



*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  
ASCENSION SUNDAY**

**May 12, 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.*

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Suzy Wilson in honor of her mother, Lorna Witt, and in memory of her father, Frank Witt.

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Processional Hymn** *(all sing)*      *All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name!*      **Hymn 450**

**Opening Acclamation**      [BCP 355]

*Priest* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

**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.**

# 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 226]

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest* Let us pray.

**Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.***

## The First Lesson: Acts 1:1-11 (*sit*)

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

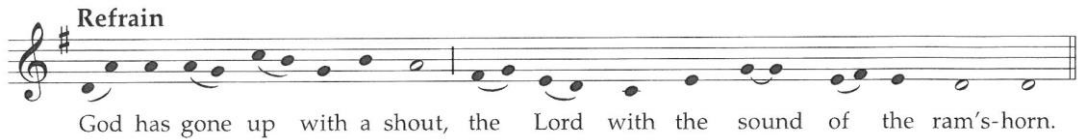
So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

*After the reading*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 47** (*sung by the cantor*)



- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; \*  
shout to God with a cry of joy.
- 2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared; \*  
he is the great King over all the earth.

**Refrain**

- 3 He subdues the peoples under us, \*  
and the nations under our feet.
- 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, \*  
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

**Refrain**

- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; \*  
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is King of all the earth; \*  
sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 God reigns over the nations; \*  
God sits upon his holy throne.

**Refrain**

- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together \*  
with the people of the God of Abraham.
- 10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, \*  
and he is highly exalted.

**Refrain**

## **The Epistle: Ephesians 1:15-23**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*After the reading*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

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

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er The Sun*

**Hymn 544**

**The Gospel:** Luke 24:44-53

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

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

*The Gospel passage is read.*

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am

sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

*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* With hearts and minds lifted to Christ who has ascended on high, let us pray. As we join with all Christian people in giving praise for the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for the Church that he left to continue his work on earth.

*People*           **Faithful to her calling, may she witness to his glory by declaring and practicing his saving love.**

*Intercessor*    We pray that through the glorified humanity of Jesus, all people may be brought to a better understanding of our human nature. By your power, renew this world that is upheld in your love.

*People*           **Teach all to respect the dignity and rights of others as children of one Father.**

*Intercessor*    Grant that in our daily lives, our vision may not be limited by present concerns.

*People*           **May all that we do, in our families and in our work, be seen in the light of Christ and offered to him as the Master of all our service.**

*Intercessor*    Have mercy on all who suffer in body or mind. Give them strength and hope in the Ascended Christ.

*People*           **May his passage from suffering to glory lift them out of their troubles into new life.**

*Intercessor*    We pray for all who have gone where Christ has led, whose human nature has been transformed in his presence.

*People*           **Teach us to be ready to follow them, confident in his love and guided by his example.**

*Intercessor*    We offer these prayers through the divine power of Christ, shed abroad in all the world.

*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: Carrie, Susan, Leianne, Sue, 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, Lorie, Derek, Mary, Eric, Kelly, Jocelyn, Cheryl, Terry, Matt, Kevin, and Claire.

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

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

For the diocesan cycle of prayer: St. Luke's in the Meadow in Fort Worth, St. Luke's in Stephenville, St. Martin-in-the-Fields in Keller, 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

Blessing of All Who Mother!

**Offertory Sentence:** I appeal to 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**

*King Of All Ages, Throned On High*

Paul Isom

*(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) *(all sing)*

*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 328 (*all sing*)

*Draw Nigh and Take The Body Of The Lord*

- Hymn 465 (*all sing*)

*Eternal Light, Shine In My Heart*

**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:*

<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

Recessional (*all sing*)

*Alleluia! Sing To Jesus!*

**Hymn 460**

## 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

*Please join us for a time of honoring our Moms and Grand-moms with Muffins, a Pamper Station, and a Photo Booth in the Parish Hall.*

*This is our way of saying: Thank you for all you sacrifice for your children!  
Thank you and God Bless You!*

**Notes:**

## St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

### Altar Party

**Acolytes:**

**Ushers:** Denis and Judi James

**Chalicer/Intercessor:** Charles Collins

**Lector:** Sandra Weir

**Cantor:** Andrea Hutchison

**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

*Kerry Cormier, Sr. Warden*      *Colinda Frieauf*

*Steve Freeman, Jr. Warden*      *Fran Hammond*

*Charles Collins*      *Chris Hutchison*

*Jon Cox*      *Rebecca Klimek*

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