



***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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 26, 2026 – 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 or the red Celebrate! Songbook, all of which are located in the pew rack in front of you.

Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God from Janet Hicks in memory of Jade and Logan Jones.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn *(all sing) (vs. 1,3-5) Good Christians all, rejoice and sing* **Hymn 205**

Opening Acclamation

[BCP 355]

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Collect for Purity

Celebrant 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

Rutter

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

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earth. Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - might - ty God and Fa - ther,

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

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

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

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seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a -

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lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -

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lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, _____

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in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - - - men.

The Collect

[BCP 224]

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Acts 2:42-47 (*sit*)

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

After the reading

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 (*sung by the cantor*)

Refrain

The Lord is my shep - herd; I shall not be in want.

1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

Refrain

3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Refrain

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Refrain

The Epistle: 1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

After the reading

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn (*all sing*)

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Hymn 304

The Gospel: John 10:1-10

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

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

The Gospel passage is read.

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from

him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon (*sit*)

Rev. Dr. Paul W. Geisler, Jr. - M.Div, D.Min.

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

Intercessor Let us pray to the Lord, by whose grace we are led in the paths of righteousness.
Strengthen your church in the desire for true fellowship.

People **Make us one in heart and mind, so that we may share the riches of your grace with all.**

Intercessor Make all the world hear the voice of the Good Shepherd and turn from the ways of evil.

People **Give strength to those who work for better sharing of this world's goods**

Intercessor Enfold our homes and places of work in the love of Christ

People **Let nothing destroy our care for one another.**

Intercessor Have mercy on all who like sheep have gone astray

People **Lead them back to the true fold of your love where they may find fullness of life.**

Intercessor We remember those who have passed through the door of death and found it the door of life prepared by the Resurrection of Christ.

People **Grant them eternal life.**

Both **We offer our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of his sheep.**

Silence

We pray for the special needs, concerns, and thanksgivings of this congregation and community. (*Intercessor pauses a minute or two so people can add prayers aloud or silently.*)

Silence

We pray especially for members: Pastor Robin and David, Nancy, Chi and the Obasi family, Ryan, Viola and the Geserick family, Britany and Randall, Char, Bunny, Timothy, the Friehauf family, the Pfeifer family, Mary Larke, Jane, Christina, Dave,

Mary and James, Roy, Fran, Emily, James, Lela, Kurt, Pamela, Kat, Anna, Carolyn, Charlie and Norma, Mary, Donna and Larry, Kay and Sam, John and Gayle, Denis and Judi, and Linda.

Thank you for the privilege to pray on behalf of friends and families. Pray Silently or aloud: Carol, Sara, Marty, Phyllis, Claudia, the Cardenas family, John, Sandra, Martha, Cathy, Shelby, Haley, the Kibodeaux family, the Dougherty family, Steve, Lillian and David, Connie, Leola, Doug, Ann, J.D., Rebekah, Alexandra, Katie, Paul, the Luna family, Gilbert and family, Alisha, the Dye family, Doris, Kaytlynn, Cody, Warren and Dane, Liam and family, Holly, Mita, Alexander, Douglas, Kellye, Liz, Lorie, Derek, Mary, Eric, Kelly, Jocelyn, Cheryl, Terry, Matt, Kevin, Claire, the Ward family, the Rule family, Susan, and Ben & Paula Stafford.

We pray for our men and women serving in the Armed Forces: Cory, Jordan, Brad, Lucas, Annie, Justin, Joseph, Caleb, Ed, Brett, Thea, Jaycob, Cody, Joshua, and our veterans, John Pitts, Gary Jones, Randall Goodson, Rich Tillman, Roy McKneely, and George Dingee Sr, and any others named now.

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

For the diocesan cycle of prayer: St. Alban's in Houston, St. James' in Houston, St. Luke the Evangelist in Houston, and the Diocese of Peshawar.

Concluding Prayer

Celebrant 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]

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant 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.*

Celebrant 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*)

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant 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 the 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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Chancel Choir

arr. Kostner

(The gifts are brought forward by members)

Doxology (*The people stand*)

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.

Celebrant: 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

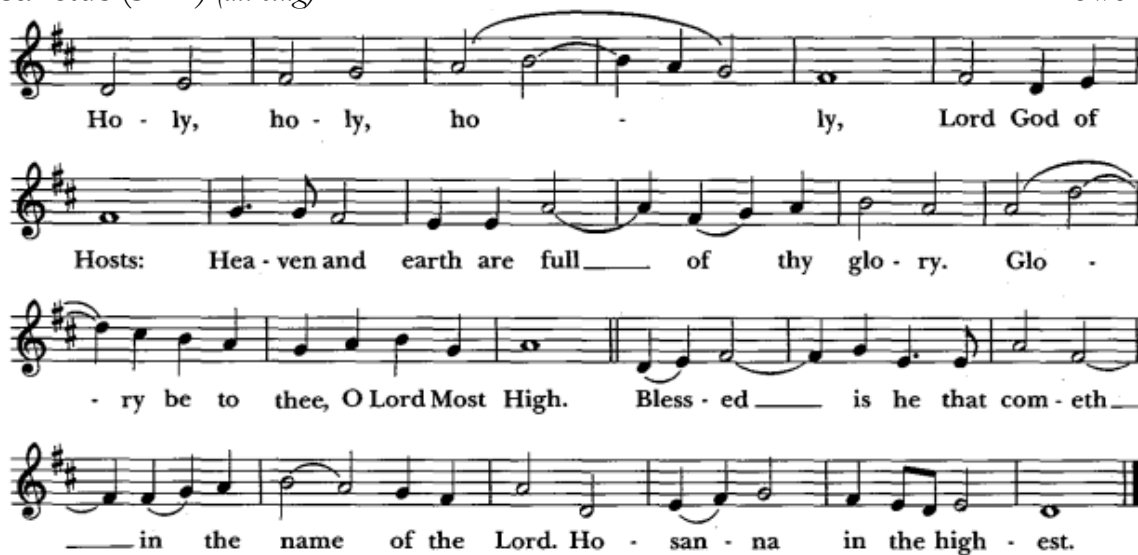
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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 (S114) (all sing)

Powell



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People stand or kneel.

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

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Rutter

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Christ our Pass - o - ver is sa - cri - ficed for

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us. There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Facing the people, the Celebrant 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 Celebrant just before you receive communion.

Communion Hymns

- Hymn 315
- Hymn 664

*Thou, who at thy first Eucharist did pray
My Shepherd will supply my need*

Post Communion Prayer (*stand or kneel*)

[BCP 366]

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

The Blessing

Rev. Robin Reeves-Katz

Recessional Hymn (*all sing*) *Savior, like a shepherd lead us*

Hymn 708

The Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

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