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-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 25th, 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.

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Janet Hicks in celebration of the fall season.

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

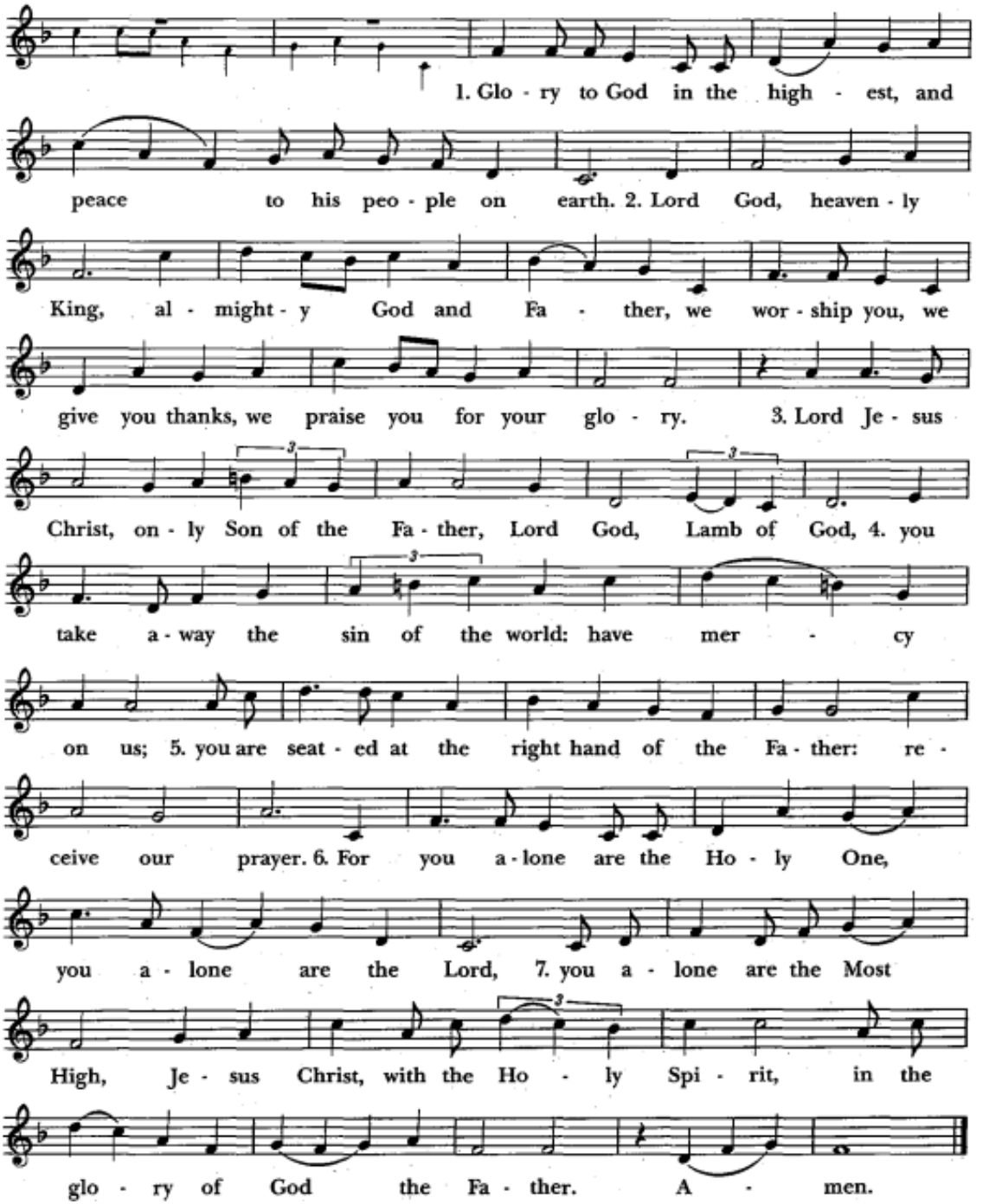
Processional Hymn *(stand) (all sing)* *O God, our help in ages past* **Hymn 680**

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 235]

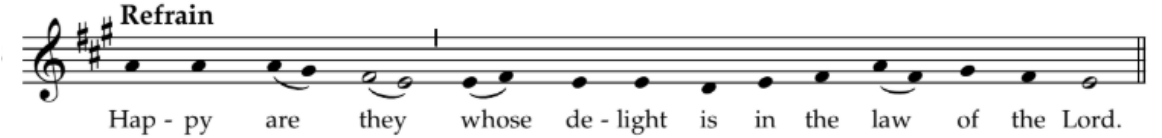
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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: Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:
Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.
You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.
You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

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

Psalm 1

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

Refrain

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Refrain

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Refrain

The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.
After the reading

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

Sequence Hymn *(all sing)* *God of mercy, God of grace* **Hymn 538**

The Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

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

The Gospel passage is read.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."
Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son

of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,
'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"'?
If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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 Lord who rules over all things on earth and in heaven.
May your Church always proclaim the Gospel entrusted to her, never to be turned aside by desire for popular approval or worldly glory.

