

***St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
Lake Jackson, Texas***

Our Vision

As a family of God, we are called to invite and welcome all people to connect with Christ and grow in his love while serving and sharing with our community.

**MORNING PRAYER – RITE II
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2020 – 10:30 a.m.**

Welcome to St. Timothy's! We invite you to actively join in with us as we pray, sing and worship God together. 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.

The Liturgy of the Word

Welcome

Prayer Before Worship

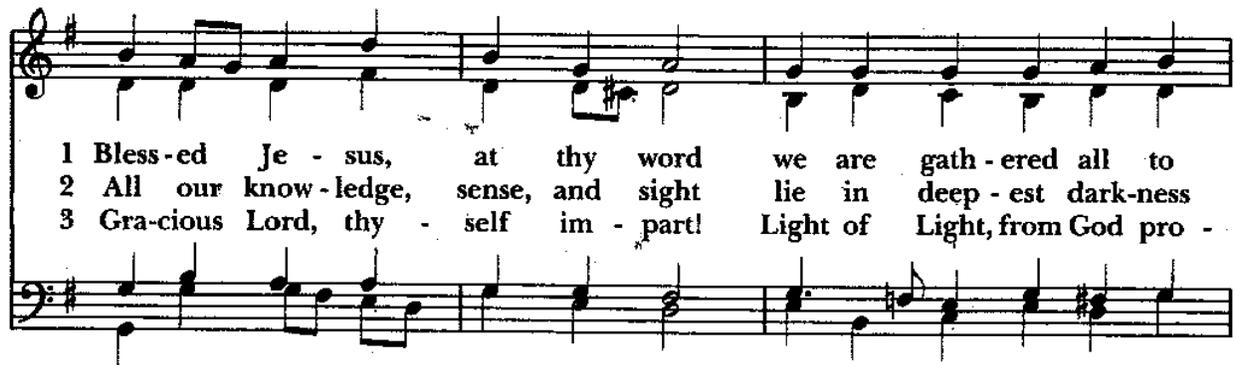
[BCP 833]

O Almighty God, who pourest out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to thee, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Opening Sentence

[BCP 78]

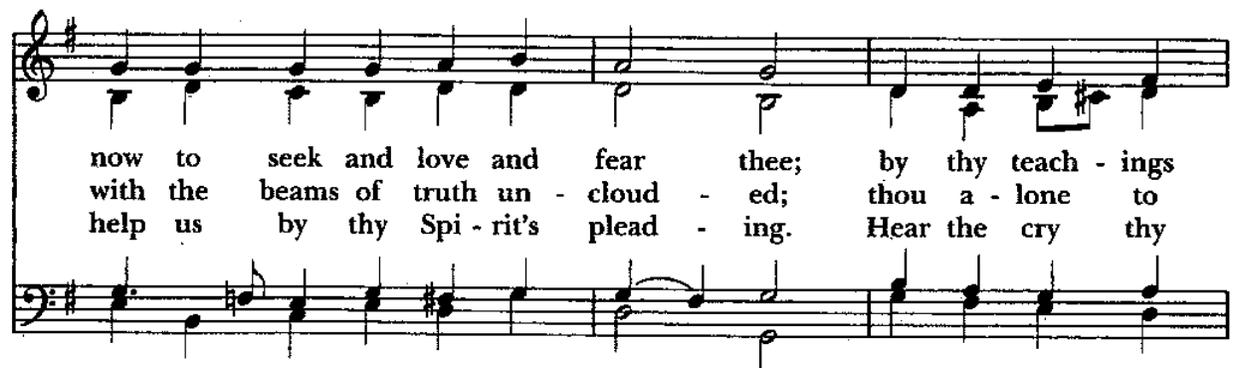
Officiant: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*



