



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.*

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
April 2, 2023 - 10:30 AM

The congregation assembles on the front patio and each takes a palm branch.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Priest Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord:

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Priest Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Reading from St. Matthew's Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

Priest When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their

cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The People raise their branches.

Priest It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Priest Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
People **Hosanna in the highest.**

The Procession

The congregation will process behind the crucifer into the church holding palm branches. Please join the choir in singing the following hymn in procession, returning to the beginning of the hymn, if necessary, until the priest has taken his place at the chancel.

Priest Let us go forth in peace;
People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

1. Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and Blessed One.

Refrain

2. The company of angels is praising thee on high;
and we with all creation in chorus make reply.

Refrain

3. The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.

Refrain

4. To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Refrain

5. Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.

Refrain

The Collect of the Day

[BCP 272]

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a (*sit*)

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens--
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

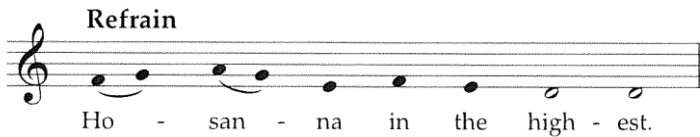
After the reading

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (*sung by the cantor*)

The congregation is invited to sing the refrain.



1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim,
"His mercy endures for ever."

Refrain

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.

20 "This is the gate of the LORD;
he who is righteous may enter."

Refrain

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

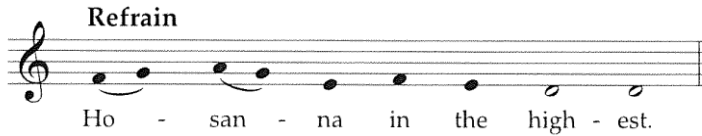
23 This is the LORD's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Refrain

24 On this day the LORD has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Hosannah, LORD, hosannah!
LORD, send us now success.

Refrain



26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
we bless you from the house of the LORD.

27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us;
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

Refrain

28 "You are my God, and I will thank you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you."

29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.

Refrain

The Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

After the reading

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn (*all sing*) (*vs. 1-5*)

My Song Is Love Unknown

Hymn 458

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 26:14-27:66

The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions the arrival at the place called The Skull, all stand. The bold parts are for all to speak. As you listen, notice who you relate to or are repelled by. Ponder why... ask the Holy Spirit how to respond.

Narrator: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,

Judas: “What will you give me if I betray him to you?”

Narrator: They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

Disciples: “Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

Narrator: He said,

Jesus: “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’”

Narrator: So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said,

Jesus: “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.”

Narrator: And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,

Disciples: “Surely not I, Lord?”

Narrator: He answered,

Jesus: “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.”

Narrator: Judas, who betrayed him, said,

Judas: “Surely not I, Rabbi?”

Narrator: He replied,

Jesus: “You have said so.”

Narrator: While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,

Jesus: “Take, eat; this is my body.”

Narrator: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,

Jesus: “Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

Narrator: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

Jesus: “You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written ‘I will strike the shepherd the sheep of the flock will be scattered. ‘But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.”

Narrator: Peter said to him,

Peter: “Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.”

Narrator: Jesus said to him,

Jesus: “Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.”

Narrator: Peter said to him,

Peter: “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.”

Narrator: And so said all the disciples. Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

Jesus: “Sit here while I go over there and pray.”

Narrator: He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them,

Jesus: “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.”

Narrator: And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,

Jesus: “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.”

Narrator: Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

Jesus: “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Narrator: Again he went away for the second time and prayed,

Jesus: “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.”

Narrator: Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

Jesus: “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

Narrator: While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." At once he came up to Jesus and said,

Judas: "Greetings, Rabbi!"

Narrator: and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

Jesus: "Friend, do what you are here to do."

Narrator: Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,

Jesus: "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?"

Narrator: At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

Jesus: "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled."

Narrator: Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,

Stranger: "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'"

Narrator: The high priest stood up and said,

High Priest: “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?”

Narrator: But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,

High Priest: “I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.”

