St. Thomas Episcopal Church

50 E. Bagley Road ✝ Berea, OH 44017

All Saints Sunday ~ Holy Eucharist ~ Rite II
10:00 AM November 1, 2026

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EARLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Sue Griffith

WELCOME

PRAYER FOR ST. THOMAS

All: **Loving God, we come to you with hopeful hearts, seeking your guidance during this time of transition, as we search for our next rector. We especially lift up our search committee; grant them clarity and wisdom in their endeavors. May they, along with the entire congregation, know your presence throughout this journey. We thank you for the many blessings in our lives and for the leadership that has guided us over the years.**

God, we ask for a future priest with deep love for your people and the wisdom to prepare us for your ministries. May we be attuned to your voice in our deliberations. Grant us the courage to respond and act as you lead us. Let us be united in wisdom, compassion, and joy as we strive to fulfill your purpose. We pray this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE on "*Lasst uns erfreuen*"

(Please stand if you are able):

OPENING HYMN: "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" Hymn 618 *Lasst uns erfreuen*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION *(Stay standing, if you are able)*

Presider: Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.
People: **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. 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

Presider: 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.
ALL: **AMEN**.

Te Deum: "We Praise You *(see next page)*

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Presider: God be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

(Please be seated for the Readings)

THE FIRST LESSON

Lay Reader: A Reading from the book of Revelation **Revelation 7:9-17**

After this, I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count,
from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne
and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.
They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders
and the four living creatures,
and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power
and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
Then one of the elders addressed me, saying,
"Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?"
I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal;
they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
"For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Lay Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 34:1-10, 22 *(Read responsively by verse)* ***Benedicam Dominum***

Lay reader: Please read ALL verses into the microphone

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!
9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing.
10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants,
And none will be punished who trust in him.

THE SECOND LESSON

Lay Reader: A Reading from First John **1 John 3:1-3**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Lay Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand if you are able.)

SEQUENCE HYMN: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" Hymn 680 *St. Anne*
(Verses One, Two, and Three before the Gospel, Verse Six after the reading)

THE GOSPEL **Matthew 5:1-12** ***The Rev. Jim Kulma***

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, f
or theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven,
for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Presider: The Gospel of our Savior.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SEQUENCE HYMN REPRISE: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" Hymn 680 *St. Anne*
(Verses Six after the Gospel reading)

(Please be seated.)

THE SERMON ***The Rev. Jim Kulma***

(Please stand if you are able.)

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

The Presider may first address the people in these or similar words, all standing

Presider: Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, on this Holy Day, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Presider: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil
and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
People: **I do.**

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?
People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,**
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Presider: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?
People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?
People: **I will, with God's help.**

The Presider concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

Presider: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People: ***Amen.***

THE PEACE *All stand.*
Presider: The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

Please be seated for the Offertory

OFFERTORY: "Day of Arising" Palo Cherwiern Carl F. Schalk RAABE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer D

The people stand as the elements are brought forth. The Presider faces them and says:

Presider: God 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 our thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

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.

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The Presider continues

We acclaim you, holy God, 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 our 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.

Holy God, 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, Jesus 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 Jesus 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 Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfilment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for Jesus 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 Jesus 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 Jesus 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."

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's 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.

Presider and People:
We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Presider continues: God our Creator, 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 our Savior 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.

Lay Reader:
Remember Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Ann, our Bishop, and all who minister in your Church.
Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. Remember the poor, the sick, the hungry, the homeless, and those in prison.
Remember all who are oppressed because of their race, creed, gender, or sexual orientation.
Remember all whose lives are endangered by war.
Remember all who are on our prayer list. May we hold them in our hearts.
Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, especially_____ and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

Presider:
And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Blessed 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 Jesus Christ our Savior.

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.

People: ***AMEN***

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
(You are invited to pray the Lord's Prayer using the version dearest to your heart.)

