

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

50 E. Bagley Road , Berea, OH 44017



Palm Sunday **April 13, 2025**
10:00 AM **Holy Eucharist – Rite II**

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THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

PROCESSION OF PALMS

Weather permitting, the congregation will gather in the foyer outside the chapel. At the appropriate time, the Presider will lead the congregation out the glass doors adjacent to the Chapel, processing down the sidewalk to Seminary St. and around to Bagley Rd, coming up to the Red Doors of the Chapel, so that all may go into the church in procession. Congregants that choose not to walk the path are invited to sit in the Chapel during the processional.

***CHORAL INTROIT:** (In the hallway) Hosanna Filio David

Presider: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Presider: Let us pray:

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Presider: A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

Luke 19:28-40

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"

So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider: It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Presider: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Hosanna in the Highest!**

Deacon: Let us go forth in peace

People: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

(Please follow the choir as they lead us around to the Chapel.)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: “All Glory, Laud and Honor” Hymn 154 *Valet will ich dir geben*

COLLECT: Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT:

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Reader: *A reading for the Book of Isaiah*

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning, he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards.

I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore, I have not been disgraced; therefore, I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me. Who will declare me guilty?

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL PSALM: Psalm 31: 9-16 "Have Mercy on Me, O God" - Bruce E. Ford

Sung Refrain (Choir): Have mercy on me, O God.

Sung Refrain (All): Have mercy on me, O God.

Solo: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

Refrain (All): Have mercy on me, O God.

Solo: I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; when they see me in the street, they avoid me. I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.

Refrain (All): Have mercy on me, O God.

Solo: For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
They put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, "You are my God".

Refrain (All): Have mercy on me, O God.

Solo: My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me. Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and in your loving-kindness, save me.

Refrain (All): Have mercy on me, O God.

NEW TESTAMENT **Philippians 2:5-11**

Reader: *A reading from Paul's letter to the Phillipians*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form, he humbled himself, and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess,
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN "My Song is Love Unknown" Hymn 458 *Love Unknown*
(Verses One and Two before the Gospel, Verse Seven after)

THE PASSION GOSPEL *Luke 22:14-23:56*
(Please join us in the reading handed out before the beginning of service)

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: Glory to You, O Lord

SEQUENCE HYMN (reprise) "My Song is Love Unknown" Hymn 458 *Love Unknown*
(Verse Seven)

THE SERMON *Deacon Barbara Telfer*

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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 p. 385 - Form II)

Spoken and silent prayer as led by the Lay Leader.

Start off with singing once through the prayer response below, and repeat as listed.

Sung Prayer Response:

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Lay Leader: “I ask for your prayers for God’s people throughout the world; for our Bishop Anne, for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church”

Instrumental music in the silence or prayers offered out loud.

Lay Leader: “I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.”

Response - All: There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for You to reveal Yourself to us
There is a longing in our hearts for love, we only find in You, our God

Lay Leader: “I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble, including those on our Parish list.”

Instrumental music in the silence or prayers offered out loud.

Lay Leader: “I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of Him. Pray that they may find and be found by Him”

Response: **There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for You to reveal Yourself to us
There is a longing in our hearts for love, we only find in You, our God**

Lay Leader: “I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Instrumental music in the silence or prayers offered out loud.

Lay Leader: “I ask your prayers of thanksgiving”

Lay Leader: “Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.”

Response: **There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for You to reveal Yourself to us
There is a longing in our hearts for love, we only find in You, our God.**

*The **Presider** adds a concluding Collect after the response.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

Presider and 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.**

Presider:

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.

People: Amen.

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

All stand. The Presider says to the people:

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

People: And with thy spirit.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

“Lamb of God Most Holy”

Decius-Marie Pooler

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing.

Presider: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS: S 129

Then the Presider continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to 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.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Presider:

**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 Presider lifts the elements and bows)

THE FRACTION ANTHEM: S 163

Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation:

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Presider receives the Sacrament in both kinds, then serves the Chancel Personnel. The people are welcome to then come to the rail for Communion, or to tell the ushers if they will need to have communion brought to them.

COMMUNION HYMN: “Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured” Hymn 313 *Jesus, meine Zuversicht*

Presider: Let us pray.

All: *Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Presider: Almighty God, we pray you to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

CLOSING HYMN: “At the Name of Jesus” Hymn 435 *King’s Weston*

THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE: *Postlude on King’s Weston*

SERVING on PALM SUNDAY:

Presider: *Father Dawson Moorer*

Lay Reader: *Carole Flowers*

Altar: *Julie Kalbrunner*

Chalice Bearer: *Deacon Barb Telfer*

Bread Baker: *Peggy Zambounis*

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

SUNDAY	04/13	Palm Sunday Worship in the 1893 Sanctuary 10:00am ECW meeting immediately after worship in Harkess Hall Choir Rehearsal immediately following service in Chapel
MONDAY	04/14	Alcoholics Anonymous in Harkess Hall, (7-9pm)
MAUNDY THURSDAY	04/17	Agape Meal 6pm Choir warm-up at 6:15pm Holy Eucharist in the 1893 Sanctuary 7pm AA/Bluebook in Harkess Hall, (8pm) Short choral rehearsal after service
GOOD FRIDAY	04/18	Cross Walk at BW Chapel 12:00pm Choir warmup at 6:15

		Solemn Liturgy in 1893 Sanctuary 7:00pm
EASTER SUNDAY	04/20	Choir Warm-up before service – 9:00am EASTER SUNDAY Worship in the 1893 Sanctuary– 10:00am

IN THE NEWS

EASTER FLOWERS: We are now taking orders for Easter flowers to fill the sanctuary. This is a perfect time to remember parents and family members or to honor special people. Order forms are attached to this bulletin or on the table outside the chapel. Orders are due by today, Sunday, April 13th. The cost is \$25 per plant. Please include your completed form and payment for the flowers in the offering plate or drop off in the church office.

