



***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 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Jazz Sunday**

September 21, 2025 – 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 on the rack in front of you.

We are delighted to praise God this morning with Richard Birk's Jazz Mass, played and sung by the band Jazz Sunday, as well as the whole congregation. Our thanks go to Jazz Sunday for coming and for leading us in worship.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn *(all sing)*

Alleluia! Sing To Jesus

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone!
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
Hath redeemed us by His blood.

2. Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
 Though on earth our food, our stay!
 Alleluia! Here the sinful
 Flee to thee from day to day.
 Intercessor, friend of sinners,
 Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
 Where the songs of all the sinless
 Sweep across the crystal sea.

3. Alleluia! King eternal,
 Thee the Lord of lords we own;
 Alleluia! Born of Mary,
 Earth thy footstool, Heaven thy throne.
 Thou within the veil hast entered,
 Robed in flesh, our great High Priest: thou on earth
 Both Priest and Victim in the eucharistic feast.

Opening Acclamation

[BCP 355]

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

Collect for Purity

Celebrant **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.***

Gloria (*Congregation sings refrain, soloist sings verses*)

Refrain

Glo - ry glo - ry glo - ry to God.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est

Glo - ry glo - ry glo - ry to God, and

peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

1. *Lord God, Heav'nly King,
Almighty God and Father,
We worship you,
We give you thanks,
We praise you for your glory.*

Refrain

2. *Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
Receive our prayer.*

Refrain

3. *For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the Glory of God the Father.*

Refrain

The Collect of the Day

[BCP 234]

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

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 (*sit*)

My joy is gone, grief is upon me,
my heart is sick.

Hark, the cry of my poor people
from far and wide in the land:

"Is the LORD not in Zion?
Is her King not in her?"

("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,
with their foreign idols?")

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
and we are not saved."

For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead?
Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people
not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water,
and my eyes a fountain of tears,
so that I might weep day and night
for the slain of my poor people!

After the reading

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

Psalm 79:1-9 (*read responsively by whole verse*)

- 1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;
they have profaned your holy temple; *
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.
- 2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the
air, *
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.**
- 3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, *
and there was no one to bury them.
- 4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, *
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.**
- 5 How long will you be angry, O LORD? *
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you *
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.**
- 7 For they have devoured Jacob *
and made his dwelling a ruin.
- 8 Remember not our past sins;
let your compassion be swift to meet us; *
for we have been brought very low.**
- 9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; *
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Epistle: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

After the reading

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn (*Congregation sings*)

Just A Closer Walk With Thee

Refrain

Just a closer walk with thee,
Grant it, Jesus is my plea;
Daily walking close to thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

1. I am weak but thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to thee.

Refrain

2. Through this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

Refrain

3. When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.

Refrain

The Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

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

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

The Gospel passage is read.

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon (*sit*)

The Reverend Paul Geisler

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 worshiped 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 For the grace of faithful service to the Church and to the world, let us pray to the Lord. May the Church be wise in all her ways without departing from holiness.

People **Sustain your people to be strong in prayer for the needs of the world.**

Intercessor We pray for those in authority, that they may lead the nations in peace and just government.

People **We pray that all who are entrusted with responsibility may be faithful and honorable in their work.**

Intercessor Bless our families with peaceful lives. Keep us free from any failures of honesty in our work.

People **Give us the grace of integrity in all our relationships.**

Intercessor Have mercy on those who have suffered from the dishonesty of others.

People **Be with all who have lost their employment and feel in despair for the future.**

Intercessor As it is your will that all shall be saved and come to knowledge of the truth, have mercy on the departed.

People **Receive them in the love of Christ who gave himself as a ransom for many.**

Intercessor That we may be good stewards of Christ, we offer our prayers in his name.

Silence

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

Silence

We pray especially for members: Char, Bunny, Patricia, the Jones family, the Friehauf family, the Pfeifer family, Mary Larke, Jane, Christina, the Cone family, the Hammons family, Marie, Dave, Mary and family, Roy and family, Fran and family, Emily, James and family, Lela, Kurt, Pamela, Kat, Anna, Carolyn, Charlie and Norma, Mary, Carol and family, Donna and Larry, Kay and Sam, John and Gayle, James, Denis and Judi, Steve, and Linda.

Thank you for the privilege to pray on behalf of friends and families. Pray silently or aloud. [Sandra, Martha, Cathy, Shelby, Haley, the Kibodeaux family, the Dougherty family, Steve, Lillian and David, the Crainer family, Connie, Leola, Doug, the Gann family, 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, Lorie, Derek, Mary, Eric, Kelly, Jocelyn, Cheryl, Terry, Matt, Kevin, and Claire.]

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 any others named now. (*Intercessor pauses.*)

We pray for the departed, that they may have a place in your eternal Kingdom.

For the diocesan cycle of prayer: St. Cuthbert in Houston, St. Dunstan's in Houston, St. James the Apostle in Conroe, St. Luke's in Livingston, 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.

Those who are able are invited to kneel. 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: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

The Offertory

Jazz Sunday

(The gifts are brought forward by members)

Doxology *(The People stand) (all sing)*

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)*

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.**

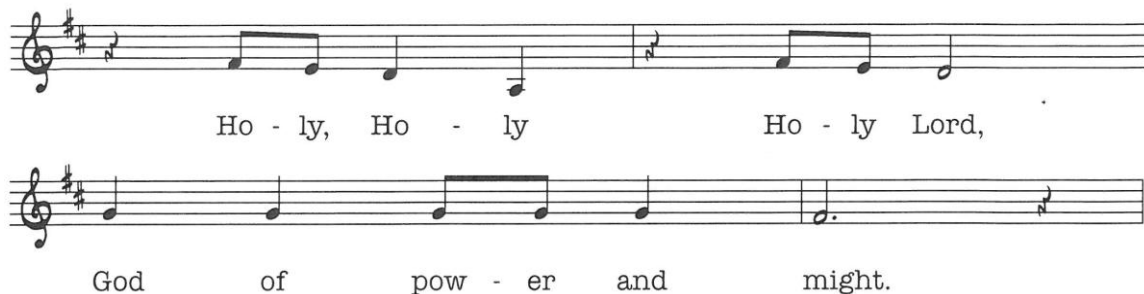
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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 *(Congregation sings)*



Ho - ly, Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord,
God of pow - er and might.

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

Bless-ed is he who comes 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.

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.

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.

At Communion:

- Music performed by Jazz Sunday

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. Amen.**

The Blessing

The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Recessional Hymn (*Congregation sings*)

When the Saints Go Marching In

1. Oh when the saints, go marching in,
Oh when the saints, go marching in,
Oh I want to be in that number,
When the saints go marching in.

2. Oh when the sun, begins to shine,
Oh when the sun, begins to shine,
Oh I want to be in that number,
When the sun, begins to shine.
3. Oh when the trumpet sounds its call,
Oh when the trumpet sounds its call,
Oh I want to be in that number,
When the trumpet sounds its call.
4. Oh when we raise, our voice in song,
Oh when we raise, our voice in song,
Oh I want to be in that number,
When we raise, our voice in song.

Repeat Verse 1

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Postlude

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Altar Party

Acolytes: Mary Young and Charles Collins

Ushers: Sondra Griner and Mel McKey

Chalicer/Intercessor: Kim Lehnhoff

Lector: Angela McCabe

Healing Prayer: Bunny Schockmel and Judi James

Sabbatical Priest: The Reverend Paul Geisler

Director of Music: Andrea Hutchison

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