



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 OF EASTER
April 27, 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.

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God from Janet and Rod Hicks in memory of their grandbabies, Jade and Logan Jones.

We heartily thank Jay and Cathy Richardson, and Mark and Tammy Mason for leading our worship music today.

Today's Bluegrass Sunday is in honor of Frank and Lorna Witt.

Prelude

Life's Railway To Heaven

C. D. Tillman, J. R. Baxter,
and M. E. Abbey

1. Life is like a mountain railroad, With an engineer that's brave;
We must make the run successful, From the cradle to the grave;
Watch the curves, the fill, the tunnels; Never falter, never quail;
Keep your hand upon the throttle, and your eye upon the rail.
2. You will roll up grades of trial; You will cross the bridge of strife;
See that Christ is your conductor On the lightning train of life;
Always mindful of obstruction, Do your duty, never fail;
Keep your hand upon the throttle and your eye upon the rail.

Chorus:

Blessed Savior, Thou wilt guide us , Till we reach that blissful shore;
Where the Angels wait to join us; In Thy praise forevermore.

3. You will often find obstruction; Look for storms of wind and rain;
On a fill, or curve, or trestle; They will almost ditch your train;
Put your trust alone in Jesus; Never falter, never fail;
Keep your hand upon the throttle; And your eye upon the rail.
4. As you roll across the trestle; Spanning Jordan's swelling tide,
You behold the Union depot Into which your train will glide;
There you'll meet the Superintendent, God the Father, God the Son;
With the hearty, joyous welcome, "Weary pilgrim, welcome home.

Chorus:

Blessed Savior, Thou wilt guide us , Till we reach that blissful shore;
Where the Angels wait to join us; In Thy praise forevermore.

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn (*all sing*)

Cryin' Holy Unto the Lord

Bill Monroe

Chorus: Crying holy unto the Lord
Crying holy unto the Lord
If I could I surely would
Stand on the rock where Moses stood

1. Sinners run hide your face
Sinners run hide your face
Sinners run to the Lord and hide your face
Lord cried out "No hiding place"

Chorus

2. Lord I ain't no sinner now
Lord I aint no sinner now
I've been to the river and I've been baptized
Lord I aint no sinner now

Chorus

3. Lord I ain't no stranger now
Lord I ain't no stranger now
I've been introduced to the Father and the Son
Lord I ain't no stranger now

Chorus

Opening Acclamation

[BCP 355]

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Collect for Purity

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant and People

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

The Collect

[BCP 224]

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Acts 5:27-32 (*sit*)

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

After the reading

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:14-29 (*read responsively by whole verse*)

14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

**15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:**

16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

**17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.**

18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

**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."

**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.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Epistle: Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

After the reading

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn (*all sing*) *Just Any Day Now* Aaron Wilburn, Eddie Crook

Just any day now His face I'll see

Each time I stop and take the time to look around me
I see the signs of His appearing everywhere
The things He said would come to pass are now before us
And I can feel a strange excitement in the air

Just any day now our Lord is coming
He'll be returning for you and me
For I've been watching and I've been waiting
Just any day now His face I'll see

Oh there's a longing in my heart for His appearing
I'll gladly leave behind these trials here below
For this journey has been hard and I'm so weary
But Lord I feel I'm so much closer to home

Just any day now our Lord is coming
He'll be returning for you and me
For I've been watching and I've been waiting
Just any day now His face I'll see

The Gospel: John 20:19-31

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel passage is read.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Celebrant: 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 In the power of the Spirit, who works through all creation, let us pray to the Lord. Bless the Church, created to witness to your name, and inspire her ministry of declaring your forgiveness.

People **As your people are made kings and priests by your grace, teach us the humility that belongs to our high calling, that we may give glory to you alone.**

Intercessor May the whole world acknowledge your power, as Ruler of all, the beginning and the end.

People **Be merciful to those who find it hard to believe the good news, and grant them faith.**

Intercessor Make us witnesses to those with whom we live and work.

People **Bless our families when we are gathered together and when we are apart.**

Intercessor Have mercy on the lonely who feel shut out from the company of others.

People **Give them open hearts and the blessing of human fellowship.**

Intercessor Grant to the departed forgiveness of their sins, especially Pope Francis.

People **May they have eternal life in Christ, through his triumph over death.**

Intercessor Grant those who mourn the death of Pope Francis and loved ones your comfort and strength.