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.***	**Our Father in heaven,** **Hallowed be your Name,** **Your kingdom come, Your will be** **done, On earth as in heaven.** **Give us today our daily bread.** **Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those** **who sin against us.** **Save us from the time of trial,** **and deliver us from evil.** **For the kingdom, the power,** **and the glory are yours,** **Now and forever.** ***Amen.***

FRACTION ANTHEM: S 169
Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation or similar words:

Presider: **The Gifts of God for the People of God**
The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.
The Bread and Cup are given to the communicants with these words:
Presider(s): The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven ***AMEN.***
The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation. ***AMEN.***

COMMUNION HYMN: "Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus" Hymn 336 *Werde munter*
Verse One is solo, with an interlude after the verse. You are invited to join in singing Verse Two before the dedication of the Eucharistic Ministers. After this, we will sing Verse Three)

HEALING PRAYERS, ANOINTING WITH OIL, AND LAYING-ON OF HANDS

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Presider: Let us pray.

ALL: **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

ALL SAINTS BLESSING:

Presider:

May Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate this festival of all the Saints, be now and evermore your guide and companion in the way. ***Amen.***

May God, who has bound us together in the company of the elect, in this age and the age to come, attend to the prayers of his faithful servants on your behalf, as he hears your prayers for them. ***Amen.***

May God, who has given us, in the lives of his saints, patterns of holy living and victorious dying, strengthen your faith and devotion, and enable you to bear witness to the truth against all adversity. ***Amen.***

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. ***Amen.***

CLOSING HYMN: "For All the Saints" Hymn Hymn 287 *Sine Nomine*
(Verses One, Two, Three and Four)

DISMISSAL:

POSTLUDE on "*Sine Nomine*"

SERVING ON SUNDAY, November 1st

Presider: *The Rev. Jim Kulma* ***Chalice Bearer:*** *Mary Lee Stowell*
Altar: *Etta Scheu* ***Lay Reader:*** *Joe Allotta*
Flowers: *Barb Emigh* ***Bread:*** *Etta Scheu*
Musicians: *Kira Seaton, Cantor Amanda Bosley, Rev. Jim Kulma, and Bassoonist Sue Griffith*

CALENDAR

SUNDAY 11/1	**10:00am HOLY EUCHARIST-RITE II All Saints Sunday Father Jim Kulma, Presider**
MONDAY 11/2	**Alcoholics Anonymous ~ Harkess Hall 7-9pm**
TUESDAY 11/3	**Alcoholics Anonymous ~ Harkess Hall 7-9pm**
THURSDAY 11/5	**AA/Bluebook ~ Harkess Hall 7-9pm**
SUNDAY 11/8	**10:00am HOLY EUCHARIST-RITE II Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost Father Jim Kulma, Presider**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear St. Thomas friends:

The diocese has informed us that, at this time, there are no viable candidates for the priest-in-charge position. Although this may be disappointing, we remain confident that the Holy Spirit is guiding the process and will bring the right person to us in time.

We have also been assured that, should our current priest leave for any reason, the diocese will provide a long-term supply priest. This will ensure that our parish continues to celebrate Holy Eucharist on a regular basis.

Let us remain faithful, patient and prayerful as we trust God's timing and guidance for our parish.

Sincerely, Linda Kinsey
Search Committee Chair

NEXT S.T.A.R. CONCERT IS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER, 12th:
Program to be announced but it's always top-notch entertainment! Watch this space for the lunch menu. It is not too early to make your reservation. Contact the church office at (440) 234-5241 or contact Julie Kalbrunner at (440) 220-2494.

HEALING SERVICE & PSALMS CLASS WILL RESUME NOVEMBER 17, 2026
Every Tuesday evening at 6:00 pm, Father Dawson Moorer presides over an expressive worship service that includes the Word of God, a Litany of Healing, Anointing, and the Holy Eucharist. **Discovering the Psalms class** follows at 7:00 pm.

COLUMBARIUM NICHES FOR SALE: Two blocks of four niches have been purchased (two extra niches are available for sale to parishioners). Are you interested in purchasing a niche for yourself and/or a family member; want to know more about obtaining a niche(s)? Please call the church office at 440-234-5241 for more information or send an email to churchoffice@stthomaschurch-berea.org. Always include your name, phone number, and good time to call you back if you leave a message.

