



*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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

April 21, 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, 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)* *Sing, Ye Faithful, Sing With Gladness* **Hymn 492**

Opening Acclamation [BCP 355]

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.**

Glory to God

Setting by Rutter

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Glo-ry to God in the high- est, _____ and peace to his peo-ple on

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earth. _____ Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al- might - ty God and Fa- ther, _____

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_____ we wor - ship you _____ we give you thanks, we praise you for _____ your glo- ry. _____

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_____ Lord Je- sus Christ, _____ on- ly Son of the Fa- ther, _____ Lord God,

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Lamb of God, you take a - way _____ the sin of the world: have mer- cy on us; _____ you are

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seat- ed at the right hand of the Fa- ther: _____ re- ceive our prayer. _____ For you a -

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lone are the Ho- ly One, _____ you a - lone are the Lord, _____ you a -

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lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, _____

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in the glo- ry of God the Fa - ther, A - _____ men.

The Collect

[BCP 225]

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Acts 4:5-12 (*sit*)

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

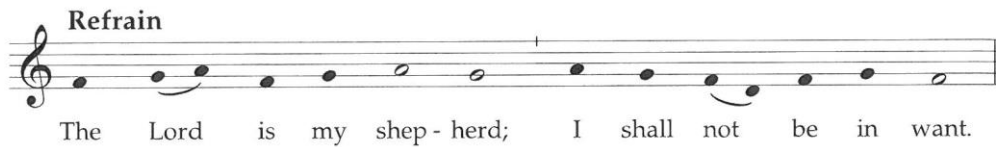
There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

After the reading

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 *(sung by the cantor)*



1 The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

Refrain

3 He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Refrain

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Refrain

The Epistle: 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

After the reading

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn (*all sing*)

The King Of Love My Shepherd Is

Hymn 645

The Gospel: John 10:11-18

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

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

The Gospel passage is read.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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 God, who sent his Son to be the great Shepherd of his sheep. Grant that the Church of Christ, assured that there is no other name given under heaven for salvation, may show forth his love in word and deed.

People **Make your ministers faithful shepherds of those entrusted to their care.**

Intercessor Draw the peoples of the world into the fold of your love, that they may love one another and cease from strife.

People **Defend them from false teachers and all that would lead them astray.**

Intercessor Bless our homes with the spirit of your love so that we and our families may live in Christ and he in us.

People **May he always be the true door of our going out and our coming in.**

Intercessor Be merciful to those who have been betrayed by those they trusted.

People **Comfort and relieve deserted wives and husbands, and children abandoned by their parents.**

Intercessor May Jesus Christ who laid down his life for his sheep, receive the departed into the good pastures of heaven.

People **In his saving name, grant them eternal joy.**

Intercessor That we may be gathered into the fold of Christ, we pray in his name.

Silence

- Thank you God for the prayers you have answered and those you will answer on behalf of our members, our families and friends and those serving our country. Glory to God!
- We pray for those wishing to be baptized or confirmed, draw them nearer to you.
- For healing and peace among the nations of the world, especially Ukraine, Russia, Pakistan, Israel, Gaza, Syria, and Iran. *(The congregation is encouraged to add nations God has put on your heart.)*
- For the grace and strength to live into our mission at St. Timothy's: Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we experience the love of Jesus Christ and share it with others.
- May the Holy Spirit be the architect of all we do bringing laborers and raising up leaders in areas where they will thrive.

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

Silence

We pray especially for members: Lorna, Lauren, Jacob, the Obasi family, Richard, the Hutchison family, the Kautz family, Kay, Char, Matthew, Tony, Jim and James, John and Gayle, Mary, James, Jake, Denis and Judi, Kurt, Steve, Michael, Robert, Kay and Roy, Donna and Larry, and Linda.

Thank you for the privilege to pray on behalf of friends and families: Jody, Laryssa, Molly, Ali, Doris, the Udemezue family, Kaytlynn, Mary, the Murrell family, Bruce, Sheral, Megan, Dorothy, Cody, Bill, Greta, Warren and Danee, Riley and Betty, Rose, Melissa, Earlene, Brennan, Pam, Annette, Liam and family, Holly, Jane, Carmen, Kristi, Mita, Alexander, Dustin, Kristi, Hannah, Margaret, Grace, Douglas, Jean, Rebecca, Kellye, Liz, Loorie, Derek, Mary, Eric, 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: St. Luke the Evangelist in Houston, St. Mark's in Houston, Trinity in Baytown, Trinity in Houston, 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: I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

The Offertory

Teach Me, O Lord

Thomas Attwood

(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 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 (S129)

Setting by Robert Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

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.

Fraction Anthem

Setting by Rutter

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Christ our Pass - o - ver is sa - cri - ficed for
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us. There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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 304** (*all sing*)

I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord

- **Hymn 664** (*all sing*)

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

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. Amen.**

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 (*all sing*) (*vs. 1, 3-5*) *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!* **Hymn 205**

The Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

Notes:

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Altar Party

Acolytes:

Ushers: Sondra Griner and Mel McKey

Chalicer/Intercessor: Charles Collins

Lector: Denis James

Cantor: Pamela Mooman

Healing Prayer: Judi James and Benjamin Dodson

Rector: The Reverend Robin Reeves-Kautz

Director of Music: Andrea Hutchison

Organist: Bonnie McDaniel

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