



***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 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**September 28, 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 or the red Celebrate! Songbook, all of which are located in the pew rack in front of you.*

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for Pastor Paul Geisler's ministry at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church.

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Processional Hymn** (*all sing*)    *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*    **Hymn 423**

**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 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 *(all sing)*

Rutter

4  
Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his peo-ple on

11  
earth. Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al- might - ty God and Fa- ther,

20  
we wor - ship you we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo- ry.

28  
Lord Je- sus Christ, on- ly Son of the Fa- ther, Lord God,

39  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer- cy on us; you are

50  
seat- ed at the right hand of the Fa- ther: re- ceive our prayer. For you a -

61  
lone are the Ho- ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -

69  
lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

78  
in the glo- ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.

## The Collect

[BCP 234]

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*            **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

**O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 32:1-3a, 6-15 (*sit*)

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses

who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

*After the reading*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16** (*read responsively by whole verse*)

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, \*  
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

**2 He shall say to the LORD,  
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, \*  
my God in whom I put my trust."**

3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter \*  
and from the deadly pestilence.

**4 He shall cover you with his pinions,  
and you shall find refuge under his wings; \*  
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.**

5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, \*  
nor of the arrow that flies by day;

**6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, \*  
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.**

14 Because he is bound to me in love,  
therefore will I deliver him; \*  
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

**15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; \***

**I am with him in trouble;**

**I will rescue him and bring him to honor.**

16 With long life will I satisfy him, \*

and show him my salvation.

**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 6:6-19**

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are

to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

*After the reading*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn** (*all sing*) *Fight The Good Fight With All Thy Might* **Hymn 552**

**The Gospel: Luke 16:19-31**

*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, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He

said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

*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 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 God of compassion for light to know his will and grace to obey it. Keep your Church alert to hear the message of salvation and eager to preach it.

*People*            **Grant to all Christian people the grace to make a good confession of their faith before the world.**

*Intercessor*    In a world where a great gulf separates rich and poor, we pray for a new spirit of caring.

*People*            **Give to those who have authority in the rich nations the desire to aid nations that are in need.**

*Intercessor*    Bless us, our families, friends, and neighbors, with shared concern for our spiritual lives.

*People*            **Open our eyes to see the poor in our community and our hearts to give for their relief.**

*Intercessor*    Have mercy on the destitute who have no shelter and no means of existence.

*People*            **Have mercy on the rich whose love of money has led them into evil ways and bring them back to know the true wealth of love for others.**

*Intercessor*    We pray for the departed who have fought the good fight. Receive them into eternal life with all your saints.

*People*            **Grant to us who remain the time for repentance and more faithful lives.**

*Intercessor*    For grateful hearts, open to the needs of others, we pray in the name of Christ.

*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. [The Cardenas family, John, 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, Loorie, 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. (*Intervenor pauses.*)

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

For the diocesan cycle of prayer: St. Mary's in Cypress, St. Stephen's in Huntsville, Trinity in The Woodlands, 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:** Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

**The Offertory**

*Jesu, The Very Thought Of Thee*  
Chancel Choir

Simon Lole

*(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 (S129) (all sing)

Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, hea - ven 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.*

## **Communion Hymns**

- **Hymn 313** (*all sing*) *Let Thy Blood In Mercy Poured*
- **Hymn 438** (*all sing*) *Tell Out, My Soul, The Greatness Of The 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. *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** (*all sing*)

*Ye Holy Angels Bright*

**Hymn 625**

### **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:

**Ushers:** Dalton Fox and Denis James

**Chalicer/Intercessor:** Charles Collins

**Lector:** Sondra Griner

**Healing Prayer:** Judi James and Bunny Schockmel

**Sabbatical Priest:** The Reverend Paul Geisler

**Director of Music:** Andrea Hutchison

**Organist:** Bonnie McDaniel

**Sound Tech:** Jeff Klorer

**Videographer:** David Obasi

### St. Timothy's Vestry

*Angela McCabe, Sr. Warden*     *Dalton Fox*

*Steve Freeman, Jr. Warden*     *Janet Hicks*

*Charles Collins*     *Chris Hutchison*

*Jon Cox*     *Rebecca Klimek*

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