



# *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 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** **December 3, 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.*

*Why Advent? The Latin word translates "coming". Advent marks the beginning season of the church year in which we prepare, simplify, and make space for Christ's coming both in the past, present, and future. Each Sunday in Advent reminds us of the gifts in which we receive from Christ's coming: HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE. Each week we will light an advent candle as a way of remembering and marking time. We will read a scripture related to how Jesus brought this gift to the world uniquely and then say a prayer. You can do this at home as well.*

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

**Processional Hymn** *(all sing)*      *"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us*      **Hymn 61**

### **First Sunday of Advent**

*Member:* Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. This first candle is HOPE.

*The candle is lit.*

Scripture: Psalm 33:20 – We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.

Prayer: Eternal God, as we await the coming of our savior, give us the courage to hope. Give us grace to see your plans of redemption for our lives, for this community, and for the world. Through Jesus Christ, the source of our redemption and hope. Amen.

## Opening Acclamation

[BCP 355]

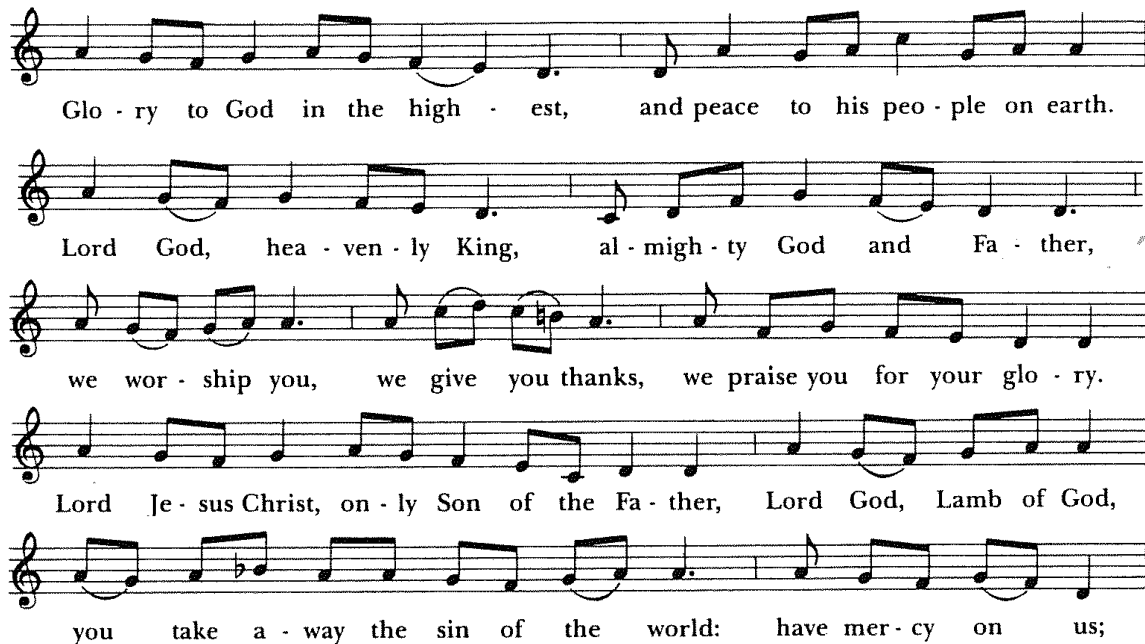
*Priest* Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed.**

## Collect for Purity

*Priest and People* 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 (S273) (all sing)



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther,

we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive  
our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
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 211]

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest* Let us pray.

**Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.***

### The First Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9(*sit*)

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--

as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil--

to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,

no eye has seen any God besides you,  
 who works for those who wait for him.  
 You meet those who gladly do right,  
 those who remember you in your ways.  
 But you were angry, and we sinned;  
 because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
 We have all become like one who is unclean,  
 and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
 We all fade like a leaf,  
 and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
 There is no one who calls on your name,  
 or attempts to take hold of you;  
 for you have hidden your face from us,  
 and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.  
 Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;  
 we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
 we are all the work of your hand.  
 Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,  
 and do not remember iniquity forever.  
 Now consider, we are all your people.

*After the reading*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18** (*sung by the cantor*)

**Refrain**

Re - store us, O God of hosts; show the light  
 of your coun - tenance, and we shall be saved.

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
 shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.

**Refrain**

4 O LORD God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

**Refrain**

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

**Refrain**

**The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*After the reading*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn** (*all sing*)

*How Firm A Foundation*

**Hymn 637**

## **Gospel: Mark 13:24-37**

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

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

*The Gospel passage is read.*

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering,  
the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light,  
and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon** (*sit*)

*The Reverend Robin Reeves-Kautz*

**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

*Intervessor* Let us pray as faithful servants to know and obey the will of God. Make your Church ever watchful to discern the signs of your will.

*People* **Keep her firm and constant to the end, knowing that all her works are worth nothing without the blessing of your grace.**

*Intervessor* Come with great power to a world where many are ignorant of your purposes.

