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
TWENTY- FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 18th, 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.

Prelude **Jubilant Procession** Handel/Ardrey-Graves
Handbell Choir

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn *(stand) (all sing) Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* **Hymn 362**

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 183]

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

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him--
and the gates shall not be closed:
I will go before you and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,

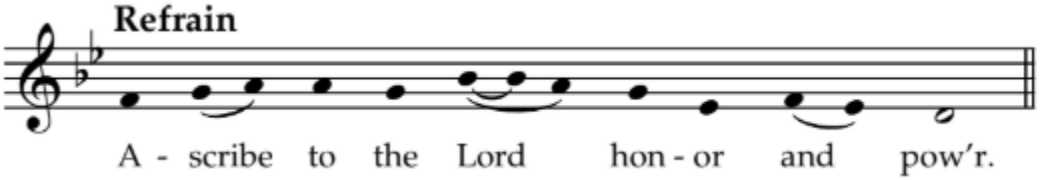
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

After the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 96:1-9



1 Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

Refrain

3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.

Refrain

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

Refrain

7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

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

9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

Refrain

The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of

those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

After the reading

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

Sequence Hymn *(all sing)* *In your mercy, Lord you called me* **Hymn 706**

The Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

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

The Gospel passage is read.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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 God, who is rightfully to be honored by all that he has made.
As you have given grace to your Church through the Holy Spirit, grant that her members may show that grace by word and deed in their lives.
May all who are concerned in the affairs of this world remember the honor due to you.

People **Enlighten all in authority with the spirit of justice and mercy.**

Intercessor Help us to live that we shall be good examples to our neighbors and colleagues.

People **Guide in honesty and fair dealing those who do business in this community.**

Intercessor Heal the minds that are warped by bitterness and the wish to harm others.

People **Have mercy on all who are deprived of their joy by love of vain things.**

Intercessor May the power of the risen Christ, who saves us from the wrath to come, grant to the departed refreshment, light and peace.

Both We pray that our lives may be obedient and our offerings sincere in the faith of Christ.

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 give thanks for new vestry candidates: Ellen Adriance, Bonnie McDaniel, Allison Rule, and Mark Lehnhoff.

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, Sandra & Anne, Steve Mathis, and Marie Sanders.

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, 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. Stephen's in Beaumont, St. Stephen's in Liberty, Trinity in Anahuac, Trinity in Jasper, 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 ministry 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 *Great is Thy Faithfulness* Runyan/Dobrinski
Handbell 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

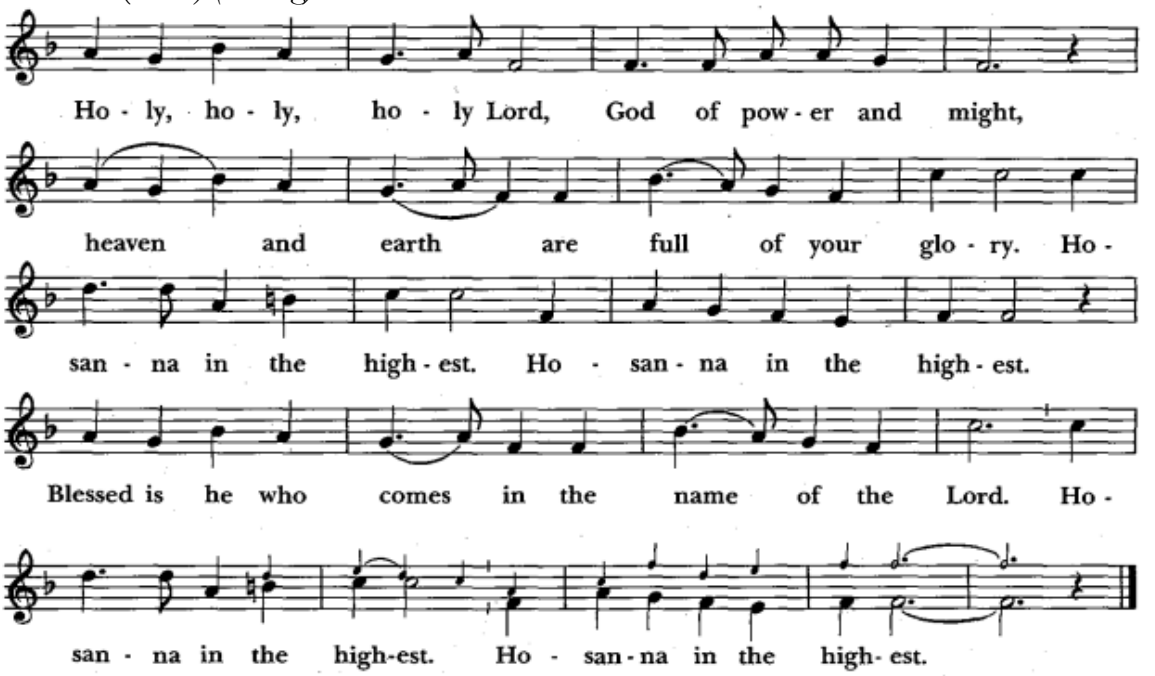
Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	**And also with you.**
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	**We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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 684 *O for a closer walk with God*
- Hymn 313 *Let thy blood in mercy poured*

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)* *All my hope on God is founded* **Hymn 665**

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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