



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.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS

The First Sunday after Christmas Day

December 26, 2021 – 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.

Please see updated COVID-19 Safety Protocols, as of May 26, 2021, on page 16 of the leaflet.

This service celebrates the Advent of Christ, reflecting on his coming through the breadth of the Holy Scripture. In 1880 E. W. Benson, then Bishop of Truro, England, drew up a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, based on ancient sources, for use on Christmas Eve in the wooden shed which served as his cathedral. This was adapted for use in the chapel of Kings' College, Cambridge by its Dean, Eric Milner-White, who had returned to Britain after the First World War convinced that the church needed to creatively retell the Christmas story. For Fr. Eric, the horrors of modern combat exposed the need for a deepened understanding of the Incarnation and its significance for our salvation. To these ends, the newly appointed Dean Milner-White, who also wrote the Bidding Prayer, organized the first Lessons and Carols on Christmas Eve 1918.

Prelude

- Joy to the World - *Antioch*, settings by Jacob B. Weber

Welcome

Processional
- Hymn #102

Once In Royal David's City



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a
2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is
*3 We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a
4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,
*5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his
6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the



1 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her
2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a
3 sta - ble should dis - play hea - ven's Word, the world's cre -
4 when on earth he grew, he was tempt - ed, scorned, re -
5 own re - deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so
6 ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him; but in



1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry
2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the
3 a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day, yet this
4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he
5 help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he
6 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -

1 was that mo - ther mild, — Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child. —
 2 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
 3 child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one an - oth - er.
 4 feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
 5 leads his chil - dren on — to the place where he is gone. —
 6 vealed to faith - ful eye, — set at God's right hand on high. —

Words: Sts. 1-2 and 4-6, Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.;
 st. 3, James Waring McCrady (b. 1938)

The Bidding Prayer (*all stand*)

Dear People of God: In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

And now, to gather up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

Presider 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.

Presider

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

Please be seated

First Lesson: Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-25 (*sit*)

God creates man and woman to live in obedience to him in the Garden of Eden.

Hymn #88 (*Congregation stands and sings*)

Sing, O Sing, This Blessed Morn

1 Sing, O sing, this bless - ed morn, un - to us a child is born,
2 God from God, and Light from Light, comes with mer - cies in - fi - nite,
3 God with us, Em-man - u - el, deigns for ev - er now to dwell;
4 God comes down that we may rise, lift - ed by him to the skies;
5 O re - new us, Lord, we pray, with thy Spi - rit day by day,

1 un - to us a son is given, God him - self comes down from heaven.
2 from high heaven he comes to earth, one with us in hu - man birth.
3 he on Ad - am's fall - en race sheds the full - ness of his grace.
4 Christ is born for us that we born a - gain in him may be.
5 that we ev - er one may be with the Fa - ther and with thee.

Refrain

Sing, O sing, this bless-ed morn, Je - sus Christ to - day is born.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), alt.
 Music: *England's Lane*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Geoffrey Turton Shaw (1879-1943)

Second Lesson: Genesis 3:1-23 (*sit*)

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.

Carol: Remember, O Thou Man (Thomas Ravenscroft)

Sung by choir

Third Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11 (*sit*)

God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption.

Hymn #72 (*Congregation stands and sings*)

Hark! The Glad Sound!

Descant

4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior
 2 He comes, the pris - oners to re - lease in Sa - tan's
 3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

prom - ised long; let ev - ery heart pre -
bond - age held; the gates of brass be -
soul to cure; and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

Music: *Richmond*, melody Thomas Haweis (1734-1820); adapt. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816);
harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised*, 1950; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

Fourth Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-10 (*sit*)

The prophet proclaims that God will come and save us.

Hymn #81 (Congregation stands and sings)

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,
 *3 O Flower, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the air,

Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.
 with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.
 dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark-ness ev - ery - where;

It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the
 To show God's love a - right, she bore to
 true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.
 death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

Words: St. 1-2, German, 15th cent.; 4, Theodore Baker (1851-1934) w. S. Friedrich Lappin (1808-1854);
 tr. Harriet Reynolds Knauth Spaeth (1845-1920); ver. Annual 1940.
 Music: Fr. of the Ros. melody from *Alle Cartholice Gaudete* (Königsberg, 1539);
 harm. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

Fifth Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-15 *(sit)*

God promises that a child shall be conceived who will be known as "God with us".

Carol: I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In (arr. John Stainer)

Sung by choir

Sixth Lesson: Luke 1:5-25 *(sit)*

An angel announces to Zechariah that his wife Elizabeth will bear a son.

Canticle: S248 (The Song of Zechariah)

Refrain sung by all; verses sung by choir

In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break up - on us.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior,
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.

Refrain

He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

Refrain

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Refrain

Seventh Lesson: Luke 1:26-46 *(sit)*

The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High.

