

# St. Thomas Episcopal Church

50 E. Bagley Road † Berea, OH 44017



**Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost      October 27, 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:** "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus" Hymn 460  
*(Verses One, Three, Four and Five)*

*Hyfrodol*

**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.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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

*Job 42:1-6, 10-17*

*Reader:* A reading from Job

Job answered the LORD:

“I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’

Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me,  
which I did not know.

‘Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.’

I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you;  
therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”

And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job’s daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children’s children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

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

**PSALM 34:1-8, (19-22)** (*read responsively*)

*Benedicam Dominum*

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall ever be in my mouth.

**2 I will glory in the LORD; let the humble hear and rejoice.**

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt His Name together.

**4 I sought the LORD, and He answered me and delivered me out of all my terror.**

5 Look upon Him and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

**6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.**

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, and he will deliver them.

**8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who trust in him!**

19 [Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.

**20 He will keep safe all his bones; not one of them shall be broken.**

21 Evil shall slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

**22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, and none will be punished who trust in him.]**

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Hebrews 7:23-28*

*Reader:* A Reading from Hebrews.

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

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

**SEQUENCE HYMN:** “Amazing Grace”

Hymn 671

*New Britain*

*(Verse One through Three before the gospel, and Verse Four after the reading)*

## THE GOSPEL

*Mark 10:46-52*

*The Rev. James Kulma*

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

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

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.”

And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.”

So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.

Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN (reprise): “Amazing Grace” Hymn 671 *New Britain*  
(Verse Four 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:** “Just When I Need Him Most” (Gabriel, LEVAS 82)

1. *Just when I need Him, Jesus is near, just when I falter, just when I fear, ready to help me, ready to cheer*
  2. *Just when I need Him, Jesus is true, never forsaking all the way through, giving, for burdens, pleasures anew*
  3. *Just when I need Him, Jesus is strong, bearing my burdens all the day long, for all my sorrows giving a song,*
  4. *Just when I need Him, He is my all, answering when upon Him I call, tenderly watching lest I should fall.*
- Chorus: Just when I need Him most.*

## 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: “Surely It is God Who Saves Me”**                      Hymn 679                      *Thomas Merton*

**DISMISSAL**

**POSTLUDE:** “Merton”

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**SERVING THIS MORNING :**

*Preacher: The Rev. Jim Kulma*  
*Lay Reader: Michael Strama*  
*Flowers: Barb Emigh*

*Chalice Bearer: Peggy Zambounis*  
*Altar: Anita Cooper*  
*Musicians: The Choir*

**WEEKLY CALENDAR:**

<b>SUNDAY 10/27</b>	Holy Eucharist in the Chapel – <b>10:00 am</b> <b>Fireside Chat &amp; Coffee Hour – Harkess Hall</b> ifollowing worship
<b>MONDAY 10/28</b>	Alcoholics Anonymous -Harkess Hall, (7-9pm)
<b>THURSDAY 10/31</b>	AA/Bluebook - Harkess Hall, (7-9pm)
<b>FRIDAY 11/1</b>	Wii BOWLING – Harkess Hall 7:30 pm
<b>SUNDAY 11/3</b>	Choir Rehearsal before the service – 9:15am Holy Eucharist in the Chapel – <b>10:00 am</b> <b>Choir rehearsal following Worship</b>

**IN THE NEWS**

**OUR SERVICE today will be followed by a Fireside chat.** Stay and enjoy a coffee hour time and some great updates!

**DEACON BARB TELFER** is recovering from a bad fall. We are praying for her swift recovery. Let her know you're thinking of her by dropping a card or note of good healing wishes to her at 4619 Hickory Ridge, Brunswick, OH 44212.

**ARE YOU SERVICE MINDED? DO YOU ASPIRE TO HELP OTHERS?** Consider becoming a member of the **ST. THOMAS VESTRY**. If you would like more information about the open vestry position, please contact Senior Warden Sue Griffith at **216-978-4899** or e-mailing [bssngrif@yahoo.com](mailto:bssngrif@yahoo.com).

**ST. THOMAS YOUTH GROUP** will attend Holy Eucharist together this Sunday Oct. 27, and have a one-hour meeting right after worship. Contact [Roanne Lisi](#) with any questions.

**Wii BOWLING CONTINUES!** All are invited to St. Thomas Wii Bowling **every Friday night AT 7:30 PM in Harkess Hall** through November 22, 2024. Bring a friend and have some fun. No bowling or Wii experience necessary.

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

You're Invited! Convention is for everyone! 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**

**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).

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY HURRICANES HELENE AND MILTON.** In addition to your prayers, please consider a donation to Episcopal Relief and Development; **Hurricane Relief Fund**. Your urgent gifts will enable us to respond now-and in the long run to aid in recovery.

**THE RED DOOR CAFÉ is open for business!** This is St. Thomas' outreach to the Baldwin Wallace campus community. Pour-over coffee, tea, and conversation are served up on **Tuesdays from 10 AM to Noon**, engaging with BW students and passer-by spreading love, hope, and an invitation to 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, check the names on the list and give 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.**

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!

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

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

**Card Recipients for October:**

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

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

**Birthdays:** Randy Molmen, Thomas Skjei, Marcie Hist

**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:** Kevin Flowers, Winnie Dortch, 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 Shoenfelt, Tom Griffith, Clint Hist, Bill Hacker, Nellie Cooper, Clint Anderson, Alison Griffith

**Recovering:** Deacon Barb Telfer, Dennis Braford, 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.**