Narrator: Jesus said to him,

Jesus: “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

Narrator: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

High Priest: “He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?”

Narrator: They answered,

People: **“He deserves death.”**

Narrator: Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,

People: **“Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?”**

Narrator: Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,

1st Servant Girl: “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.”

Narrator: But he denied it before all of them, saying,

Peter: “I do not know what you are talking about.”

Narrator: When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

2nd Servant Girl: “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

Narrator: Again he denied it with an oath,

Peter: “I do not know the man.”

Narrator: After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

People: **“Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.”**

Narrator: Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

Peter: “I do not know the man!”

Narrator: At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: “Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly. When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said,

Judas: “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.”

Narrator: But they said,

High Priest: “What is that to us? See to it yourself.”

Narrator: Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver said,

High Priest: “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.”

Narrator: After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter’s field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason, that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.” Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

Pilate “Are you the King of the Jews?”

Narrator: Jesus said,

Jesus: “You say so.”

Narrator: But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

Pilate: “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?”

Narrator: But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

Pilate: “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?”

Narrator: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

Claudia: “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.”

Narrator: Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

Pilate: “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?”

Narrator: And they said,

People: **“Barabbas.”**

Narrator: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?”

Narrator: All of them said,

People: **“Let him be crucified!”**

Narrator: Then he asked,

Pilate: “Why, what evil has he done?”

Narrator: But they shouted all the more,

People: **“Let him be crucified!”**

Narrator: So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

Pilate: “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.”

Narrator: Then the people as a whole answered,

People: **“His blood be on us and on our children!”**

Narrator: So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

Soldiers **“Hail, King of the Jews!”**
(People)

Narrator: They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.

All Stand

Narrator: And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted

it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

People: **"You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."**

Narrator: In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

High Priest: "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'"

Narrator: The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

Jesus: "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"

Narrator: that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of The bystanders heard it, they said,

People: **"This man is calling for Elijah."**

Narrator: At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

People: **"Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."**

Narrator: Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and

appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

Centurion: “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

Narrator: Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

High Priest: “Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, ‘He has been raised from the dead,’ and the last deception would be worse than the first.”

Narrator: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: “You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.”

Narrator: So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

The Homily (*sit*)

The Reverend Robin Reeves-Kantz

The Prayers of the People (*stand*)

Intervenor Let us follow in the way of Christ and pray through him to the Father. Give true humility to your people, making them more worthy to proclaim the sufferings of Christ, the just for the unjust.

People **As he was smitten for us, strengthen us when we must bear scorn and opposition for his sake.**

Intercessor Turn and soften those who take the false and easy way when choice is demanded.

People **Cleanse the world of corruption that is concealed under a show of goodness.**

Intercessor Give us the desire to serve those whose lives touch our own.

People **Let us honor one another for the sake of him who humbled himself to the Cross for us.**

Intercessor Have compassion on those who are condemned by unjust laws, and cruel regimes.

People **May they feel, in their suffering, the suffering love of Christ.**

Intercessor We pray for those who have been put to death through anger, blindness or cowardice or by the violence of injustice, especially our school children.

People **Give them the peace that was refused them in this life.**

Intercessor Casting our cares and our sins before the feet of Christ, may we have grace to follow him to the end.

- For healing and peace among the nations of the world, especially Ukraine, Syria, Turkey, Pakistan, African Nations, and Jerusalem.
- For the grace and strength to fulfill our strategic direction at St. Timothy's; may the Holy Spirit be the architect of all we do. Help guide us all. Call forth the body of Christ to put their faith to work for your glory.

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

Silence

We pray especially for members: Bill, The Frieauf family, Kay and Sam, Ed, Dave and Kay, Carolyn, Kurt, Jessey, David, Steve, Jay and Cathy, Michael, Robert, Kay, Roy, Dale, Donna, Larry, Linda, Susan and Keith, John, and Gayle.

