



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

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*Our mission: Following Jesus by living in love,
walking by faith and serving our community.*

Welcome, guests! We're so glad you're here! This bulletin has everything you'll need for worship.

Our Worship Service

Organ Voluntary: Gather Us In by Marty Haugan
Opening Hymn: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" OLFB #12 (vs. 1-4)

- Verse 1** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.
- Verse 2** Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen How thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?
- Verse 3** Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.
- Verse 4.** Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again,
Forevermore we adore Him.

CELEBRANT: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
PEOPLE: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

CELEBRANT: 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.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: "He Is Lord" Traditional
He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord.

Prayer of the Day

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you. **PEOPLE:** **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

PEOPLE: Amen.

Our Scripture Readings for the Day

A Reading Jeremiah, Jeremiah 11:18-20

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit; let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

A Reading of Psalm 54

1 Save me, O God, by your name, and vindicate me by your might.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

3 For the insolent have risen against me; the ruthless seek my life;
they do not set God before them. Selah

4 But surely, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.

5 He will repay my enemies for their evil. In your faithfulness, put an end to them.

6 With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;

I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good.

7 For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

READER: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

PEOPLE: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

A Reading from James, James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and knowledgeable among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be arrogant and lie about the truth. This is not wisdom that comes down from above but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it, so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it, so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

READER: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

Handt Hanson

Congregation: Lord, let my heart be good soil, Open to the seed of your Word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, Where love can grow and peace is understood.

Cantor: When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Congregation: Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

The Gospel Reading: Mark 9:30-37

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CELEBRANT: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it, for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them, and taking it in his arms he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

READER: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Repeat the Gospel Acclamation

The Sermon

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The Nicene Creed

ALL: **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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

LEADER: Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Almighty God, help your people to seek truth, to live together in love, and to speak and act for peace in the world. Lord, in your mercy:

PEOPLE: **Hear our prayer.**

LEADER: Help us to value one another, to honor one another, and to serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy:

PEOPLE: **Hear our prayer.**

LEADER: Help us preserve and honor the earth, using natural resources wisely for our good and the good of all who will follow us. Lord, in your mercy:

PEOPLE: **Hear our prayer.**

LEADER: Bless our families and friends, and all those with whom we share our days. Bless those we name before you, now... *you may silently or aloud lift the names of those you know who most need a blessing.* Lord, in your mercy:

PEOPLE: **Hear our prayer.**

LEADER: We lift to you those on our church prayer list, who need you at this time, especially Marsyl, Lillie, Fred B., Carmen, Shanice, Constance, Father Errol, Carroll, Bishop Paula, Willie, Callie, Tanya, Otis, Christine E., Calvin, Wilbert, Lisa, Bob, Doris J., Edgar, Ernest, Kimberly, Virginia, Jean, Danny, Deborah, Ruby, Ted, Carrie Mae, Dorothy, James, Christine S., Herman S., Elfreda, Paul, Noah T., Delores, Susie, David, Rosa, Alice, Charles, Bernard, Cynthia, Donna, William, and Elaine. Lord, in your mercy:

PEOPLE: **Hear our prayer.**

LEADER: We commend to your mercy all who have died, [especially], that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy:

PEOPLE: **Hear our prayer.**

CELEBRANT: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession

CELEBRANT: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 speaks the absolution.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace

CELEBRANT: The peace of Christ be always with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

Announcements & Celebrations

Offering Our Gifts Back to God

Offertory Hymn: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” OLFB #454 (vs. 1-3)

Verse 1. I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain: In Him there is no darkness at all. The Lamb is the light
of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Verse 2. I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness shine on my path And show me the
Way to the Father. [Refrain]

Verse 3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus. [Refrain]

Offertory Response “Give Thanks” OLFB #83

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. (repeat)
And now let the weak say, “I am strong!”
Let the poor say, “I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us!”
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
Give thanks, Give thanks. Give thanks.

CELEBRANT: All things come from you, O Lord.

PEOPLE: **And of your own have we given you.**

Gathering in Gratitude at God's Table of Grace *Please stand as you are able.*

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

PEOPLE: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

CELEBRANT: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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, as we sing:

CELEBRANT and PEOPLE:

Sanctus “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” H82 S125

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

CELEBRANT: Holy and gracious God: 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 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.

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."

CELEBRANT: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

PEOPLE: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, 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 God, now and for ever.

PEOPLE: **AMEN.**

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

CELEBRANT and PEOPLE:

"The Lord's Prayer"

OLFB #664

Our Father, which 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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen. Amen.

Breaking the Bread

CELEBRANT: Alleluia. Christ has given us the bread and cup of eternal life;

PEOPLE: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

CELEBRANT: These are the gifts of God for the people of God; all are called, and all are welcomed at God's Table of Grace. Receive as you are able, for God loves you.

All who seek a deeper walk with God are invited to participate. Please ask for a gluten-free wafer if needed.

Communion Hymn "Children of the Heavenly Father" OLFB #111 (vs. 1-4)

Verse 1. Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.

Verse 2. God His own shall tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil pow'rs He spares them; In his mighty arms He bears them.

Verse 3. Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;
For to them His grace revealing, He turns sorrow into healing.

Verse 4. God has given, He has taken, but His children ne'er forsaken;
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.

Let us all pray together with those online the prayer of spiritual communion.

PEOPLE: **My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Though I may not now be able to receive you in bread and wine from the altar, I invite you to live within my heart. I know you are with me; never let us be separated. Amen.**

CELEBRANT: And now let us pray. *Please stand as you are able.*

CELEBRANT and PEOPLE:

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.

Sending Prayer *Used to send forth Lay Eucharistic Visitors with consecrated gifts.*

CELEBRANT: We send you forth with these holy gifts to bless those who could not be with us today, but who still share our joy and hope in Christ.

PEOPLE: **Go also with our prayers to be a blessing to those we love.**

CELEBRANT: We are one Body as we share one Bread and one Cup.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" LEVAS #191 (vs. 1-3)

Verse 1. Why should I feel discouraged, Why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely, And long for heav'n and home;
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He:

Refrain: His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free;
For His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.

Verse 2. "Let not your heart be troubled," His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path He leadeth, But one step I may see; [Refrain]

Verse 3. When ever I am tempted, When ever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing, When hope within me dies,
I draw closer to Him, From care He sets me free;

The Dismissal

CELEBRANT: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

Organ Voluntary: If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee by J.S. Bach



WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS for our members who will celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week.

WE ALSO ASK YOUR PRAYERS for our parishioners, relatives and friends.

Thank you to all who have helped prepare, lead, and participated in our worship!

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