People **May God cover them in a cloud of grace.**

Intercessor We make our prayers in the name of Christ, revealed to us through the eyes of 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: Jeff, James and family, Fran and family, Kay and Roy, Lela, Jim and family, Mary, Kurt, Pamela, Kat, 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. [Leola, Doug, The Gann family, 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.*)

We pray for all who have died, especially Alan Hammond, Jim Halbert, and Joe Cutshall, 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

Celebrant 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]

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

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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

Celebrant 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*

The Offertory

Thomas

Gary Waldrep

Verse 1

Thomas sat down at the table and buried his face in his hands.

Suddenly grief over took him. He had just lost his best friend.

They not only crucified Jesus, they cursed him and put him to shame.

Shaken from what he had witnessed that day, Thomas would not be the same.

Verse 2

They crowned him with thorns they had gathered and one of them spat in his face.
“Father, forgive them,” he cried out, hanging in a guilty man’s place.
They tenderly wrapped him in linen and carefully sealed up his tomb.
Three days later Thomas thought he saw a ghost face to face in that old upper room.

Chorus

I am your King, Thomas, I live.
What must I do before you’re convinced?
Look at my hands, and come touch my side.
What more will you need before you believe I am alive?

Verse 3

You saw them piercing my body and you heard that old hammer ring.
You saw the tomb where they laid me, but the grave has no hold on the King
Oh, Thomas I know how you’re hurting and, Thomas, I know how you cried.
Lift up your head, believe with your heart. Come place your hand in my side.

Chorus

I am your King, Thomas, I live
What must I do before you’re convinced?
Look at my hands, and come touch my side.
What more will you need before you believe I am alive?

(The gifts are brought forward by members)

Doxology *(The people stand)*

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.

Celebrant: All things come from thee, O Lord.

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

This communion is said in thanksgiving of Frank and Lorna Witt.

The Great Thanksgiving (*stand*)

[BCP 361]

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant 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

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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.

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

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

Celebrant 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 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Facing the people, the Celebrant 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 Celebrant just before you receive communion.

Communion Hymns

I Am The Man, Thomas *(all sing)*

Larry Sparks and Ralph Stanley

Oh, I am the Man, Thomas, I am the Man
Look at these nail scars here in my hand

They drove me up the hill, Thomas, I am the Man
They made me carry the cross, Thomas, I am the Man

They crowned my head with thorns, Thomas, I am the Man
They nailed me to the cross, Thomas, I am the Man

They pierced me in the side, Thomas, I am the Man
They made me bear the cross, Thomas, I am the Man

They laid me in the tomb, Thomas, I am the Man
In three days I arose, Thomas, I am the Man

Down In The River To Pray (*all sing*)

Traditional

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown?
Good Lord show me the way!

O sisters let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
O sisters let's go down
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the robe & crown?
Good Lord show me the way

O brothers let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Come on brothers, let's go down
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown?
Good Lord show me the way

O fathers let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
O fathers let's go down
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the robe and crown?
Good Lord show me the way

O mothers let's go down
Come on down, don't you wanna go down?
Come on mothers, let's go down
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown?
Good Lord show me the way

O sinners, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
O sinners, let's go down
Down in the river to pray

Post Communion Prayer (*stand or kneel*)

[BCP 366]

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant 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*)

Over In The Glory Land

JW Acuff

1. I've a home prepared where the saints abide
Over in the glory land
I long to be by my Saviors side
Over in the glory land

Chorus:

Just over in the glory land
I'll join the happy angels band
Over in the glory land
Just over in the glory land
There with the mighty host I'll stand
Over in the glory land

2. I'm on my way to those mansions fair
Over in the glory land
There to sing Gods praise and his glory share
Over in the glory land

Chorus

3. What a joyful thought that my Lord I'll see
Over in the glory land
And the kindred say there forever I'll be
Over in the glory land

Chorus

4. With the blood washed through I will shout and sing
Over in the glory land
Glad Hosannas to Christ, the Lord and King
Over in the glory land

Chorus

The Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia. 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. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

Notes

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Altar Party

Acolytes:

Ushers: Judi and Denis James

Chalicer/Intercessor: Angela McCabe

Lector: Gigi Janeshek

Healing Prayer: Char Aslakson and Bunny Schockmel

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