



## Second Sunday of Easter

24 April 2021

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Athens, Ohio--seeking to know and serve Christ in loving service to the campus, the community, and the world.

### The Lessons

**Lessons** for the Second Sunday of Easter: Acts 5: 27-32; Psalm 150 (SAID), Revelation 1: 4-8; John 20: 19-31.

<https://www.lectionarypage.net>

### The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### The Gospel

#### John 20:19-31



**W**hen it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he

had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## The Sermon

### Brief Summary of Bishop Smith's Sermon

While many refer to Jesus' disciple Thomas as "doubting", it could be argued his was instead skeptical, and skepticism can be a healthy avenue to faith. If we look at the Gospels, Jesus was always asking questions. Questioning, learning, going deeper is a hallmark of our faith. We must be careful not to confuse skepticism with the more pessimistic cynicism, which can lead to a more difficult road to faith. By asking questions in community, we can discover one of the many gifts of community that is able to carry us while we struggle with our questions. Thus, we can learn that faith is something we as a church community help each other with, it is not something we can do on our own.

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## Presentation and Examination of the Candidate for Reception

### Welcome to the Episcopal Church Malin Heather Irwin!

We are delighted to welcome Malin who was received into the Episcopal Church by Bishop Wayne Smith this morning.





## Please include in your prayers

**In our world**, we pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; we pray for peace with justice throughout the Middle East. We pray for the victims of the coronavirus.. We pray for all people affected by natural and environmental disasters. We pray also for the people who are suffering from war, especially the people of Ukraine, and all asylum seekers, immigrants and refugees. We pray for Joe our President, Kamala our Vice-President, Mike, our Governor, the Supreme Court and the members of Congress.

**In our diocese**, In our diocese, we pray for our Provisional Bishop Wayne, the search process for a new bishop, and for Kenneth, Nedi, and Wendell our assisting bishops.

**In our parish**, we pray for Good Shepherd's continued growth, for our Rector Rev. Deborah Woolsey, for our Associate Priests, Rev. Leslie Flemming, and Rev. David McCoy, for our ministry to students, the university, and the community. We pray for our friends at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Merida, Mexico.

**Those Whom our Prayers are Requested:** Belle, Bill S., Bud and Carol, Chris L., Elena, Gloria R., Gordon, Jan S, Lacey, Laura, Miriam, Sharon, Bill, Annie and Kathleen, Tommy, Jeannet Barratt, Danny Cain, Douglas Campbell, Zelma Coleman,

Lee Kembell-Cook, Glinnis Davies, Dick Dean and Phyllis Dean, Richard DeNune, Caryl Docherty, Chris Eaton, Ben Foster, Norm Fox, Jan Gault, Jim Greer Jennifer Hall, Debbie Hunsberger, Nancy and Bob Jackson, Peter Kachenko and family, Monya Monroe, Julie Nehls, Linda Nippert, Lauren O'Brien, Dale Paul, Dan and Nancy Reedy, Ann Shelly, Michael Vaughn, Consuelo Walker and family, Patti Williams, Zita Zolpys, and we pray for all who care for them. \*\*

**Anniversary:** Tom and Jane Redfern (4/29)

**Birthdays:** Nic Proctor (4/24), Adam Sheehan (4/24), Sirlei Martin (4/25), Jenny Spero (4/27), Nadia Yisa-Doko (4/29), Pam Rollins (4/30)

**Thanksgiving:** In Thanksgiving for the upcoming reception of Heather Irwin on April 24.

\*\* Full names for this section are normally not published online but since there is not a printed Sunday Bulletin or in-house 10:30 service, for the time being we will publish full names unless requested otherwise. If you have a name to be added to the prayer list, Lynn Graham maintains this information. Lynn may be reached at **740-593-5098** or **grahammowery@aol.com**.

## At-Home Worship

Christ Church Cathedral Cincinnati live streams via Vimeo its services Sundays at 10 a.m. These are saved and can be watched later without having to log in.

<https://vimeo.com/event/4306>

Washington D C -- there's much to explore at the the National Cathedral's online portal.

<https://cathedral.org/worship/>

## Calendar

### Coming Up:

**Wednesday, April 27, 9:30 a.m. - - Prayer Shawl Meeting, Julie's**

**Sunday, May 1, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist**

**Sunday, May 8, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist**

**Sunday, May 15, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist (discretionary Sunday)**

**Thursday, May 19, 7:00 p.m. - - Vestry Meeting, ZOOM**

**Sunday, May 22, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist**

CrossRoads Café now open Sundays after church service  
and Monday - Friday 9:30 - 11:30 am.

