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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 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 23, 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.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn (all sing) Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above Hymn 408

Opening Acclamation

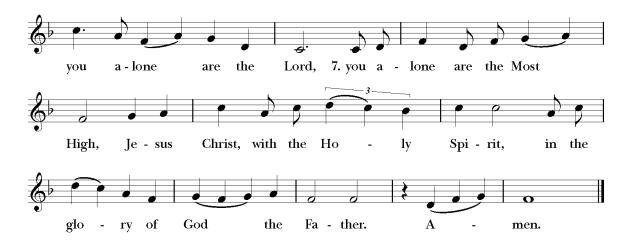
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PriestBlessed be God: Father Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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.





The Collect of the Day

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Priest The Lord be with you.*People* And also with you.*Priest* Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Genesis 28:10-19a (sit)

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

After the reading

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23 (read responsively by whole verse)

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; * you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places * and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, * but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before * and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; * it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? * where can I flee from your presence?

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; * if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning * and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

9 Even there your hand will lead me * and your right hand hold me fast.

10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, * and the light around me turn to night,"

11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; * darkness and light to you are both alike.

22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; * try me and know my restless thoughts.

- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me * and lead me in the way that is everlasting.
- 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: Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

After the reading

Reader The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn (all sing) O Day Of God, Draw Nigh Hymn 601

The Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. *People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel passage is read.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Priest:	The Gospel of the Lord.
People:	Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon (sit)

The Reverend Susanne Darnell Hebert

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The Nicene Creed (stand)

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 worshiped 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, giver of all good gifts and our only defense against evil. As we look for the full revelation of your glory, keep us faithful in work and worship.
People	Defend the Church against the assaults of evil, to yield a good harvest from the planting of your holy word.
Intercessor	Root out all the evil things that mar the goodness of your world.
People	Give the glorious liberty of the Spirit to those who live only for the demands of the flesh.
Intercessor	Shield our families from all assaults of evil. Bless our local community and keep it free from corruption.
People	Guide with your Holy Spirit those who hold responsibility for health and environment.
Intercessor	Visit the afflicted with the assurance that their suffering will pass.
People	Restore health to the damaged bodies and the troubled minds.

Intercessor	Grant that the faithful departed may as joint heirs with Christ share in his glory.
People	Have mercy on all souls in the time of judgment when good and evil shall be revealed together.
Intercessor	May these prayers, purified from fault and error, be heard through Jesus Christ, Son of Man and Lord of all.
Silence	

Almighty God, source of all wisdom and understanding: Look graciously on your church, and so guide the hearts and minds of those who will choose our next presiding bishop, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for all of your people, equip us for our ministries, and proclaim your word to us and to the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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: John and Gayle, David and Pastor Robin, Mili and LaWane, Pamela, Jim, Norma, Lauren, Jeff and Davis, Lori and Jared, James, Jake, Denis and Judi, Ben, Chi and Amaka, Bill, the Friehauf family, Ed, Dave and Kay, Carolyn, Kurt, Jessey, David, Steve, Jay and Cathy, Michael, Robert, Kay, Roy, Dale, Donna, Larry, Linda, Susan and Keith.

For friends and families: Liam and family, Holly, Crystal and Billie, Signe, Jane, Kim, Andrea, Nancy and Bill, Carmen, Kristi, Terri, Carol and Bruce, Marie, Gerald, Jaycob and Stephanie, Lane, Jaycie, Cody and April, Charlie, Casey, Leisa, Mita, Jay, Robert, Colleen, Alexander, Lindsay, Dustin, Kristi, Hannah, John, Margaret, Sue and Kenneth, Grace, Tate, Douglas, Steve, Jean, Rebecca,

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

Kellye, Liz, Loorie, Derek, Mary, Eric, Judy, Kelly, Jocelyn, Cheryl, Terry, Matt,

We give thanks for all who have answered God's call to leadership in the church. May you watch over them and guide them in their studies, discernment, and process. We especially lift up to you Stephanie Townes as she prepares to go to Virginia Seminary in August.

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

For the diocesan cycle of prayer: St. John's in Tyler, St. Luke's in Lindale, St. Matthew's in Henderson, and the Diocese of Peshawar.

