



***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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
May 3rd, 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.*

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Processional Hymn** *(all sing)*      *Christ is made the sure foundation*      **Hymn 518**

**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.

**Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.***

## The First Lesson: Acts 7:55-60 *(sit)*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

*After the reading*

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.  
*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 *(sung by the cantor)*



1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame; \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.

### **Refrain**

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.

### **Refrain**

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O Lord, O God of truth.

15 My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me.

### **Refrain**

## **The Epistle: 1 Peter 2:2-10**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected

has become the very head of the corner”, and

“A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God’s people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

*After the reading*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn** (*all sing*)

*The Church’s one foundation*

**Hymn 525**

**The Gospel: John 14:1-14** (The message version)

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

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

*The Gospel passage is read.*

“Don’t let this rattle you. You trust God, don’t you? Trust me. There is plenty of room for you in my Father’s home. If that weren’t so, would I have told you that I’m on my way to get a room ready for you? And if I’m on my way to get your room ready, I’ll come back and get you so you can live where I live. And you already know the road I’m taking.”

Thomas said, “Master, we have no idea where you’re going. How do you expect us to know the road?”

Jesus said, “I am the Road, also the Truth, also the Life. No one gets to the Father apart from me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him. You’ve even seen him!”

Philip said, “Master, show us the Father; then we’ll be content.”

“You’ve been with me all this time, Philip, and you still don’t understand? To see me is to see the Father. So how can you ask, ‘Where is the Father?’ Don’t you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you aren’t mere words. I don’t just make them up on my own. The Father who resides in me crafts each word into a divine act.

“Believe me: I am in my Father and my Father is in me. If you can’t believe that, believe what you see—these works. The person who trusts me will not only do what I’m doing but even greater things, because I, on my way to the Father, am giving you the same work to do that I’ve been doing. You can count on it. From now on, whatever you request along the lines of who I am and what I am doing, I’ll do it. That’s how the Father will be seen for who he is in the Son. I mean it. Whatever you request in this way, I’ll do.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon** (*sit*)

*the Rev. Robin Reeves-Kautz*

**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* In the faith of Christ, we pray as he has commanded us and given us his example.

As we have become your people by grace, make us more worthy of your calling.

*People* **Lead your Church to follow Jesus in all things as the way, the truth and the life.**

*Intercessor* Spread your healing presence in a world where many cannot bear to hear the truth.

*People* **Give grace and power to those who seek to do great works in the name of Christ**

*Intercessor* Use us as living stones to build a community in your name.

*People* **keep us, our families and friends, in the true way.**

*Intercessor* Soothe the hearts that are troubled and guide the feet that do not know the way.

*People* **Grant, to all who suffer, the vision of Christ risen and glorified, at the right hand of the Father.**

*Intercessor* May the lord who has gone before to prepare a place for us, receive the souls of the faithful and grant them the perfect knowledge of his love.

**Both** **We pray in the name of the Son, in whom the Father is revealed and glorified.**

*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 Danee, Liam and family, Holly, Mita, Alexander, Douglas, Kellye, Liz, Loorie, Derek, Mary, Eric, Kelly, Jocelyn, Cheryl, Terry, Matt, Kevin, Claire, the Ward family, the Rule family, Susan, Ben & Paula Stafford, Marisa Alfonso, Sam Klimek, Catherine, and Monica.

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. Mark's in Houston, Trinity in Baytown, Trinity 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**      *Christians, shout for joy and gladness*      *arr. J.S.Bach/ Alan Bullard*  
Chancel Choir

*(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 301-302

*Bread of the world, in mercy broken*

- Hymn 312

*Strengthen for service, Lord*

**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*) *Praise the Lord through every nation*

**Hymn 484**

**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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## St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

### Altar Party

#### **Acolytes:**

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**Healing Prayer:** Char Aslakson and Judi James

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