Canticle: S244 (The Song of Mary)

Sung by choir

Hymn #82 *(Congregation stands and sings)*

Of The Father's Love Begotten



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be -
2 O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin,
3 Let the heights of heaven a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
4 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
prais - es sing; powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him,
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing,

he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that
 bore the Sa - vior of our race; and the Babe, the
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be; hon - or, glo - ry
 are, that have _____ been, and that fu - ture
 world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his
 earth be si - lent, ev - ery voice in
 and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal
 years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____
 sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____
 con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____
 vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____

Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-410?); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)
 and Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.
 Music: *Divinum mysterium*, Sanctus trope, 11th cent.; adapt. *Piae Cantiones*, 1582

Eighth Lesson: Luke 2:1-20 (*sit*)

Jesus is born at Bethlehem and is worshiped by angels and shepherds.

Anthem: In Dulci Jubilo (arr. Michael Praetorius)

Sung by choir

Canticle 11: The Third Song of Isaiah (reads responsively)

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.

Glorify 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.

Hymn #96 (*Congregation stands and sings*)

Angels We Have Heard On High

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The first system shows the vocal line with the lyrics "Glo - - - - - ri - a" and the piano accompaniment. The second system shows the vocal line with the lyrics "in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -" and the piano accompaniment. The third system shows the vocal line with the lyrics "- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o." and the piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand.

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt.
Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958)

Ninth Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-12 (*stand*)

In the fullness of time, God sent his Son whose reign is for ever and ever.

Introduction



1 On this day earth shall ring
 2 His the doom, ours the mirth;
 3 God's bright star, o'er his head,
 4 On this day an - gels sing;

with the song chil - dren sing to the Lord, Christ our King,
 when he came down to earth Beth - le - hem saw his birth;
 Wise Men three to him led; kneel they low by his bed,
 with their song earth shall ring, prais - ing Christ, hea - ven's King,

born on earth to save us; him the Fa - ther gave us.
 ox and ass be - side him from the cold would hide him.
 lay their gifts be - fore him, praise him and a - dore him.
 born on earth to save us; peace and love he gave us.

Refrain

Id - e - o - o - o, Id - e - o - o - o,
 Id - e - o glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Words: *Piae Cantiones*, 1582; tr. Jane M. Joseph (1894-1929)
 Music: *Personent hodie*, melody from *Piae Cantiones*, 1582

All kneel.

The Collect for Christmas Eve

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Blessing

May he who by his Incarnation gathered into one thing earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Postlude

- O Hail This Brightest Day of Days - J. S. Bach

Bonnie McDaniel

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Parish Announcements

- **December 31** – Church Office closed in observance of New Year’s Day
- **January 9** – Timothy’s Troop resumes
Three King’s Day & Nativities, Parish Hall, after the 10:30 service
Taking down the greens, following the 10:30 service
- **January 11** – Finance Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom
- **January 16** – Installation of Vestry and Wardens, 10:30 a.m. service

We pray especially for Bill and family, Steve, Maria, Lou, the Bullion family, Sheila and family, Becky and family, Kay, Roy, Emily, Loretta, Hendrix, Heather and family, Wendy and family, Dale, Tony, Carol, Judy, Rebecca, Kellye, Liz, Michael, Don, Jackie, Beth, James, Carolyn, Brittany, Susan, Loorie, Sherry, Ed, Derek, Mary, Eric, Linda, Gayle, Judy, Rita, Vickie, Kelly, Jocelyn, Sam, and Claire.

We pray for our men and women serving in the Armed Forces: Brad, Lucas, Annie, Justin, Joseph, Caleb, Ed, Brett and Thia.

Three King’s Day, January 9th – Nativity scenes will be displayed in the Parish Hall. If you have one you would like to display, please call Sandra Weir at 979-297-7572. She will be setting up on Saturday, January 8th at 10:00 a.m. You can pick your nativity scene up around 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 9th. Also, stay and enjoy a piece of the Three King’s cake!

We will be putting everything away, taking down the greens, after the 10:30 Epiphany Service on January 9th. Help will be needed, and you are always welcome! Poinsettias used on the altar will be placed in the hallway for anyone who would like to take them home.

COVID-19 Safety Protocols at St. Timothy's

May 26, 2021

- **Fully vaccinated** people are not required to wear masks in worship, including while singing.
- **Fully vaccinated** people are not required to distance and may sit anywhere in the nave.
- Anyone who is **not fully vaccinated** and over the age of 2 is expected to wear a mask while indoors. **Unvaccinated people who do not wear masks do so at their own risk.**
- Anyone who feels uncomfortable not wearing a mask, even if fully vaccinated, is encouraged to wear a mask.
- **The chapel space within the church is reserved for those who wish to continue to socially distance in worship.** Masks are required for all in the chapel. Those who wish to sit in the chapel are encouraged to enter the side door closest to the chapel. Clergy will bring the sacrament to those seated in the chapel.
- No one should feel obligated to pass the Peace by shaking hands. The recent practice of passing the Peace with a nod or a wave is entirely acceptable.
- All participating choir members must be fully vaccinated.
- At the Eucharist, the sacrament will continue to be distributed in “one kind” (bread only) which is a full measure of grace. Anyone serving communion in a service with both vaccinated and unvaccinated people will wear a mask.
- We will continue to livestream services at 10:30 am. Anyone at risk of COVID-19 or who otherwise feels more comfortable worshipping from home may continue to do so.

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