



*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 16, 2025 – 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)*      *The God of Abraham Praise*      **Hymn 401**

**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, have mer - cy.

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

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*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 15:1-12,17-18** (*sit*)

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

*After the reading*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 27** (*sung by the cantor*)



1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear? \*  
the LORD is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?

2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, \*  
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who  
stumbled and fell.

### **Refrain**

3 Though an army should encamp against me, \*  
yet my heart shall not be afraid;  
4 And though war should rise up against me, \*  
yet will I put my trust in him.

### **Refrain**

5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;  
one thing I seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;  
6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD \*  
and to seek him in his temple.

### **Refrain**

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe  
in his shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head \*  
above my enemies round about me.

### **Refrain**

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.

### **Refrain**

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
Your face, LORD, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

### **Refrain**

13 You have been my helper;  
cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, \*  
the LORD will sustain me.

### **Refrain**

15 Show me your way, O LORD; \*  
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.



16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, \*  
 for false witnesses have risen up against me,  
 and also those who speak malice.

**Refrain**

17 What if I had not believed  
 that I should see the goodness of the LORD \*  
 in the land of the living!

18 O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure;  
 be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; \*  
 wait patiently for the LORD.

**Refrain**

**The Epistle: Philippians 3:17-4:1**

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

*After the reading*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

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

*O Love Of God, How Strong and True*

**Hymn 455**

## **The Gospel: Luke 13:31-35**

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

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

*The Gospel passage is read.*

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon** (*sit*)

*The Reverend Robin Reeves-Kautz*

**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 to the Father whose Son died and rose on the third day for our salvation. Keep your Church steadfast in faith, trusting in the cross of Christ.

*People* **May we always rest under your protection and be ready for your coming in glory.**

*Intercessor* Have mercy on the world where so many follow their selfish ways and seek false goals.

*People* **Enlighten them and bring them to knowledge of the truth.**

*Intercessor* Grant us perfect trust in your promises for our families and all whom we love. Free us from anxiety for the future.

*People* **In all our relationships grant us the fellowship that is in Christ.**

*Intercessor* Have mercy on those who are persecuted for their witness to the truth.

*People* **Give them courage and turn the hearts of those who treat them unjustly.**

*Intercessor* Receive the souls of the departed, especially Alan Hammond, Jim Halbert, and Joe Cutshall, changing their mortal bodies into the glorious bodies of resurrection.

*People* **May they rest in peace and rise in glory.**

*Intercessor* Rejoicing that we are gathered safely in the love of Christ, we make our prayers through him.

*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: James and family, Fran and family, Kay and Roy, Lela, Jim and family, Mary, Kurt, Pamela, Mark, Anna, Carolyn, Charlie and Norma, Carol and family, Donna and Larry, Kay and Sam, Char, John and Gayle, Mary, James, Jake, Denis and Judi, Steve, and Linda.

Thank you for the privilege to pray on behalf of friends and families. Pray silently or aloud. [The Gann family, Gisela, Roni, Ann, J.D., Rebekah, Alexandera, Katie, Jimmy, Paul, the Luna family, Gilbert and family, Alisha, the Dye family, Doris, Kaytlynn, Cody, Warren and Danee, Liam and family, Holly, Mita, Alexander, Margaret, Douglas, Kellye, Liz, Lorie, Derek, Mary, Eric, Kelly, Jocelyn, Cheryl, Terry, Matt, Kevin, and Claire.]

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 any others named now. (*Intercessor pauses.*)

For the diocesan cycle of prayer: St. Bartholomew's in Hempstead, St. Cecilia's in Round Top, St. Francis of Assisi in Prairie View, St. Francis' in College Station, 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:** 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 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**

*O Jesus, Every Moment*  
Chancel Choir

Phillip J. Stopford

*(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*

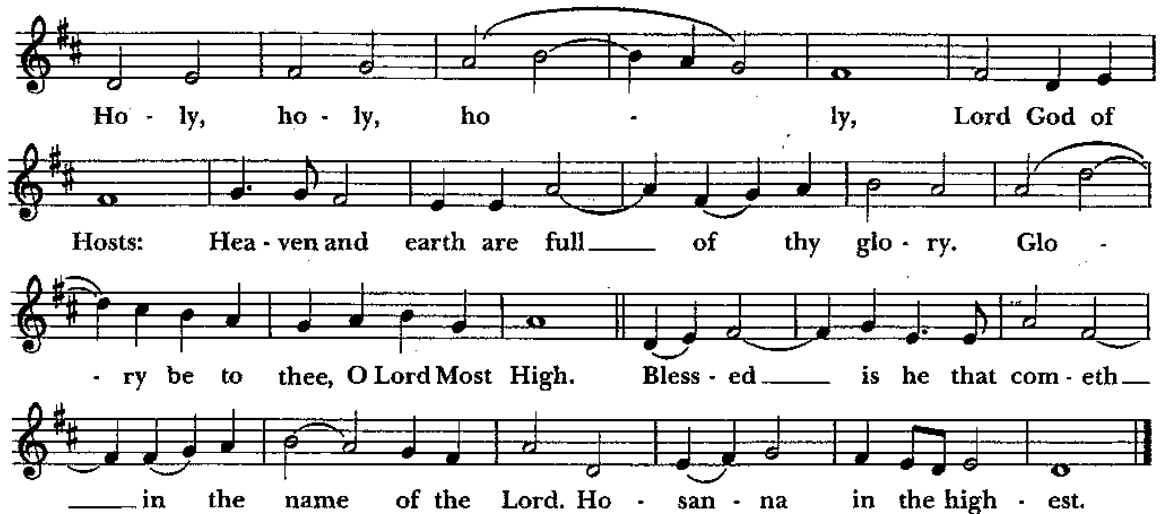
*Priest* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Priest* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*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** (S114) (*all sing*)

Setting by Healey Willan



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -  
ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
in the name of the Lord. 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 three staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It features a bass line labeled '8va bassa' and includes triplet markings over the notes 'Lamb of God' and 'have mercy on us'.

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 337** (*all sing*) *And Now, O Father, Mindful Of The Love*
- **Hymn 328** (*all sing*) *Draw Nigh And Take The Body Of The Lord*

**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**

**Recessional Hymn** (*all sing*)

*O Jesus, Joy Of Loving Hearts*

**Hymn 649**

**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:** Dalton Fox and Angela McCabe

**Chalicer/Intercessor:** Charles Collins

**Lector:** Sondra Griner

**Cantor:** Andrea Hutchison

**Healing Prayer:** Cathy Richardson and Char Aslakson

**Rector:** The Reverend Robin Reeves-Kautz

**Director of Music:** Andrea Hutchison

**Organist:** Bonnie McDaniel

**Sound Tech:** Jay Richardson

**Videographer:** Esther Obasi

### St. Timothy's Vestry

*Angela McCabe, Sr. Warden* Dalton Fox

*Steve Freeman, Jr. Warden* Janet Hicks

*Charles Collins* Chris Hutchison

*Jon Cox* Rebecca Klimek

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