People **May she fulfil in all her works the great commandment of your love.**

Intercessor Draw the nations closer to the sharing of love that overcomes all differences.

People **Hasten the time when the whole world shall acknowledge you as Lord of all.**

Intercessor In love and gentleness may we be ministers of your grace to all those with whom we share our lives.

People **Help us to live together as true neighbors of one another.**

Intercessor Have mercy on all who have been led astray and harmed by false teaching.

People **Forgive their errors and free them from the power of evil.**

Intercessor Raise up the faithful departed into the perfect love which they began to understand in this world.

People **Have mercy on those who did not understand, and grant them now the joy and fellowship that they could not find here.**

Intercessor We make our prayers in holy love to God and to our neighbors.

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, Steve Mathis, and Sandra & Anne.

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, Joe Rinehart, and Peggy Mungerson, that they may have a place in your eternal Kingdom.

For the diocesan cycle of prayer: Calvary in Richmond, Christ Church in Eagle Lake, Christ Church in Matagorda, 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 and Stewardship Comments

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 *A New Commandment* Richard Hubbard
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

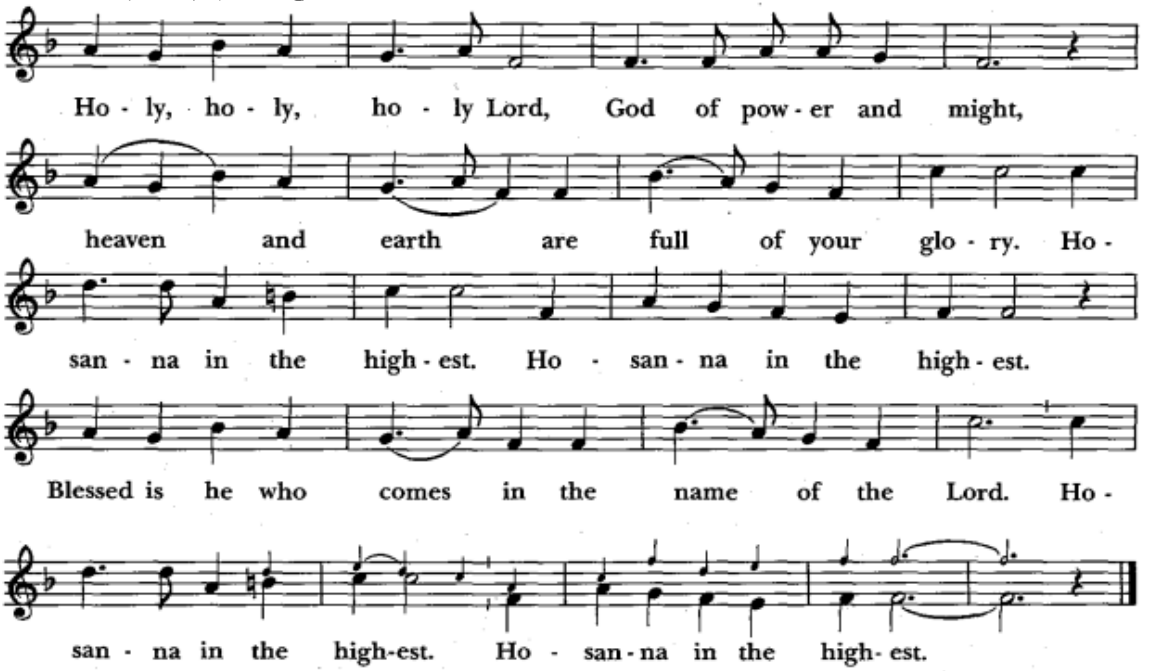
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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 593 *Lord, make us servants of your peace*

- Hymn 707 *Take my life and let it be*

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)* *Rise up, ye saints of God* **Hymn 551**

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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Notes:

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