MEGAN DENMAN AND THERESA MAY IN RECITAL. St. Thomas Alumni trumpeter Theresa May, and wonderful pianist Megan Denman will present a concert and Media Show at Cuyahoga Community College, Western Campus on **Saturday, April 19 at 4pm,** in the Western Campus Theatre, 11000 Pleasant Valley Road, Parma.. Frequent soloists and collaborators nationally, Theresa and Megan have brought together a multi-media and eclectic music program. **Tickets to the Concert will be available on-line at EventBrite, and also at the door for \$15.00. Proceeds will go toward the Tri-C Chorale Fund for the trip to Ireland this June.**

ECW MEETING: The Episcopal Church Women’s group will meet following the April 13th Palm Sunday service in Harkess Hall. All women of the church are invited to join this short meeting to plan summer and fall events.

MAUNDY THURSDAY MEAL, APRIL 17th:

Join us for the Agape Meal before our Maundy Thursday service on April 17. The dinner begins at 6 PM in Harkess Hall. Lentil soup, unleavened bread, cheese, olives, dried, fruit and grape juice will be served. The Maundy Thursday service follows at 7 PM in the chapel. Sign up for the meal is on the office window along with donation envelopes for the meal. Special thanks to Anita Cooper for organizing the meal. Helpers are welcome!

THE RED DOOR CAFÉ IS open for business for the Spring term at BWU! 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, we gather prayer requests.

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.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED in the church office to help maintain presence during the week, maintain sick list, and assist with parish bulletin. Contact Senior Warden Lorrie Beatty by calling 216-215-7111 or e-mailing at ltbeatty@gmail.com if you are interested.

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AS ALWAYS, Senior Warden Lorrie Beatty seeks input, feedback, and ideas to help St. Thomas thrive. Communication between congregants, vestry members, and Father Dawson is crucial at this time of growth and change. An open dialog with clear and concise exchange of ideas, thoughtful planning, and a shared vision for the future of St. Thomas are important components of a successful rector search and a fulfilling parish life. Lorrie is available during the day at 216-215-7111 or anytime by email ltbeatty@gmail.com.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

"Do not be anxious about anything but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God". Philippians 4:6-7

Caregivers: George D'Arras, Nancy Braford, and Tom Griffith

Missionary Service: Michelle Wood

Birthdays: Carole Flowers, Carole Pozek, Debra Eschenauer, Isabella Brown, Kash Childrey

Anniversaries: Ron and Marilyn Thomas

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: Heather Flowers, Kevin Flowers, Brenna, Dan Skjei, Phyllis Hall, Tammy Pletcher, Bev Smith, Carole Flowers, Spencer Griffith, Evelyn & Churchill Ward, Alma Stoica, John Willis, Sandy Shoenfelt, Clint Hist, Bill Hacker, Nellie Cooper, Clint Anderson, Alison Griffith, Jay Murillo, Thor Kerbusch, Sue Zimdars, Marilyn Thomas, Reva Telfer, Mary Brown, Father Dawson, and Christine Phillips.

Recovering: John Staub, Dennis Braford, Gerald Gown, Carole Strama, Shelley Campbell and Carole Pozek.

Deceased: Linda Forster

Pray for those: worldwide suffering from disease, devastating fires, tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, famine, earthquakes, volcano eruptions, extreme heat or lack of clean water, and pray for the victims of gun violence everywhere.

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.**

BLESSINGS AND PRAYER CARDS:

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! Please let us know if there is someone to whom you would like us to send cards or lift up in prayer.

For April 2025:

Carole Pozek 36 Parkway, Olmsted Falls, OH 44138

Evelyn and Churchill Ward 24 Coventry Court, Olmsted Falls, OH 44138

The Good Friday Offering

Episcopalians are invited to enhance their Good Friday devotion by attending a performance of sacred music devoted to this solemn day.

The concert is being given in support of the Good Friday Offering, which assists churches, medical programs, and schools in the Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

The concert—an encore presentation recorded in the spring of 2024 at Christ and St. Luke's Church, Norfolk, in the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia—will air online at **noon and 7 p.m. ET April 18** on The Episcopal Church's [Facebook page](#) and [website](#). Viewers will have the opportunity to make donations to the offering during the event.

Through the years, many Episcopalians have found the Good Friday Offering to be an effective way to express their support for the ministries of the three dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Pastoral care, education and health care continue to be primary ministries through which the reconciling spirit of the Christian faith serves all in need. Participation in this ministry is welcome. The generous donations of Episcopalians help the Christian presence in the Land of the Holy One to be a vital and effective force for peace and understanding among all of God's children.

For 103 years, Episcopalians have generously shared their love, compassion, and financial gifts to support the ministry of the Anglican Communion Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. These gifts have made an astounding difference in the lives of many people in the homeland of Jesus and beyond. Check out our [history of the Good Friday Offering](#) to learn more about this life-changing ministry.



“This Lent, the need is almost unfathomable,” writes Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe in a letter to Episcopal churches. “We do not know what the political future of the Holy Land will be; but whatever the future, our siblings in Christ in The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East will continue to serve God’s people.”

“It is easy to feel powerless in the face of the human suffering we have witnessed in the Holy Land, but with a gift to the Good Friday Offering, we can help The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East turn despair into hope for thousands of God’s people across their region,” Bishop Rowe writes.

For more information, contact Archdeacon Paul Feheley, Middle East partnership officer, at pfeheley@episcopalchurch.org or (212) 716-6222.

Find information about ways to give and downloadable resources—in English, French, Mandarin, and Spanish—at iam.ec/goodfridayoffering.