For friends and families: Terri, Carol and Bruce, Lucille, Kelley, Fred, Marie, Gerald, Jaycob and Stephanie, Lane, Jaycie, Cody and April, Charlie, Casey, Leisa, Mita, Jay, Robert, Glenda, Colleen, Alexander, Lindsay, Bubba, Dustin, Kristi, Hannah, John, Margaret, Sue and Kenneth, Grace, Tate, Douglas, Steve, Jean, Rebecca, Kellye, Liz, James, Loorie, Derek, Mary, Eric, Judy, Kelly, Jocelyn, Cheryl, Terry, Matt, Sam, Kevin, Claire, Mary, and Amy.

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

For Annie, Lucas, and their children Jacob and Thomas who are being baptized on Easter. Give them safe travel and strong faith.

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

For the diocesan cycle of prayer: Christ Church Cathedral in Houston, Grace in Houston, Holy Family in Houston, and the Diocese of Peshawar.

Concluding Prayer

Priest Almighty God, whose beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption: give us courage to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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.

Welcome and Announcements *(sit)*

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*

The Offertory

Lord Of The Dance
Chancel Choir

John Rutter

Doxology

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.

The Great Thanksgiving (*stand*)

[BCP 369]

Eucharistic Prayer C

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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

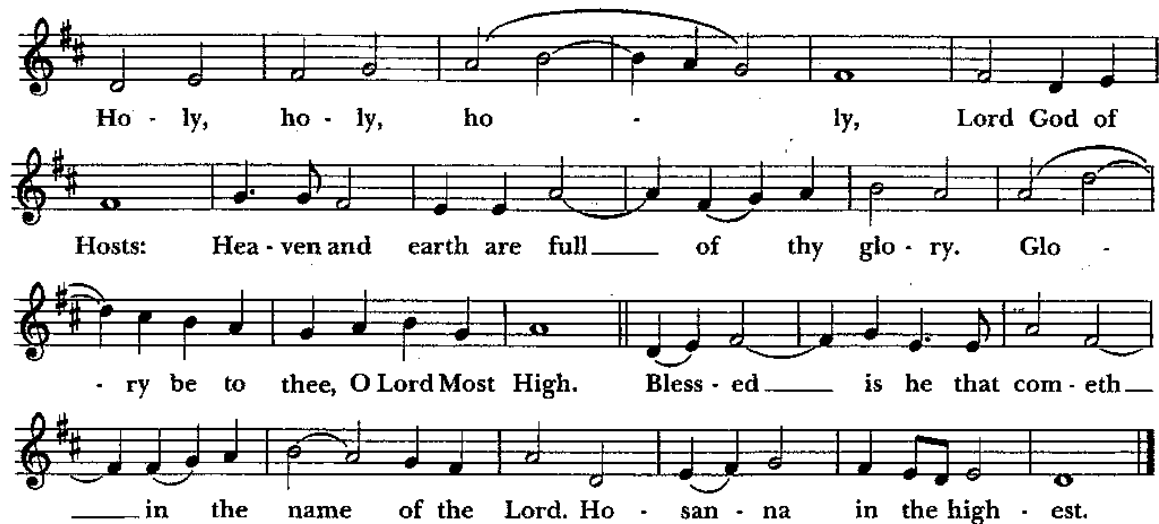
By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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 Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Fraction Anthem (S374) (all sing)

8va bassa ———— 3 ———— 3 ———— 3 ———— 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.

At Communion:

- Hymn 168 *(all sing)*

O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded

- Hymn 313 *(all sig)*

Let Thy Blood In Mercy Poured

Post Communion Prayer *(stand or kneel)*

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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. *Amen.*

When a Eucharistic Visitor is sent out:

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

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

Hymn 495

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

Parish Announcements

VISITORS

Welcome: We are so glad you've joined us for worship today. If you'd like more information about getting connected at St. Timothy's, **we invite you to fill out a Guest Card found in the pew or scan the QR code with your device.**



WORSHIP SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK (see page 31)

WORSHIP WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We love children and all that comes with them. You are welcome to keep your children with you in the sanctuary.

