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
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 11th, 2026 - 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to St. Timothy's! We invite you to join as an active participant in this service. For ease of use, everything you need for this service is contained in this bulletin other than Hymn numbers which refer to the blue Hymnal 1982, copies of which are in the pew racks. If you wish to use the Book of Common Prayer [BCP] and the Bible, also located in the pew rack, please refer to page numbers in brackets.

Welcome, Announcements, and Stewardship Comments

THE WORD OF GOD

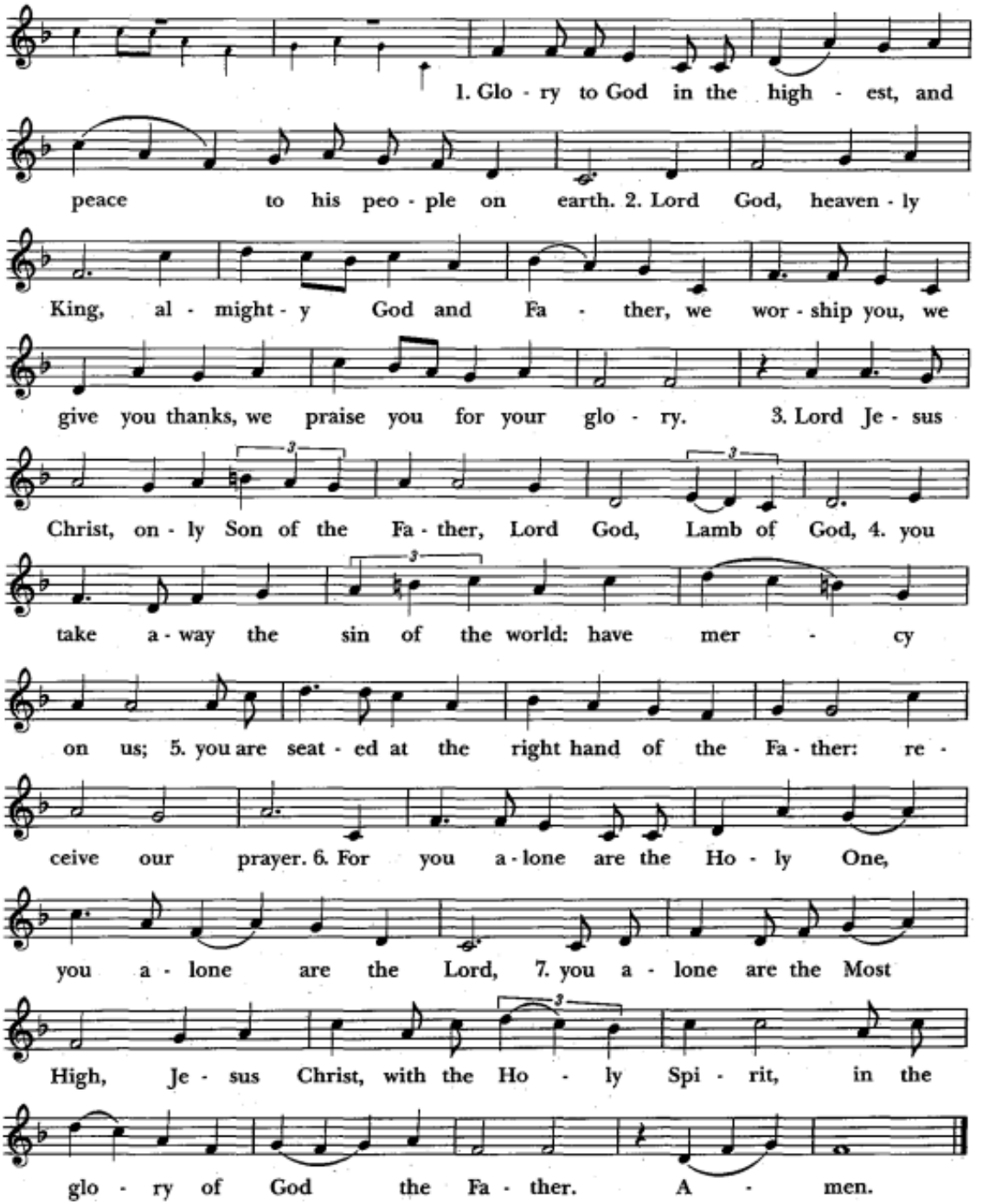
Processional Hymn *(stand) (all sing)* *Sing praise to God who reigns* **Hymn 408**

Opening Acclamation [BCP 355]

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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 *(S280)* **Powell**

The Collect of the Day [BCP 234]

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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Isaiah 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.
Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.
On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,

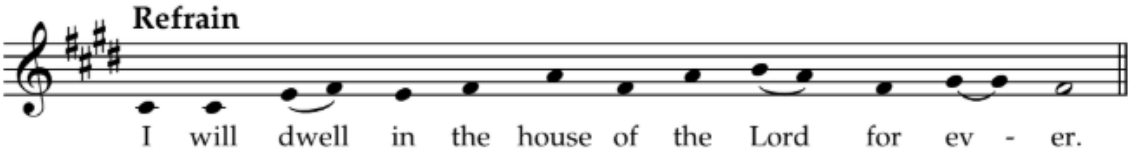
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

After the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 23



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: Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

After the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *(all sing)* *My Shepherd will supply my need* **Hymn 664**

The Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel passage is read.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.
"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

Please be seated

The Sermon *(sit)* *The Reverend 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 Let us pray to the Father who invites all men and women to receive his love.
Grant that your people, called by grace, shall be worthy of their calling.