Concluding Prayer

Sam, Kevin, Claire, Mary, and Amy.

Priest Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's Name: We beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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

Those who are able are invited to kneel. Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned Priest and People 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

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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)

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.

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

(The gifts are brought forward by members)

Doxology (The people stand) (all sing)

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. John Cox, Bagpipes

Hymn 380, vs. 3

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

The Great Thanksgiving (stand)

Eucharistic Prayer A

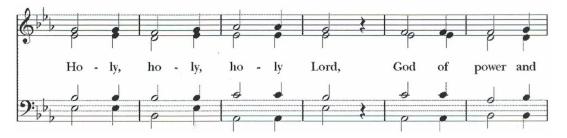
Priest The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Priest Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

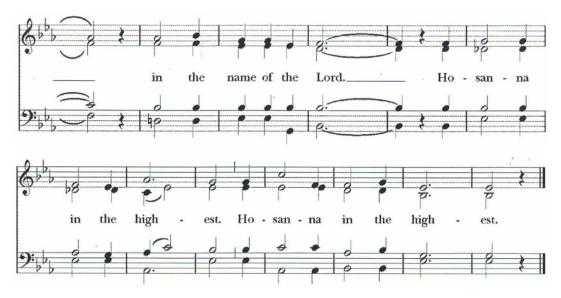
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our 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:

Sanctus (S130) (all sing)

Setting by Franz Schubert







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

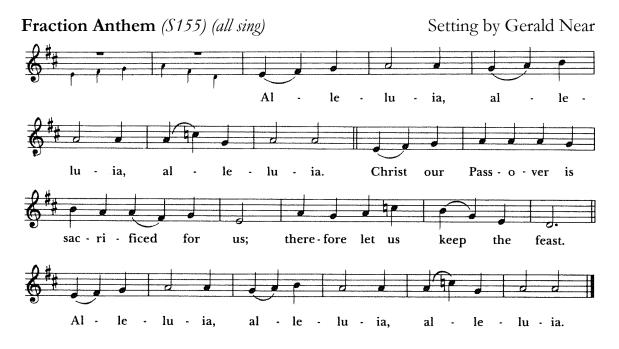
Priest And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.



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 711 (all sing)	Seek Ye First
- Hymn 335 (all sing)	I Am The Bread Of Life

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Post Communion Prayer (stand or kneel)

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 535 (all sing)

The Dismissal

Priest:	Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People:	Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Sunday, July 23, 2023 (Guest Priest: The Reverend Susanne Darnell Hebert) 7:30 a.m. – Brotherhood of St. Andrew Breakfast and Study, Parish Hall
8:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:30 a.m. – Coffee Hour, Parish Hall
10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:45 a.m. – Fellowship in the Welcome Center

Monday, July 24, 2023

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

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

1:00 p.m. – Tuesday Bible Study, Blue Room 6:30 p.m. – Vestry Meeting, Blue Room

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

8:30 a.m. – Army of Retired Men (ARM), All are welcome!
11:00 a.m. – Silent Prayer in the Chapel
8:00 p.m. – Compline (Facebook Live)

Thursday, July 27, 2023

Friday, July 28, 2023

10:00 a.m. - Healing Prayer Group, Welcome Center5:00 p.m. – Episcopal Night at the Ballpark6:00-10:00 p.m. - Gulf Coast Duplicate Bridge Group, Blue Room

Saturday, July 29, 2023

3:00 p.m. – Tabitha's Sewing Group, Room 250

Sunday, July 30, 2023 (Guest Priest: The Reverend Isaias Ginson)
8:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:30 a.m. – Coffee Hour, Parish Hall
10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:45 a.m. – Fellowship in the Welcome Center

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Altar Party

Acolytes: Divine and David Obasi Chalicer/Intercessor: Charles Collins Lector: Sondra Griner Ushers: Mel McKey and Jon Cox Healing Prayer: Cathy Richardson and Dale Rasco Guest Priest: The Reverend Susanne Darnell Hebert Rector: The Reverend Robin Reeves-Kautz Director of Music: Andrea Hutchison Organist: Bonnie McDaniel

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