*People* **Give to those in authority wisdom to know you and to lead others in the right way.**

*Intervessor* Give to us, our families and friends, discernment to recognize your presence among us at all times.

*People* **May we grow in the grace that Christ gives to all who will come to him.**

*Intervessor* Have mercy on those who trust in their own works and do not know their need.

*People* **Give the vision of your glory to those whose eyes are darkened by affliction.**

*Intervessor* We pray for those who have heard your call and met the hour of their death.

*People* **Have mercy on them, with the grace that alone gives salvation.**

*Intervessor* We pray in the name of Christ who has come among us and is to come again.

*Silence*

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: Irenna, Suzy, The Collins family, Lorna, John and Gayle, Mary, James, Jake, Denis and Judi, Bill, Kurt, Jessey, David, Steve, Michael, Robert, Kay and Roy, Donna and Larry, and Linda.

Thank you for the privilege to pray on behalf of friends and families: Norman and family, Tay and William Petermann's family, Kayla, Addie, Natalla and family, Melissa, Weldon, Earlene, Brennan, Pam, Annette, Liam and family, James, Holly, Crystal and Billie, Jane, Kim, Nancy and Bill, Carmen, Kristi, Terri, Marie, Stephanie, Lane, Jaycie, Cody, Leisa, Mita, Jay, Alexander, Dustin, Kristi, Hannah, John, Margaret, Grace, Tate, Douglas, Steve, Jean, Rebecca, Kellye, Liz, Lorie, Derek, Mary, Eric, Judy, Kelly, Jocelyn, Cheryl, Terry, Matt, Kevin, Claire, Mary, Ken, and Amy.

For our men and women serving in the Armed Forces: Jordan, 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: Epiphany in Houston, Holy Apostles in Katy, Holy Spirit in Houston, 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.

*Those who are able are invited to kneel. 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*)

*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 to sanctuary.*

*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:** But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15, 16*

**The Offertory**

*E'en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come*  
Chancel Choir

Paul Manz

*(The gifts are brought forward by members)*

**Doxology** (*The people stand*) (*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. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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** (*S129*) (*all sing*)

*Setting by Robert Powell*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.\_\_\_\_\_

*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.*

*Celebrant:* 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.*

## Communion Hymns

- **Hymn 312** (*all sing*) *Strengthen For Service, Lord*
- **Hymn 53** (*all sing*) *Once He Came In Blessing*

## 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.

*When a Eucharistic Visitor is sent out:*

<i>Priest</i>	N., in the name of Jesus Christ and of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts,
<i>People</i>	that those to whom you go may share in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.
<i>All</i>	<i>We who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.</i>

## The Blessing

**Recessional Hymn** *(all sing)*

*Rejoice, Rejoice Believers*

**Hymn 68**

## The Dismissal

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

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

## Postlude

*Notes:*

*This Week at St. Timothy's*

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**Sunday, December 3, 2023**

**8:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I**

9:30 a.m. – Annual Advent Event, Parish Hall

**10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

11:45 a.m. – Fellowship in the Welcome Center

12:00-5:00 p.m. – Brazosport Daylily Christmas Party, Parish Hall

2:00-4:30 p.m. – St. Timothy's Serves, Food Basket in Clute

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**Monday, December 4, 2023**

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

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**Tuesday, December 5, 2023**

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**Wednesday, December 6, 2023**

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

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – Silent Prayer (Chapel)

6:00 p.m. – Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

8:00 p.m. – Compline (Facebook Live)

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**Thursday, December 7, 2023**

10:00 a.m. – 12 noon – Sewing with guests from the Food Basket, Room 250

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**Friday, December 8, 2023**

10:00 a.m. – Healing Prayer Group (in the Welcome Center)

6:00-10:00 p.m. - Gulf Coast Duplicate Bridge Group, Blue Room

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**Saturday, December 9, 2023**

9:30-11:00 a.m. – Daughters of the King Meeting

2:00 p.m. – Tabitha's Sewing Guild, Room 250

7:00 & 7:45 p.m. – Living Nativity and St. John's Bible

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**Sunday, December 10, 2023**

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

**8:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I**

9:30 a.m. – Fellowship/Coffee Hour, Parish Hall

**10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

11:45 a.m. – Fellowship in the Welcome Center

7:00 & 7:45 p.m. – Living Nativity and St. John's Bible

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## St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

### Altar Party

#### Acolytes:

**Chalice/Intercessor:** Gary Jones

**Lector:** Margaret Jones

**Usher:** Sondra Griner and Mel McKey

**Healing Prayer:** Cathy Richardson and Benjamin Dodson

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

**Director of Music:** Andrea Hutchison

**Organist:** Bonnie McDaniel

#### St. Timothy's Vestry

*Gary Jones – Sr. Warden*

*Fran Hammond*

*Mark Lehnboff – Jr. Warden*

*Dave Mayberry*

*Kerry Cormier*

*Angela McCabe*

*Margaret Dodson*

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