



***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  
EPIPHANY SUNDAY  
January 7, 2024– 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 on the rack in front of you.*

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Processional Hymn** *(all sing)*

*The First Nowell*

**Hymn 109**

**Opening Acclamation**

[BCP 355]

*Priest* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Collect for Purity**

*Priest and People* **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.**

Gloria (all sing)

Setting by John Rutter

4  
 Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his peo-ple on  
 11  
 earth. Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - might - ty God and Fa - ther,  
 20  
 we wor - ship you we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
 28  
 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,  
 39  
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are  
 50  
 seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a -  
 61  
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -  
 69  
 lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,  
 78  
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.

## The Collect

[BCP 214]

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Priest* Let us pray.

**O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.***

## The First Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6 (*sit*)

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.  
Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.  
Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

*After the reading*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14** (*sung by the cantor*)



- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.

### **Refrain**

- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.

### **Refrain**

- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

### **Refrain**

- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, \*  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
- 11 All kings shall bow down before him, \*  
and all the nations do him service.

## Refrain

- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \*  
and the oppressed who has no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \*  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

## Refrain

### The Epistle: Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

*After the reading*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn** (*all sing*)

*As With Gladness Men Of Old*

**Hymn 119**

## The Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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

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

*The Gospel passage is read.*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon** (*sit*)

*The Reverend Robin Reeves-Kantze*

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 glorious light of Christ who leads his people in all their worship and adoration. As the Wise Men were led to worship the infant Jesus, so lead your Church to know you more clearly and to do your work on earth more faithfully.

*People* **Give us deeper reverence in worship, humbly to adore the mystery of the Incarnation.**

*Intercessor* Guide those with authority and influence to acknowledge the lordship of Christ. Teach those who control the resources of the world to use them responsibly.

*People* **Turn the hearts of those who work only for their own interests and bring them to love others in the freedom of your service.**

*Intercessor* Help those who work in our local community, and those with whom we work, to offer their gifts and talents for the good of all.

*People*        **Make us witnesses to your truth through the quiet offering of our lives.**

*Intercessor*    Bring reconciliation to families broken by infidelity and misunderstanding. Have mercy on orphaned and neglected children.

*People*        **Visit and relieve the homeless and those driven out by war or persecution.**

*Intercessor*    We pray for those who have died in childhood, that their lives may be fulfilled in eternal life.

*People*        **Comfort those who mourn for them with the knowledge that they are free from all suffering and are close to you for ever.**

*Intercessor*    May our offerings of prayer be acceptable to the King of glory, revealed to all who seek him diligently in faith.

*Silence*

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

*Silence*

We pray especially for members: Char, Jim, Matthew, Tony, Jim and James, The Collins family, John and Gayle, Mary, James, Jake, Denis and Judi, Bill, Kurt, Jessey, David, Steve, Michael, Robert, Kay and Roy, Donna and Larry, and Linda.

Thank you for the privilege to pray on behalf of friends and families: Riley and Betty, Kaley, Rose, Norman and family, Helen, Marcus, Melissa, Weldon and Doris, Earlene, Brennan, Pam, Annette, Liam and family, Holly, Jane, Carmen, Kristi, Leisa, Mita, Alexander, Dustin, Kristi, Hannah, Margaret, Grace, Douglas, Jean, Rebecca, Kellye, Liz, Lorie, Derek, Mary, Eric, Judy, Kelly, Jocelyn, Cheryl, Terry, Matt, Kevin, and Claire.

For our men and women serving in the Armed Forces: Jordan, Brad, Lucas, Annie, Justin, Joseph, Caleb, Ed, Brett, Thea, Jaycob, and Joshua.



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

For the diocesan cycle of prayer: All Saints' in Austin, Calvary in Bastrop, Christ Church in Cedar Park, Church of the Cross in Lake Travis, 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*)

*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 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:** But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15, 16*

*Note: As Episcopalians, we believe 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**

*Epiphany Carol*  
Chancel Choir

Francis Patrick O'Brien

Every nation sees the glory of a star that pierced the night.  
As we tell the wondrous story we are bathed in radiant light.  
Star sent forth from highest heaven, dancing light of God's design,  
Shine upon the gift that's given: Word made flesh now born in time.

Every tongue shall sing the praises of his birth in deepest night.  
He is healing for the ages; he is Christ, our God's delight.  
He proclaims within his being all our hopes, our great desires.  
He shall die to rise, redeeming all who follow with their lives.

Once again may we discover Word made flesh sent from above.  
In our neighbor, sister, brother, in the lonely and unloved,  
may we touch him, may we hold him, may we cradle him with care  
as we learn to love each other, bringing hope from out despair.

Gather, God, the world together in the brightness of your day.  
Fill our hearts with joy forever; help us walk the holy way.  
May your justice rule the nations; may all people live as one.  
Now we see our true salvation in the glory of your Son.

*(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 367]

*Eucharistic Prayer B*

*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*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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*)

*Setting by Schubert/Proulx*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

Hea - ven and earth are full, full of thy 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*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*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 before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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 Priest breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Priest:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*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 117** *(all sing)* *Brightest and Best Of The Stars Of The Morning*
- **Hymn 124** *(all sing)* *What Star Is This*

**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.**

*When a Eucharistic Visitor is sent out:*

*Priest* N., in the name of Jesus Christ and of this congregation,  
I send you forth bearing these holy gifts,  
*People* that those to whom you go may share in the Communion  
of Christ's Body and Blood.  
*All* *We who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.*

### **The Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn** *(all sing)* *We Three Kings of Orient Are* **Hymn 128**

## **The Dismissal**

*Priest* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

*The Three Kings will lead us to the Parish Hall for  
Kings cake and to see the Nativity display.*

## **St. Timothy's Episcopal Church**

### **Altar Party**

#### **Acolytes**

#### **Chalicer/Intercessor**

Kim Lehnhoff

#### **Lector**

Margaret Jones

#### **Cantor**

Andrea Hutchison

#### **Ushers**

Denis James and Angela McCabe

#### **Healing Prayer**

Bunny Schockmel and Judi James

#### **Celebrant**

The Reverend Robin Reeves-Kautz

#### **Director of Music**

Andrea Hutchison

#### **Organist**

Bonnie McDaniel

### **St. Timothy's Vestry**

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*Mark Lehnhoff – Jr. Warden*

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