If you need space for them to be changed or get their tears out, the nursery is to the right across the hall and a safe place to go. The service is live-streamed, so you don't miss anything.

We value and want to serve your family's needs. Please let us know if there is anything you need.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, April 16 & 23 – Sermon Series: Faith Lifestyle

Wednesday, April 19 – 6:30 p.m. Movie Night for the Parish. RSVP to the church office.

Sunday, April 23 – Induction of new DOK members at the 10:30 service

Sunday, May 7 – 10:30 a.m. Youth-led service

Saturday, May 13 – 12-4 p.m. St. Timothy's in Color and Art Exhibit in conjunction with the Daylily Society Plant Sale and Plein Air Painters on site

Sunday, May 14 – Celebrate Moms after the 10:30 service with tea and cake, and a photo booth for family photos.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Renewed Focus on Prayer *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.* Philippians 4:6



To request a prayer, scan the QR code with your device's camera, complete a prayer card, or call 832-922-7022 to notify the clergy of someone who is in the hospital or has a special need.

Prayer requests to be included in the prayer list that is shared in the Prayers of the People during worship and the weekly Blast (details remain confidential). You may also contact the office to share your request at 979-297-6003.

As we continue through Holy Week and into Easter, consider your prayers. Along with prayers of intercession and petition, give prayers of thanksgiving and celebration. Prayers of thanksgiving can change or uplift your perspective and turn your focus to the steadfastness of God.

Whether prayers of supplication or of thanksgiving:

- Incorporate your personal prayers into worship
- Use the longer pause during the Prayers of the People for spoken and unspoken prayer
- Join a member of the Healing Prayer team at the side chapel after taking communion

For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them. Matthew 18:20

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR NEWSLETTER

See the weekly Friday Blast for more information on these and other upcoming events. Sign up to receive the Blast at stimothy.org. Click on the “subscribe to newsletter” button found on the landing page. You may also subscribe by scanning the QR code below.



Easter Music/Flowers Donations – The deadline is today! Give Easter Flowers in honor or thanksgiving of a loved one. Please put envelopes in the offering plate or bring to the church office.

Round Dance Lessons (Waltz) - Weekly Round Dance lessons (Waltz) on Monday evenings from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Wear casual clothes with comfortable shoes that slide. We ask that you refrain from wearing perfume or any strong scent as a member of the crew is allergic. Join us for a fun evening and meet new friends. Cost is \$7 per person per lesson. Life is easier if you have your own partner, but sometimes accommodations can be made. Contact Gigi Janeshek at 979-529-5887.

Tabitha’s Sewing Group (Sewing Saturday) – Thanks to all of our sewists and bunny-stuffers and decorators! The bunnies were a big hit at the special needs Adaptive Easter Egg Hunt. Bunnies will also go out for adoption at the April 8 Easter Egg Hunt and on Easter Sunday.

The duffle bags and hygiene products will go out next week for CASA, supporting young people entering the foster care system.

We will not be sewing on April 8th and instead will support the Easter Egg Hunt.

Connect with God & Community:

Wednesdays:

11 am -12 pm in Sanctuary - *Silent Prayer with the Daughters of the King* - "Enjoy the peace and quiet for the soul that only God's presence can bring." Some read

scripture. Some read from *Waiting on God* devotional. Some write their prayers and listen for what God has to say. Come for a brief time or the whole time. Come as you are and know you are loved!

8 - 8:15 pm - Compline – Facebook Live (St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church – Lake Jackson)

Fridays:

10:00 a.m. - Healing Prayer Group – Meets Friday mornings in the Welcome Center. We pray for the ministries and needs of the congregation and parish. If you have any questions or a prayer request, contact Char Aslakson at 979-297-3159.

You may also receive confidential prayer on Sundays in the Chapel after the Eucharist.

Get our Church Directory - Our digital church directory is a great tool to help you know who's who, associate a name with a face, and reach out to another member. To get started, download the Instant Church Directory app, and log in with the email you provided to the office. New to St. Timothy's? Have an outdated picture? Take a new picture, and send it to the office, (office@sttimothy.org.)