## Notes & Announcements

### A Prayer for the Restoration of the Church Organ

**They sing to the tambourine and the lyre  
and rejoice to the sound of the pipes.**

Let us pray.

O Lord, we give you thanks for the generosity of those who contributed to the care and keeping of the organ so that music may be part of worship in this parish. Be with those whose careful tending and transportation of the instrument during the last phase of its restoration process will ensure that it will continue to give you glory for countless years to come and with the voice of music we may proclaim your praise and tell it wherever we go, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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### Challenge for the Organ Fund

An anonymous donor has issued a challenge to the parish in the final push to raise funds for the Organ Restoration. The donor will match up to a total of \$500 received by Sunday, May 15. You may mail your donation to the church office or drop it off Monday-Thursday, 10:30-2. You should indicate on the memo line that it is for the Organ Restoration Fund. If you choose to [DONATE ON-LINE](#) indicate for the organ fund in the "Add special instructions to the seller" section.

Thanks. The Organ Restoration Committee

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[Supporting Humanitarian  
Response to the Crisis in  
Ukraine](#)

Episcopal Relief & Development

(Click above link for more.)



**Standing Committee invites all to take bishop search survey** The Standing Committee sent this letter to the people of the diocese ...

"... We had thought we would launch the survey in Eastertide, but at the diocesan clergy gathering last week, we heard clergy loud and clear when they said they would like to see us move quickly to gather data on the diocese. We are launching the survey just before Holy Week, and we are very mindful that lay leaders and clergy will be focused on the Paschal Mystery over the next few days. For that reason, we will leave the survey open until Tuesday, April 26.

[Here is the SURVEY LINK.](#)

Our hope is that rectors and priests-in-charge will share the survey link with their congregations. We want wide participation from our whole diocese. As you will see, the survey itself is quite brief. It should only take a few minutes. **The survey will remain open until Tuesday, April 26...."**

[Read the entire letter and find the link to the survey HERE.](#)

**Mother Deborah will offer the prayer for the  
Workers Memorial Day Remembrance,  
Thursday April 28, 2022  
12 noon,  
at the Workers Memorial Mural  
11 N. Court St.**

**Please Join us. A box lunch will be provided.**

Thanks to David Burton, Michael Luellhoff, and Owen Buckley who sent in some photos today. Here is one of the food for the reception today. No cake ?? !!



Below are a couple showing the latest stage of replacing the grass on the hill. The rocks are arranged in circles that will be filled in with gravel. Hopefully the growing juniper ground cover (just little shoots at moment) will grow and blend in and hold everything together.





## Contacts, Information

### Quick Links

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### Pandemic Notes:

[Link to the DSO guidelines for returning to in-person worship](#)

As of August 5 the Diocese COVID Guidelines request all persons wear masks inside the church building regardless of vaccination status.

**Office Hours:** 10:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.,  
Monday through Thursday.  
Masks are required.

The **Church Building** is not open for public meetings and gatherings but during office/CrossRoads hours the **thrift shop** and **chapel** are available for individuals.  
Masks are required.

**CrossRoads Café is only open Sundays**

## Contact Information

**For pastoral needs**, please contact The Rev. Deborah Woolsey at 937-689-8895 (cell) or 740-593-6877 (church), or by e-mail at [revdebwoolsey@gmail.com](mailto:revdebwoolsey@gmail.com).

**To find out more about Good Shepherd and other matters**, please contact Alex Buckley, Senior Warden, at 740-593-5513 or by e-mail at [macbuck@yahoo.com](mailto:macbuck@yahoo.com).

**For maintenance matters**, please leave a note at the office or contact Dana Carlson, Junior Warden, at 740-664-2022 or by e-mail at [carlsondana@hotmail.com](mailto:carlsondana@hotmail.com). **For emergencies**, please call The Rev. Deborah Woolsey at 937-689-8895.

**NON-emergency messages** can be left on the church's answering machine (740-593-6877). The parish office administrator is Barbara Martin (740-593-6877) or [barbara@chogs.org](mailto:barbara@chogs.org).

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## [DONATE to Good Shepherd](#)

This takes you to the Parish Home page where you can donate on-line via PayPal, If you have a preference, please indicate on the the "Add special instructions to the seller" section the purpose of the donation -- e.g. organ fund, plate collection, etc.

Check out the Church's [YouTube Channel](#).

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