People **Keep the Church faithful in proclaiming all the good things of your giving.**

Intercessor Let the whole world hear your call.

People **Come to those who turn away and gather them into the great feast of your love.**

Intercessor Reconcile those in our community who are at variance with each other.

People **Draw us, our families and friends, into the peace that is beyond our understanding.**

Intercessor Be with your servants who service for their proclaiming of the Gospel.

People **Turn the hearts of their persecutors and bring them to the way of truth.**

Intercessor Grant your peace to the faithful departed, that they may enjoy the perfection of those good things which they partially knew in this world. We pray as those who seek to be worthy guests of the Lord who has called us to his divine feast.

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: Lola, Bunny, Char, Maria, Jane, Christina, Roy, Fran, Emily, Lela, Kurt, Anna, Carolyn, Charlie and Norma, Mary, Donna and Larry, Kay and Sam, John and Gayle, Denis & Judi, Linda, the Cline family, Peggy Mungerson, and Steve Mathis.

Thank you for the privilege to pray on behalf of friends and families. Pray Silently or aloud: Carol, Marty, Phyllis, Claudia, the Cardenas family, John, Sandra, Martha, Cathy, Shelby, Steve, Lillian and David, Connie, Leola, Doug, Ann, Rebekah, Alexandra, Katie, Paul, the Luna family, Gilbert and family, the Dye family, Doris, Kaytlynn, Cody, Liam and family, Mita, Alexander, Douglas, Kellye, Liz, Loorie, Derek, Mary, Eric, Kelly, Jocelyn, Cheryl, Terry, Matt, Kevin, Claire, Susan, Ben & Paula Stafford, the Patton family, Billy, Lisa, Ann, Rick, Jean, the Willcox family, Travis Smith, and Mondo & Bea.

We pray for our men and women serving in the Armed Forces. Pray silently or aloud. 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.

We pray for all who have died, especially Austin Stallman and Joe Rinehart, that they may have a place in your eternal Kingdom.

For the diocesan cycle of prayer: St. Mark's in Beaumont, St. Paul's in Orange, St. Paul's in Woodville, and the Diocese of Peshawar.

Almighty God our heavenly Father, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

Announcements with Stewardship highlight.

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: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

The Offertory *Brother James's Air* **arr. Gordon Jacob**
Chancel Choir

(The gifts are brought forward by members)

Doxology (*The people stand) (all sing)* 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.

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.

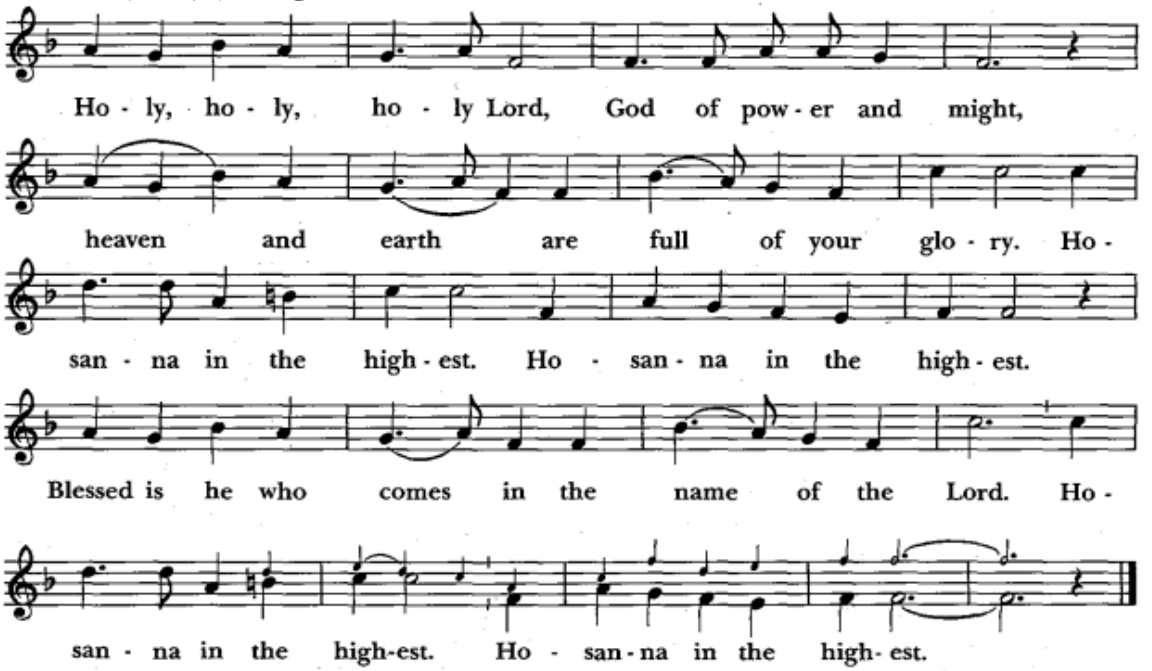
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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 (*S125) (all sing)* Richard Proulx



The People stand or kneel.

Then 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.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People*:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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.

All baptized Christians are welcome to come to the altar 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: *(all sing)*

- Hymn 321 *My God, Thy table now is spread*

- Hymn 645 *The King of Love my Shepherd is*

The Post Communion Prayer *(stand)* [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.** ***Amen.***

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn *(all sing)* *Christ for the world we sing* **Hymn 537**

The Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude

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