nisius.  
**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:**

#### ***Celebrant:***

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.**

### **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.**

***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.

**All: 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:**

“God Has Smiled On Me”

(LEVAS 52, *Jones*)

**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**

*(Red Hymnal)*

*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**

*(Red Hymnal)*

**COMMUNION HYMN: “Day By Day”**

Hymn 654

*Summer*

*(Repeat verse in between instrumental interludes)*

*“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.

**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:** “O Jesus, I Have Promised” Hymn 655 *Nyland*

## DISMISSAL

**POSTLUDE:** Fantasy on *Caithness*

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### SERVING THIS MORNING :

**Preacher:** *The Rev. Jim Kulma*

**Deacon:** *Barbara Telfer*

**Lay Reader:** *Lorrie Beatty*

**Altar:** *Barb Pertz*

**Flowers:** *Linda Kinsey*

**Musicians:** *The Choir*

### WEEKLY CALENDAR:

<b>SUNDAY 10/13</b>	Holy Eucharist in the Chapel – <b>10:00 am</b>
<b>MONDAY 10/14</b>	Alcoholics Anonymous -Harkess Hall, (7-9pm)
<b>THURSDAY 10/17</b>	AA/Bluebook - Harkess Hall, (7-9pm)
<b>SUNDAY 10/20</b>	Choir Rehearsal before the service – 9:15am Sunday Worship in the Chapel – <b>10:00 am</b> <b>Choir rehearsal following Worship</b>

### IN THE NEWS

**HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II, October 13th.** The **Reverend Jim Kulma** is our officiant this morning, assisted by Deacon Barb Telfer.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY HURRICANES HELENE AND MILTON.** In addition to your prayers, please consider a donation to Episcopal Relief and Development. Giving to the Hurricane Relief Fund helps the greater Episcopal Church partners and dioceses reach vulnerable communities devastated by hurricanes and other catastrophic storms. As we continue to assess ongoing needs in impacted areas, your urgent gifts will enable us to respond now-and in the long run to aid in recovery.

**Wii BOWLING!** All are invited to the St. Thomas Wii Bowling event that kicked off on Friday night **October 11, 2024, at 7:30 pm in Harkess Hall. A great time was had by all!** **Plan to join us every Friday night** through November 22, 2024. Bring a friend and have some fun. No bowling or Wii experience necessary.

**LAY READERS NEEDED:** If you are interested in joining the lay reader ministry, please contact Carl Scheu at (440) 292-7189 or send an email to [thrud62@yahoo.com](mailto:thrud62@yahoo.com).

## **DIOCESAN CONVENTION NOVEMBER 8-9, PERRYSBURG, OHIO:**

You're Invited! Convention is for everyone! In addition to the meaningful and essential work of the delegates regarding diocesan business and elections, we are creating a joyful space for engaging in collective worship, fostering congregational development, and creating and strengthening relationships and camaraderie in our diocese. The convention is in Perrysburg, Ohio on November 8-9. If you are interested in attending, contact Senior Warden Sue Griffith by calling **216-978-4899** or e-mailing [bssngrif@yahoo.com](mailto:bssngrif@yahoo.com).

### **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE RED DOOR CAFÉ is open for business!** This is St. Thomas' outreach to the Baldwin Wallace University campus community. Pour-over coffee, tea, and conversation are served up on **Tuesdays from 10 AM to Noon** with Deacon Barb and her faithful volunteers engaging with BW students and passer-by spreading love, hope, and the invitation to join us at St. Thomas. And as always, taking prayer requests.

**AS WE TRANSITION** into the next phase of life at St. Thomas, Senior Warden Sue Griffith is always available for consultation, to listen to concerns or ideas, and to be a conduit for information between the congregation and those serving you. She can be reached by calling **216-978-4899** or e-mailing at [bssngrif@yahoo.com](mailto:bssngrif@yahoo.com).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** in the church office to help maintain presence during the week, maintain sick list, and assist with parish bulletin. Contact Senior Warden Sue Griffith 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.

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**PLEASE REVIEW the Prayer List on the last page of the bulletin, so we can better serve our community in prayer. You can assist us by checking the names on the list and giving us an update, so we can best direct our intentions and prayers. Thank you in advance for your support and assistance with this important ministry.**

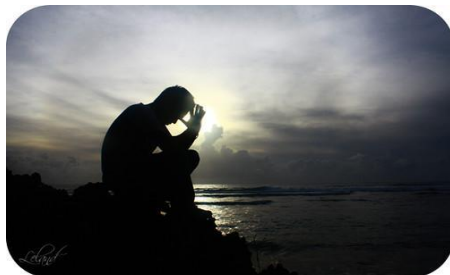
We invite you to let us know of people who might benefit from cards and prayers. Prayer list requests can be sent via email to [prayerlist@stthomaschurch-berea.org](mailto:prayerlist@stthomaschurch-berea.org).

Every month, a new set of members or 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!

### **CARD RECIPIENTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2024:**

**Spencer Griffith**      3000 Brookpark Rd #9, Cleveland, OH 44134  
**Shelly Campbell**      10756 Meadow Trail, Strongsville, OH 44149

## IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:



*“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.” Colossians 4:2*

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

**Birthdays:** Nancy Braford, Jessica Suckart

**Anniversaries:** Mark & Rachael Simon, Patrick & Michelle Lawson-Brown, Tim & Anita Cooper

**Missionary Service:** 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.

**Sick and Suffering:** Brenna, Dan Skjei, Phyllis Hall, Tammy Pletcher, John Staub, Bev Smith, Gary Carlsen, Carol Flowers, Spencer Griffith, Evelyn & Churchill Ward, Alma Stoica, John Willis, Sandy Shoefeldt, Tom Griffith, Dennis Braford, Clint Hist, Bill Hacker, Nellie Cooper, Clint Anderson.

**Recovering:** Ed McTernan, Jane Macintosh, Heather Flowers, Gerald Gower, Mark Simon, Shelly Campbell.

**Pray for those** worldwide suffering from devastating fires, tornados, hurricanes, floods, famine, earthquakes, volcano eruptions, extreme heat or lack of clean water, and pray for the victims of gun violence everywhere. Special prayers for victims of Helene and Milton.

**Pray for peace in the Middle East, 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.**