



***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 Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 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*

Take My Life and Let It Be

1. Take my life and let it be
 2. Take my hands and let them move
 3. Take my voice and let me sing
 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold;
 5. Take my will and make it thine;
 6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour

con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee.
 at the im - pulse of thy love.
 al - ways, on - ly, for my King.
 not a mite would I with - hold.
 it shall be no lon - ger mine.
 at thy feet its trea - sure store.

Take my mo - ments and my days;
 Take my feet and let them be
 Take my lips and let them be
 Take my in - tel - lect and use
 Take my heart; it is thine own;
 Take my - self, and I will be

let them flow in end - less praise,
 swift and beau - ti - ful for thee,
 filled with mes - sag - es from thee,
 ev - ery power as thou shalt choose,
 it shall be thy roy - al throne,
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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.**

Jubilate *Psalm 100 (said in unison)*

[BCP 82-83]

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God;
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

**For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Psalm 70 *(said in unison)*

[BCP 682]

**1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.**

**2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.**

**3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back,
because they are ashamed.**

**4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the LORD!"**

**5 But as for me, I am poor and needy;
come to me speedily, O God.**

**6 You are my helper and my deliverer;
O LORD, do not tarry.**

**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 First Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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 Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

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)*

The Reverend Jay Sidebotham

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 A:

[BCP 97-98]

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects

Collect of the Day

[BCP 236]

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Mission

[BCP 100]

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for the Nation

[BCP 258]

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Intercessions

Reader: 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, school nurses, students, and parents as the school year unfolds.
- For the Rector Search Committee.

We pray especially for: Jim and family, Margo, Jackie M., Carolyn, Bill, Irene, Jacob, Kim, Mark, Carol, Mike, Darline, Bob, Norma, Chris, Bunny, Robin, Roy, John and Gayle, Kevin, Jocelynn, Karen, Glenda, Martha, Debbie, Susan, Larry, Mark, Kelly, Kyle, Linda, Leon, DeLayne, Sherry and Ed, Alex, Janet, Griffin, Grayson, Patty, Helen, Jan, Claire, Jennifer, Cheryl, Sam, Levi, David, 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: St. Mary's in West Columbia, St. Paul's in Freeport, St. Thomas' in Wharton, and St. Timothy's in Lake Jackson.

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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