



***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 Second Sunday of Advent  
December 6, 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 75]

*Officiant:* Watch, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning, lest he come suddenly and find you asleep.

*Mark 13:35, 36*



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.  
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Words: Latin, ca. 9<sup>th</sup> cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.

Music: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode 1, *Processionale*, 15<sup>th</sup> cent.;  
 adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)

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.

**Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13** (*said in unison*)

[BCP 708-709]

**1** You have been gracious to your land, O LORD,  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

**2** You have forgiven the iniquity of your people  
and blotted out all their sins.

**8** I will listen to what the LORD God is saying,  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

**9** Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

**10** Mercy and truth have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**11** Truth shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

**12** The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.

**13** Righteousness shall go before him,  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

**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.

**Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah** (*said in unison*)

[BCP 86]

Surely, it is God who saves me;

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing  
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say,

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples;

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,  
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

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: 2 Peter 3:8-15a**

*After the reading*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Canticle 11: The Third Song of Isaiah** (*said in unison*)

[BCP 87-88]

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.  
For behold, darkness covers the land;  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.  
But over you the Lord will rise,  
and his glory will appear upon you.  
Nations Will stream to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.  
Your gates will always be open;  
by day or night they will never be shut.  
They will call you, The City of the Lord,  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.  
Violence will no more be heard in your land,  
ruin or destruction within your borders.  
You will call your walls, Salvation,  
and all your portals, Praise.  
The sun will no more be your light by day;  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.  
The Lord will be your everlasting light,  
and your God will be your glory.

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: Mark 1:1-8**

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

*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 Genevieve Razim*

**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 211]

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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.**

### **Intercessions**

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

- In thanksgiving for the many blessings of this life, including: health, joy, the kindness of strangers and the love of those who are dear to us.
- For all affected by coronavirus here and around the world.
- For those who are ill, anxious, lonely, and all who are brought low.
- For those who care for the sick, the hungry, and the destitute.
- For all in schools and places of learning.
- For The Food Basket, our parish church St. Timothy's and for our Rector Search.

**We pray especially for:** Margo, Renee, Dave, Bruce, Lorie, Carolyn, Andrea, Kelley, Irene, Jacob, Darline, Gayle, Kelly, Sherry, Janet, Griffin, Claire, and David.

**We pray 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:** Santa Maria Virgen in Houston, St. Andrew's in Houston, and St. Christopher's in Houston.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

[BCP 102]

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

### **The Dismissal**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

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

*Officiant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

### **Postlude**

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