COMING DECEMBER 5th: ECW WINTER TEA
There are still some open seats available. This is an equal opportunity tea, which means all genders (no exceptions) are welcome to attend! Join us at Miss Hickory's Team Room, on Mill Hollow Lane in Strongsville at 11:00 am. Attendees are responsible for the cost of their lunch. A sign-up sheet is on the Church office window.

AED TRAINING: St. Thomas is looking for 8 or more regular church attendees to join the training for use of the AED automated external defibrillator equipment, as well as CPR certification. Bruce McLaughlin has a list going, but would like to gain some more interested people.

About the Course:

Save lives by enrolling in CPR and AED training. The training covers breathing, cardiac, and first aid emergencies, ensuring proper response until professional help arrives.
Each class contains sections on CPR and AED procedures. The Red Cross has included intermittent practice quiz questions for the final written exam and a checklist for employers to use when administering a practical exam (required by OSHA), with questions preparing them for the exam.

Please sign up on the church office window if you are interested in becoming certified. If you have already visited with Bruce, he will add your names to the list – no need to sign up twice. Once a quorum is established, (8 people minimum), Bruce will figure out times that make sense to offer this important training. Open to St. Thomas and Elegance folks!

SENDING US A HEARTY "THANK-YOU"!!! Our sister church, All Saints Episcopal Church in Parma, has sent a big thank-you to St. Thomas for our donation of Halloween candy left from our "Trunk or Treat" for their "Trunk or Treat!" We sent over Halloween-decorated little "hugs", and Spider Tootsie Roll pops. All Saints had a very successful Trunk-or-Treat event, along with their crazy Pumpkin Patch last week-end. Way to go, St. Thomas, and thanks for all the support!

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Caregivers: George D'Arras, and Nancy Braford

Missionary Service: Michelle Wood

November Birthdays: Nick Gaba (2)

November Anniversaries: Charles and Marilyn Glass (14)

Military Service: David Brabson, Ryan Dawson, Robby Hartman, Annmarie Miller, Eli Modesitt, John Toolis, Blake Schwartz, Jimmy Loder, Caleb Jones, Maria Estrada, David Zambounis, Brianna Humbert

Sick and Suffering: Kevin Flowers, Dan Skjei, Phyllis Hall, Tammy Pletcher, Bev Smith, Evelyn & Churchill Ward, Alma Stoica, Sandy Shoenfelt, Clint Hist, Bill Hacker, Clint Anderson, Jay Murillo, Marilyn Thomas, Linda Miller, Jacob, Harold Roberts, Mary Lou, Marcie Hist, Mike Turner, Sue Zimdars, Michael Rocha, Beata, (friend of Deacon Barb's), Andrea, Sheri Letterle, Jane Boomer, Spencer Griffith, Fr. James Ferris, and Toni Kulma.

Recovering: Alison Griffith, Heather Flowers, Carol Flowers, Dennis Braford, Gerald Gowern, Carole Strama, Carole Pozek, Sue Griffith, Rick Finklestein, Anita Cooper, Shelly Campbell, Deacon Barb Telfer, Melissa Vandergriff, Bill Kerbusch, and Father Dawson.

Pray for those worldwide: who suffer from disease, natural disasters, extreme heat or lack of clean water, pray for the victims of gun violence everywhere.

Pray for the dear departed: Shirley Brown; Lea Turner Siroky (sister of Lorrie Beatty)

For peace among the nations: Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Special Intentions, Prayer Requests, & Blessings:
Each month we will list names of select members or friends of our church who would benefit from receiving notes or cards by mail to brighten their day, or we will set special intentions to pray for. To nominate someone for a card or request special intentions or prayers, please email: churchoffice@stthomaschurch-berea.org.

For November Card sending:

Father James Ferris 709 Wyleswood Drive, Berea OH 44017 *(recuperating medical procedures)*

Bev and Jan Smith 8516C Gunpowder Road, Florence KY 41402 *(Considering hospice for Bev)*

Father Dawson Moorer 793 Trebisky Road, South Euclid, OH 44143