Giving and the 2023 Budget - Know that your gifts are helping us to provide a safe place for people to encounter the living God. Lives are being transformed each week as people encounter God’s love. Thank you for contributing to God’s Kingdom work in and through St. Timothy’s in 2022. If you have not made a pledge for 2023, please do so online at www.sttimothy.org/pledge or fill out a pledge card found at the back of the church or the office.

We are excited to now have simple ways to give online with simplegive and PayPal via QRcodes (see below). Other ways to give which can prevent taxes is by initiating a Retirement Account transfer directly to St. Timothy’s. Some do this quarterly or on an annual basis. Then others sell stocks and securities and have a donation come directly to St. Timothy’s. Our treasurer, Keith Frank can help you with these tax-benefiting ways to give.

Thank you for your gift! We accept gifts in a variety of ways including PayPal and SimpleGive.

For your convenience, you may now give via St. Timothy's PayPal @ <https://paypal.me/stimothy200> or the QR code below (There is a small transaction fee to the church for this service)



You may also give your offering via simplegive using this link or the QR Code below: <https://my.simplegive.com/App/Giving/sttims>. (There is a 3% transaction fee to the church for this service)



Got Announcements? Submit them Online! - You can submit announcement requests from the St. Timothy's website at www.stimothy.org/announcements

This Week at St. Timothy's

Sunday, April 2, 2023 (Palm Sunday)

8:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

12:00-1:30 p.m. – Youth Event, Make Ready for Easter (Parish Hall)

12:00-1:30 p.m. – DOK Meeting in the Youth Hall

Monday, April 3, 2023

7:00-8:30 p.m. – Round Dance Lessons (Waltz), Parish Hall

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

1:00-3:00 p.m. – Tuesday Bible Study, Blue Room

Wednesday, April 5, 2022

8:30 a.m. – Army of Retired Men (ARM), All are welcome

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – Silent Prayer Vigil (In the Chapel)

6:00 p.m. – Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

8:00 p.m. – Compline (Facebook Live)

Thursday, April 6, 2022

7:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Service

9:00 p.m. – Keeping Watch Prayer Vigil through 11 a.m. Friday morning (chapel)

Friday, April 7, 2022

Church Office closed

10:00 a.m. – Healing Prayer Group (in the Welcome Center)

12:00 noon – Good Friday Liturgy and Eucharist

Saturday, April 8, 2022

10:00 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt with Kindermusik and Parish-wide Fellowship with families

Sunday, April 9, 2022 (Easter Sunday)

7:30 a.m. Brotherhood of St. Andrew Study and Breakfast (Parish Hall)

8:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I (with organ music)

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Baptism, reception to follow in the Parish Hall

Notes:



Holy Week Schedule

- April 6** 7:00 p.m. **Maundy Thursday Service**, Footwashing and Stripping of the Altar. Prayer Vigil to follow beginning at 9:00 p.m. through Friday, April 7th at 10:00 a.m.
- April 7** 12:00 p.m. **Good Friday Liturgy** and Eucharist
- April 8** 10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt with Kindermusik and Parish-wide Fellowship with Families
- April 9** **Easter Day** (Bring fresh flowers to Flower the Cross)
8:30 a.m. **Holy Eucharist, Rite I**, with organ music
10:30 a.m. **Holy Eucharist, Rite II, and Baptism**, with Incense, Handbells, and Traditional music

Following the 10:30 service, a reception will be held in the Parish Hall for newly baptized and photo opportunities.

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Altar Party

Acolytes: Seth Collins and Hannah Poore

Ushers: Judi James, Jon Cox, and David Kautz

Chalicer/Intercessor: Charles Collins

Lector: Sandra Weir

Healing Prayer: Cathy Richardson and Bunny Schockmel

Rector: The Reverend Robin Reeves-Kautz

Director of Music: Andrea Hutchison

Organist: Bonnie McDaniel

St. Timothy's Vestry

Gary Jones – Sr. Warden

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