



*St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
Lake Jackson, Texas*

Our Vision

*Empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we experience the love of Jesus Christ
and share it with others.*

**HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE II
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
March 1, 2026 – 10:30 a.m.**

Welcome to St. Timothy's! You are invited to participate fully in today's worship service. This bulletin contains all the prayers and responses said by the People. If you wish to use the Book of Common Prayer [BCP], the page numbers are given in brackets. Music not printed here may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982 or the red Celebrate! Songbook, all of which are located in the pew rack in front of you.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn *(all sing)*

Christ is the world's true light

Hymn 542

Opening Acclamation

[BCP 355]

Priest Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People **His mercy endures for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Priest 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.**

Kyrie (S96) (all sing)

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, — Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

The first system of the musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The vocal line in the upper staff begins with a dotted quarter note on G4, followed by a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, and a quarter note on C5. The lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy." are aligned with these notes. The line continues with a half note on B4, a quarter note on A4, and a quarter note on G4. The lyrics "Lord, —" are aligned with the first two notes of this phrase. The system concludes with a quarter note on F#4, a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, and a quarter note on B4, with the lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy." underneath.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, — Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, —

Christ have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

The second system of the musical score follows the same notation as the first. The vocal line begins with a dotted quarter note on G4, followed by a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, and a quarter note on C5. The lyrics "Christ, have mer - cy." are aligned with these notes. The line continues with a half note on B4, a quarter note on A4, and a quarter note on G4. The lyrics "Christ, —" are aligned with the first two notes of this phrase. The system concludes with a quarter note on F#4, a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, and a quarter note on B4, with the lyrics "Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, —" underneath.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, — have mer - cy. Lord, —

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

The third system of the musical score follows the same notation as the first. The vocal line begins with a dotted quarter note on G4, followed by a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, and a quarter note on C5. The lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy." are aligned with these notes. The line continues with a half note on B4, a quarter note on A4, and a quarter note on G4. The lyrics "Lord, — have mer - cy." are aligned with the first two notes of this phrase. The system concludes with a quarter note on F#4, a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, and a quarter note on B4, with the lyrics "Lord, —" underneath.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

The Collect

[BCP 218]

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-4a (*sit*)

The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

After the reading

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121 (*sung by the cantor*)



1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

Refrain

3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

Refrain

5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.

Refrain

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Refrain

The Epistle: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

After the reading

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn (*all sing*)

God of mercy, God of grace

Hymn 538

The Gospel: John 3:1-17

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

The Gospel passage is read.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.”

Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon (*sit*)

Rev. Dr. Paul W. Geisler, Jr. - M.Div, D.Min.

The Nicene Creed (*stand*)

[BCP 358]

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: 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 worshipped 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.*

The Prayers of the People

- Intercessor* Let us pray in the power of the Holy spirit who guides and enables the people of God.
Your word has been revealed from the days of Abraham until this time.
- People* **Make us faithful in our generation to believe your promises and follow the guidance of your Holy Spirit.**
- Intercessor* Open the ears of a world that seems deaf to your word.
- People* **Grant that the lives that have fallen aside from the true way may be born again**
- Intercessor* Keep us, our families and friends, alert to your calling.
As we come to you in questioning, relieve our doubts and fears.
- People* **Breath new life into our homes and the places where we work.**
- Intercessor* Give courage to those who are fearful of what lies before them, who face the call to depart into new and unknown ways.
- People* **Keep them steadfast in hope and trust.**
- Intercessor* Grant to the faithful departed the eternal life promised by our Lord Jesus.
- People* **Unite our prayers with them and with those who have believed your word through all ages.**
- Intercessor* May the Holy Spirit direct and sanctify these our prayers and lead us in the way of truth.

