



*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 WITH THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

**Ash Wednesday**

**March 2, 2022**

**6:30 p.m.**

*Please see updated COVID-19 Safety Protocols, as of February 28, 2022, on page 18 of the leaflet.*

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Rev. Robin Reeves-Kautz*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;  
*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

**The Collect**

[BCP 264]

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

**The Lesson: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17** (*sit*)

Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
    sound the alarm on my holy mountain!  
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,  
    for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near--  
a day of darkness and gloom,  
    a day of clouds and thick darkness!  
Like blackness spread upon the mountains  
    a great and powerful army comes;  
their like has never been from of old,  
    nor will be again after them  
    in ages to come.

Yet even now, says the LORD,  
    return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;  
    rend your hearts and not your clothing.  
Return to the LORD, your God,  
    for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,  
    and relents from punishing.  
Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,  
    and leave a blessing behind him,  
a grain offering and a drink offering  
    for the LORD, your God?

Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
    sanctify a fast;  
call a solemn assembly;  
    gather the people.  
Sanctify the congregation;  
    assemble the aged;  
gather the children,  
    even infants at the breast.

Let the bridegroom leave his room,  
and the bride her canopy.

Between the vestibule and the altar  
let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep.

Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD,  
and do not make your heritage a mockery,  
a byword among the nations.

Why should it be said among the peoples,  
'Where is their God?'"

*After the reading*

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 103:8-14** (*sung by the cantor*)

8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us,  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins,  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children,  
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

14 For he himself knows whereof we are made;  
he remembers that we are but dust.

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 Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10**

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

"At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see-- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

*After the reading*

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**

*Celebrant*   The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

*The Gospel passage is read.*

Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

"So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon** (*sit*)

*The Most Reverend Humphrey Peters*

**The Exhortation** (*stand*)

[BCP 264]

*Priest* Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of

the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's' holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

*Silence is then kept for a time, all kneeling.*

### **IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

*Priest* Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.** (*Ushers will direct you to go forward for ashes during soloist's offering*)

### **Steal Away**

*Soloist, Andrea Hutchison*

*The ashes are imposed as the Priest says the following words,*

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

*(If you wish to have your photo taken with ashes, there will be a photo station after the service. The images will be compiled into an art display.)*

### **Psalm 51:1-18** (*sung by the choir*)

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight.

- 5 And so you are justified when you speak  
and upright in your judgment.
  - 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,  
a sinner from my mother's womb.
  - 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me,  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
  - 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
  - 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness,  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
  - 10 Hide your face from my sins  
and blot out all my iniquities.
  - 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.
  - 12 Cast me not away from your presence  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
  - 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
  - 14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked,  
and sinners shall return to you.
  - 15 Deliver me from death, O God,  
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,  
O God of my salvation.
  - 16 Open my lips, O Lord,  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
  - 17 Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice;  
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
  - 18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
- 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.

**Litany of Penitence** (*kneeling*)

[BCP 267]

*Priest and People*

**Most holy and merciful Father:**

**We confess to you and to one another,  
and to the whole communion of saints  
in heaven and on earth,  
that we have sinned by our own fault  
in thought, word, and deed;  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

*The Priest continues*

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

***Have mercy on us, Lord.***

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

***Have mercy on us, Lord.***

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

***We confess to you, Lord.***

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

***We confess to you, Lord.***

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

***We confess to you, Lord.***

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

***We confess to you, Lord.***

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

***We confess to you, Lord.***

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

***Accept our repentance, Lord.***

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

***Accept our repentance, Lord.***

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

***Accept our repentance, Lord.***

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

***Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.***

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

***That we may show forth your glory in the world.***

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

***Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.***

## **The Absolution**

[BCP 269]

*Priest* Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter

may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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**

- To Thee, O Lord (Rachmaninoff)

### **Doxology**

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.

### **The Great Thanksgiving** *(stand)*

[BCP 369]

- Eucharistic Prayer C

*The Celebrant faces them and sings or says*

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

***By your will they were created and have their being.***

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

***Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

***By his blood, he reconciled us.***

***By his wounds, we are healed.***

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Sanctus** (S124)

*Setting by David Hurd*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en 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*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*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 betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant 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

Fraction Anthem (S161)

*Setting by David Hurd*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*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 receive the sacrament. 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.*

## At Communion

- Hymn #508

*Breathe On Me, Breath of God*

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,  
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,  
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.  
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889), alt.

Music: *Nova Vita*, Lister R. Peace (1885-1969)

- Hymn #554 (*sung twice*)

*'Tis The Gift To Be Simple*

'Tis the gift to be sim - ple, 'tis the gift to be free,  
'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,  
and when we find our - selves in the place just right,

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 sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

'twill be in the val - ley of love and de - light.

When true sim - plic - i - ty is gained to

bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed, to turn, turn, will

be our de-light till by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right.

Words: Shaker song, 18th cent.  
 Music: *Simple Gifts*, Shaker melody

- Hymn #671

*Amazing Grace! How Sweet The Sound*

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 \*5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me  
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, John Rees (19th cent.)

Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921);  
 harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (b. 1919)

## Post Communion Prayer *(stand or kneel)*

[BCP 366]

*Celebrant 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. Amen.

## The Blessing

*Celebrant* Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind. **Amen.**

## Recessional

- Hymn #636

*How Firm A Foundation*

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!  
 2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;  
 4 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
 2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,



1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

*Optional Interlude*



Words: K. in John Rippon's *Selection*, 1787, alt.

Music: *Foundation*, melody from *The Sacred Harp*, 1844

## The Dismissal

*Priest* Let us bless the Lord.

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

## Postlude

*Bonnie McDaniel*

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## COVID-19 Safety Protocols at St. Timothy's

February 28, 2022

- **People attending worship at St. Timothy's** are not required to wear masks in worship, including while singing.
- **People attending worship at St. Timothy's** are not required to distance and may sit anywhere in the nave.
- We affirm that we love and respect all persons, whether wearing a mask and vaccinated or not. We ask that all respect the wishes of those who are not yet comfortable by maintaining a distance as appropriate, especially when unmasked.
- **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. The exception to this is when the hand bell choir is providing music, as they will be located in the chapel.
- No one should feel obligated to pass the Peace by shaking hands or touching in any way. The recent practice of passing the Peace with a nod or a wave is entirely acceptable.
- At the Eucharist, the sacrament will continue to be distributed by the Priest, with the wine provided by intinction (dipping briefly in the wine.). Anyone serving communion 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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