

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 CELEBRATION OF ASCENSION

May 21, 2023 – 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 on the rack in front of you.

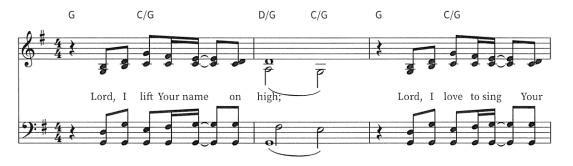
Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God from Chi and Amaka Obasi in celebration of their wedding.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn (all sing) Lord, I Lift Your Name On High Words and Music by Rick Founds





[BCP 355]

Opening Acclamation

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.**

Priest and People

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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.*

Timothy's Troop – Children aged Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to follow the children's crucifer out of the sanctuary for our children's formation time.

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."

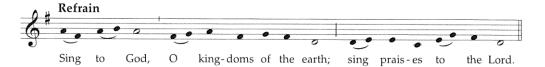
So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will 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 68:1-10, 33-36 (sung by the cantor)



- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; * let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; * as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; * let them also be merry and joyful.

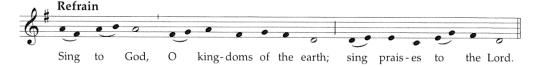
Refrain

- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; * YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, * God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; * but the rebels shall live in dry places.

Refrain

- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, * when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, * at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

Refrain



- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; * you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their home in it; * in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

Refrain

- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; * sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; * he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

Refrain

- 35 Ascribe power to God; * his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! * the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!

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.

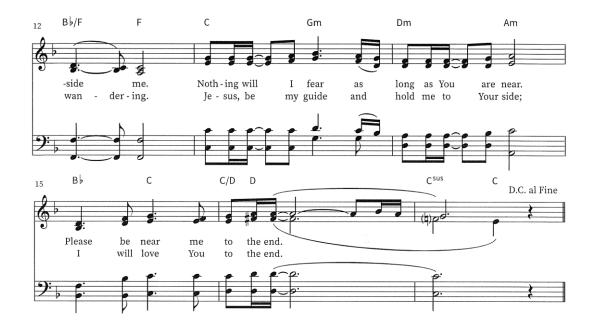
People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn (all sing)

Thy Word

Words and Music by Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith





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 Homily (sit)

Stephanie Townes, Missioner for Congregational Vitality: Youth and Youth Adults The Episcopal Diocese of Texas

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.

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

Bless area families, teachers, and administrators to have a peaceful end to school.

We pray especially for members: Ron, David and Pastor Robin, Ben, Chi and Amaka, Bill, the Friehauf 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: Kim and Charlie, Andrea, Nancy and Bill, Mark, Thelma & Keith, Carmen, Kristi, Terri, Carol and Bruce, Lucille, Marie, Gerald, Jaycob and

Stephanie, Lane, Jaycie, Cody and April, Charlie, Casey, Leisa, Mita, Jay, Robert, Colleen, Alexander, Lindsay, Bubba, Dustin, Kristi, Hannah, John, Margaret, Sue and Kenneth, Grace, Tate, Douglas, Steve, Jean, Rebecca, Kellye, Liz, James, Jake, 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.

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

For the diocesan cycle of prayer: St. Christopher's in Fort Worth, St. Luke's in the Meadow in Fort Worth, St. Luke's in Stephenville, 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.

- Timothy's Troop returns to the sanctuary

Recognition of Graduating Senior – Hannah Poore

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

Hymn of Heaven Simply Praise Words and Music by Phil Wickham, Bill Johnson, Brian Johnson, and Chris Davenport

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets To look upon the One who bled to save me And walk with Him for all eternity

There will be a day when all will bow before Him There will be a day when death will be no more Standing face to face with He who died and rose again Holy, holy is the Lord

And every prayer we prayed in desperation The songs of faith we sang through doubt and fear In the end, we'll see that it was worth it When He returns to wipe away our tears

And on that day, we join the resurrection And stand beside the heroes of the faith With one voice, a thousand generations Sing, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain" "Forever He shall reign"

So let it be today we shout the hymn of Heaven With angels and the saints, we raise a mighty roar Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave Holy, holy is the Lord Holy, holy is the Lord Holy, holy is the Lord

(The gifts are brought forward by members)

Doxology (The people stand, said in unison)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Priest: All things come from thee, O Lord.
People: And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving (stand)

[BCP 361]

Eucharistic Prayer A

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. 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

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.

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

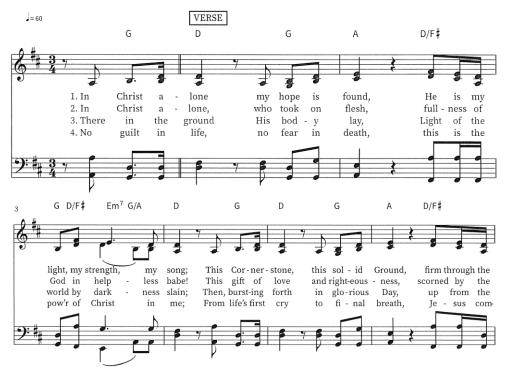
The Ministration of Communion

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:

- In Christ Alone (all sing)

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend





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.

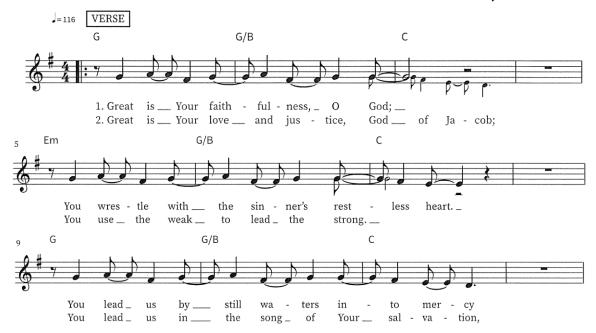
All We who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn (all sing)

Your Grace Is Enough

Words and Music by Matt Maher







The Dismissal

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

Alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

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Please join us in celebrating our Senior, Hannah Poore, following the 10:30 service in the Parish Hall.

Also, a light luncheon and discussion about what you need from the church in forming your faith and your family's faith.

Notes:

This Week at St. Timothy's

Sunday, May 21, 2023

8:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:45 -10:10 a.m. - Christian Formation (all ages), Parish Hall

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Timothy's Troop)

11:45 p.m. – Senior Celebration and Forming Your Faith & Your Family's Faith Discussion, Parish Hall

Monday, May 22, 2023

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

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

6:30 p.m. – Vestry Meeting, Blue Room

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

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

11:00 a.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, May 25, 2023

Friday, May 26, 2023

10:00 a.m. - Healing Prayer Group, Welcome Center 6:00-10:00 p.m. - Gulf Coast Duplicate Bridge Group, Blue Room

Saturday, May 27, 2023

Sunday, May 28, 2023 (Pentecost Sunday)

7:30 a.m. - Brotherhood of St. Andrew Breakfast and Study, Parish Hall

8:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:45-10:10 a.m. - Christian Formation for all ages, Parish Hall

10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

11:30 a.m. – Fellowship in the Welcome Center

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church <u>Altar Party</u>

Acolytes:

Ushers: Mel McKey and Sondra Griner

Chalicer/Intercessor: Angela McCabe

Lector: Angela McCabe

Healing Prayer: Dale Rasco and Char Aslakson

Rector: The Reverend Robin Reeves-Kautz

Guest Celebrant: Stephanie Townes

Director of Music: Andrea Hutchison

Organist: Bonnie McDaniel

St. Timothy's Vestry

Gary Jones – Sr. Warden
Mark Lehnhoff – Jr. Warden

Kerry Cormier
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