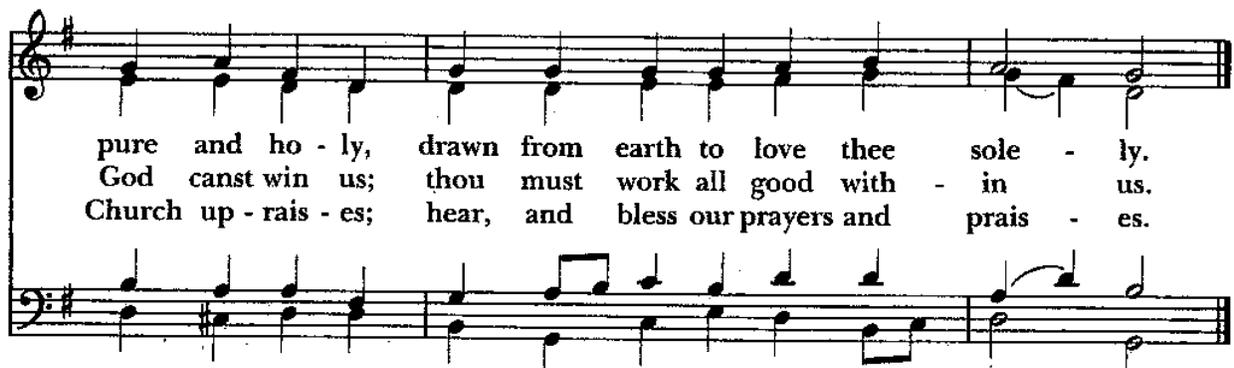
1 Bless-ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath-ered all to
 2 All our know-ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep-est dark-ness
 3 Gra-cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -



hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
 shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night
 ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,



now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to
 help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy



pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
 Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Confession of Sin

[BCP 79]

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

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.

The Officiant alone stands and says

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 Invitatory and Psalter

[BCP 80]

All stand

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

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.

Venite *Psalms 95:1-7 (said in unison)*

[BCP 82]

**Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

Psalms 119:129-136 (sung by choir)

[BCP 774]

Refrain:



129 Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

130 When your word goes forth it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.

Refrain

131 I open my mouth and pant;
I long for your commandments.

132 Turn to me in mercy,
as you always do to those who love your Name.

Refrain

133 Steady my footsteps in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Rescue me from those who oppress me,
and I will keep your commandments.

Refrain

135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.

136 My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your law.

Refrain

The First Lesson: 1 Kings 3:5-12 (*sit*)

After the reading

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 10: The Second Song of Isaiah (*said in unison*)

[BCP 86-87]

**Seek the Lord while he wills to be found;
call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the evil ones their thoughts;
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion,
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens
and return not again, but water the earth,
Bringing forth life and giving growth,
seed for sowing and bread for eating,
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth;
it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed,
and prosper in that for which I sent it.**

**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 8:26-39

After the reading

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 15: The Song of Mary *(said in unison)*

[BCP 91-92]

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children 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 Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

The Gospel passage is read.

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

The Homily *(sit)*

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The Apostles' Creed

[BCP 96]

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,

**the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

[BCP 97]

The people stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant 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.

Suffrages B:

[BCP 98]

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your Name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects

Collect of the Day

[BCP 231]

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Mission

[BCP 100]

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

For Social Service

[BCP 260]

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: Bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy- for the love of him who laid down his life for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Intercessions

Officiant: We pray for the special needs, concerns, and thanksgivings of this congregation. *(please pray out loud or silently)*

- For protection in our parish and community from the Coronavirus.
- For all first responders.
- For medical professionals, healthcare workers, all essential workers on the front lines, and for those who are ill.
- For the Food Basket and all non-profits tending to the poor and vulnerable.
- For the lonely and for those who have lost work.
- For all who are in need of an extra measure of grace in their relationships.
- For expectant parents and grandparents, we pray for safe deliveries and health for all.
- For those living and working in assisted-living and nursing homes, and for their families.
- For all educators and students as they prepare for the school year.
- For the Re-Gather Task Force and Rector Search.

We pray especially for: Jacob, Irene, Roy and Kay, Bill, Taylor and Tommy, Alexander, John and Gayle, Karla and family, Lori and Jared, Susan, Stuart, Sandy, Harriet, Sarah, Larry, Donna, Mark, Kelly, Kyle, Linda, Amber, Sherry, Alex, Janet, Margo and Bob, Sharon, Cynthia, Buell, Lenny, Will, Griffin, Grayson, Jenny, DeLayne, Patty, Sophia, Donnie, Sam, Carolyn, Helen, Jan, Claire, Jennifer, Cheryl, David, Bonnie, Ann and for our men and women serving in the Armed Forces at home and abroad, Brad, Lucas, Annie, Justin, Brian, Joseph, Caleb, Ed, Brian, Sean, Brett and Thia.

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

For the diocesan cycle of prayer: All Saints' in Cameron, Christ Church in Mexia and Christ Church in Temple.

The General Thanksgiving

[BCP 101]

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.***

The Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

Postlude

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