Silence

We pray for the special needs, concerns, and thanksgivings of this congregation and community. (*Intercessor pauses a minute or two so people can add prayers aloud or silently.*)

Silence

We pray especially for members: Pastor Robin and David, Nancy, Chi and the Obasi family, Ryan, Viola and the Geserick family, Britany and Randall, Char, Bunny, Timothy, the Frieauf family, the Pfeifer family, Mary Larke, Jane, Christina, Dave, Mary and James, Roy, Fran, Emily, James, Lela, Kurt, Pamela, Kat, Anna, Carolyn, Charlie and Norma, Mary, Donna and Larry, Kay and Sam, John and Gayle, Denis and Judi, and Linda.

Thank you for the privilege to pray on behalf of friends and families: Carol, Sara, Marty, Phyllis, Claudia, the Cardenas family, John, Sandra, Martha, Cathy, Shelby, Haley, the Kibodeaux family, the Dougherty family, Steve, Lillian and David, Connie, Leola, Doug, Ann, J.D., Rebekah, Alexandra, Katie, Paul, the Luna family, Gilbert and family, Alisha, the Dye family, Doris, Kaytlynn, Cody, Warren and Dane, Liam and family, Holly, Mita, Alexander, Douglas, Kellye, Liz, Lorie, Derek, Mary, Eric, Kelly, Jocelyn, Cheryl, Terry, Matt, Kevin, Claire, the Ward family, the Rule family, and Robert.

We pray for our men and women serving in the Armed Forces: Cory, Jordan, Brad, Lucas, Annie, Justin, Joseph, Caleb, Ed, Brett, Thea, Jaycob, Cody, Joshua, and our veterans, John Pitts, Gary Jones, Randall Goodson, Rich Tillman, Roy McKneely, and George Dingee Sr, and any others named now.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal Kingdom.

For the diocesan cycle of prayer: St. Matthew's in Austin, St. Michael's in Austin, St. Richard's in Round Rock , and the Diocese of Peshawar.

Concluding Prayer

Priest O Lord, without whom our labor is lost: We beseech you to prosper all works in your Church undertaken according to your holy will. Grant to your workers a pure intention, a patient faith, sufficient success on earth, and the blessedness of serving you in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Confession and Absolution

[BCP 360]

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Priest 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. Amen.**

Priest 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. **Amen.**

The Peace (*stand*)

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

- Godly Play returns to the sanctuary.

Members of St. Timothy's healing prayer team are available in the side chapel to pray with anyone who desires healing for themselves or others. Simply go to the side chapel after taking communion.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence: Offertory Sentence:

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Note: As Episcopalians, we believe that, in some mysterious way, the whole Host of Heaven is present with us at communion. This can be a comfort to those whose loved ones have already died.

The Offertory

God so loved the world

Stainer

Chancel Choir

(The gifts are brought forward by members)

Doxology *(The people stand) (all sing)*

Hymn 380, vs. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Priest: All things come from thee, O Lord.

People: **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving *(stand)*

[BCP 361]

Eucharistic Prayer A

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

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

Priest 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

Priest It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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.

Sanctus *(S130) (all sing)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant 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 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

Priest and People **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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem (S374) (all sing)

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It features a vocal line with lyrics and a basso line. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace." The score includes triplets and rests. The basso line is marked "8va bassa" and has a dashed line indicating a rest.

8va bassa -----

Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, ____
— you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Facing the people, the priest says the following invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Ministration of Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to come to the Lord's Table and receive the bread and wine of communion. Others are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please tell the priest just before you receive communion.

Communion Hymns

- **Hymn 312** (*all sing*) *Strengthen for service, Lord*
- **Hymn 337** (*all sing*) *And Now, O Father, Mindful Of The Love*

Post Communion Prayer (*stand or kneel*) [BCP 366]

Priest Let us pray.

Priest and People **Almighty and everliving 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 for ever.**

The Blessing

May God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✠ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn (*all sing*) *Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim* **Hymn 535**

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Altar Party

Acolytes:

Ushers:

Chalicer/Intercessor:

Lector:

Cantor:

Healing Prayer:

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