



***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.

**HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE II
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 20, 2020**

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.

Thank you for protecting yourself and others: masks covering both mouth and nose are required to be worn for the entirety of the service. Should you feel the need to remove your mask and you are in the outdoor service, please step away from the congregation before removing your mask. If you are in the indoor service, please step outdoors before removing your mask.

Prelude, Offertory, and Postlude music are noted for the 10:30 service.

The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Opening Acclamation

[BCP 355]

Priest Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

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.**

Priest: Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,

People: **Have mercy upon us.**

The Collect of the Day

[BCP 212]

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Romans 16:25-27

After the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

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

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

The Gospel passage is read.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily (*sit*)

The Reverend Genevieve Razim

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.*

Prayers of the People

[BCP 392-393]

The Leader and People pray responsively

Reader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Reader: For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Reader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Reader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Reader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Reader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Reader: For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Andrew, our Bishop, Jeff, Kai, and Hector our Suffragan Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Reader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

For Bob and family, Shannon, Donald, Roy, Renee, Dave, Bruce, Lorie, Carolyn, Andrea, Kelley, Linda, Kyle, Leon, Irene, Jacob, Darline, Gayle, Kelly, Sherry, Janet, Griffin, Claire, and David.

For our men and women serving in the Armed Forces: Brad, Lucas, Annie, Justin, Brian, Joseph, Caleb, Ed, Brian, Sean, Brett and Thia.

The People may add their own petitions

Reader: Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Reader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

Reader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

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

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Reader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

Priest: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Priest and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest 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 Peace

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, remaining in place by bowing or waving.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Bonnie McDaniel

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer B)

[BCP 367]

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.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said.

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:

Celebrant and People

[BCP 362]

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Prayer of Consecration

The people stand or kneel. The priest continues the prayer...eventually saying,

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Priest continues...until concluding with the words,

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

[BCP 364]

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.

Priest: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Ministration of Communion

The Celebrant will invite individuals or households forward one by one to receive the bread. Once you have received the bread, please return to your seat, briefly lifting your mask to consume the bread. As with all communion services, should you wish to receive a blessing and not the bread, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. Should you wish to not come forward, remain in your seat and cross your arms over your chest so that the next person or household will be invited.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant, dismisses them with these words

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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