



***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 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
September 15, 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, which is located in the pew rack in front of you.*

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Processional Hymn** (*all sing*)      *O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing*      **Hymn 493**

**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 (S280) (all sing)

Setting by Robert Powell



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



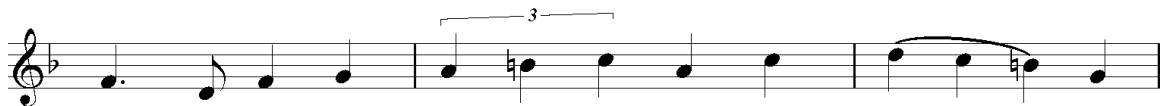
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy



on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**The Collect**

[BCP 233]

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest* Let us pray.

**O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.***

**The First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a (*sit*)**

The Lord GOD has given me  
 the tongue of a teacher,  
 that I may know how to sustain  
 the weary with a word.  
 Morning by morning he wakens--  
 wakens my ear  
 to listen as those who are taught.  
 The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
 and I was not rebellious,  
 I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

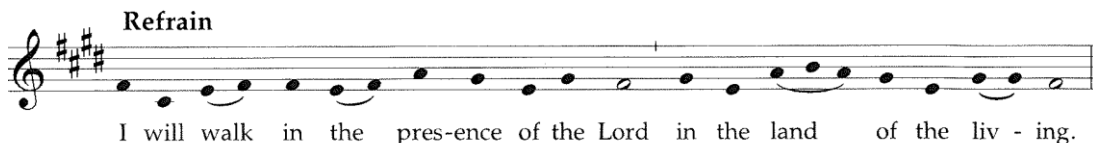
*After the reading*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 116:1-8** (*sung by the cantor*)

**Refrain**



I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord in the land of the liv - ing.

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

2 The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: \*  
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

**Refrain**

4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; \*  
our God is full of compassion.

5 The LORD watches over the innocent; \*  
I was brought very low, and he helped me.

### **Refrain**

6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, \*  
for the LORD has treated you well.

7 For you have rescued my life from death, \*  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

### **Refrain**

### **The Epistle: James 3:1-12**

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

*After the reading*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**The Gospel: Mark 8:27-38**

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

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

*The Gospel passage is read.*

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon** *(sit)*

*The Reverend Robin Reeves-Kantz*

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* Let us pray to the Father, who has called us to follow Christ in all things. Empower your Church to follow Christ in all things, courageous to face the hard demands of the Gospel.

*People* **Keep your people from idle gossip and evil speaking, that the purity of their witness shall not be corrupted.**

*Intercessor* Fill with the love of truth those who influence the minds of others.

*People* **Give to journalists and broadcasters the desire to make known the good as well as the bad, and to avoid anything that can mislead the innocent.**

*Intercessor* We pray for all who are suffering from slander and false accusations. For those unjustly accused through malice or error.

*People* **Give courage to those who are called to witness to their faith in peril and persecution.**

*Intercessor* Guard our speaking as we meet with others.

*People* **Shield us in our families and in all our relationships from hasty words and disregard of truth.**

*Intercessor* We pray that the souls of the departed who loved this world too much may be pardoned in the Kingdom where true joys are to be found.

*People* **May no evil report harm the memory of those who are at rest.**

*Intercessor* As those who trust in Christ, the true Messiah, we pray in his name.

*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!
- 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: Charlie, Bob and Carol, Alan, Donna and Larry, Lorna, Lauren, Jacob, Richard, Kay, Char, Matthew, Tony, Jim and James, John and Gayle, Kay and Roy, Mary, James, Jake, Denis and Judi, Steve, Michael, Robert, and Linda.



Thank you for the privilege to pray on behalf of friends and families: Phyllis and family, the Luna family, Gilbert and family, Alisha, Eileen, the Dye family, Sue and Keith, Daryl and family, Carrie, Jody, Laryssa, Molly, Ali, Doris, Kaytlynn, Mary, Bruce, Sheral, Megan, Dorothy, Cody, Bill, Greta, Warren and Danee, Betty and family, Rose, Melissa, Brennan, Pam, Annette, Liam and family, Holly, Jane, 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 Mary Furrer (Phyllis' mother), that they may have a place in your eternal Kingdom.

For the diocesan cycle of prayer: St. Dunstan's in Houston, St. Isidore's in Spring, St. James the Apostle in Conroe, St. Luke's in Livingston, 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*

*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.*

**Offertory Sentence:** Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **The Offertory**

*Be Thou My Vision*  
Chancel Choir

Bob Chilcott

*(The gifts are brought forward by members.)*

### **Doxology** *(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 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. 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*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then 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.*

### Fraction Anthem *(all sing)*

*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  
8  
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 to 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 593 *(all sing)*

*Lord, Make Us Servants Of Your Peace*

- Hymn 603 *(all sing)*

*When Christ Was Lifted From The Earth*

### 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.**

## The Blessing

### Recessional

*Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken*

**Hymn 522**

### 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

**St. Timothy's Episcopal Church**  
**Altar Party**

**Acolytes:** Divine Obasi and Seth Collins

**Ushers:** Jon Cox and James Kimbrough

**Chalicer/Intercessor:** Charles Collins

**Lector:** Sondra Griner

**Cantor:** Keith Frank

**Healing Prayer:** Char Aslakson and Judi James

**Rector:** The Reverend Robin Reeves-Kautz

**Director of Music:** Andrea Hutchison

**Organist:** Bonnie McDaniel

**Sound Tech:** Jeff Klorer

**Videographer:** David Obasi

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*Charles Collins*      *Rebecca Klimek*

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