

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

3601 Alabama Ave SE Washington, DC 20020 + Rev. Todd Thomas, Rector
Sunday July 3, 2022 Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Our goal is to follow Jesus by
living in love, walking by faith,
and serving our community.



A note to all our guests...

We're so glad you are here! This bulletin has all the information you'll need. As you look toward the altar at the front of our worship space you'll notice an open door to the right. That door leads to a hallway where you can turn left to find the restrooms and our Parish Hall.

Your children are very welcome in worship, and we don't mind the sounds that children often make. We have activity bags at the back of our worship space to help make your child be more comfortable during worship. Those bags are gifts for your children to keep and take home.

Worship: We'll begin with a prelude, a musical call to worship. Then, as a guest you're invited to participate as much as you are comfortable. In the bulletin you'll see bolded parts when all the people are invited to participate with responses, so please *sing, pray and join us in sharing at the altar as much as you like*. Our offering plate is not passed, but is in the foyer near the front door; you're not obligated to make an offering. We will offer you a time to introduce yourself during the announcements and we hope you will, but it's ok if you don't want to stand or say anything. ***We're glad you're with us!***

Prelude:

Ezek'el Saw de Wheel
LEVAS II #224 Music: Negro Spiritual harm. J. Jefferson Cleveland

Welcome to Worship!

This morning **Otis** will be reading the people's responses for all the people, and **Jackie** will be our vocal leader accompanied by **LeVar**.

Please stand as you are able for our opening songs and prayers.

Opening Hymn:

He's Got the Whole World in His Hand

Words: Traditional

LEVAS II #217 vs. 1-3 & 5 Music: Negro Spiritual arr. Hezekiah Brinson, Jr.

Verse 1

He's got the whole world in His hand. (4x)

Verse 2

He's got you and me sister in His hand. (4x)

Verse 3

He's got you and me brother in His hand. (4x)

Verse 5

He's got everybody here in His hand. (4x)

Opening Praise and Prayer

CELEBRANT: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God

PEOPLE: **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

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.**

Song of Praise: **Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow** (sung twice)

Words: Isaac Watts and William Keathe

LEVAS II #56 Music: John Hatton

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.

The Prayer of the Day

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Our Scripture Readings for the Day

You may be seated for the readings.

A reading from 2 Kings, 5:1-14

¹ Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease." ⁴ So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵ And the king of Aram said, "Go, then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶ He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his skin disease."

⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." ⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! ¹² Are not Abanai and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage.

¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

A reading of Psalm 30

- 1 I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.
- 2 O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.**
- 3 O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.
- 4 Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.**
- 5 For his anger is but for a moment;
his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.
- 6 As for me, I said in my prosperity,
“I shall never be moved.”**
- 7 By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face; I was dismayed.
- 8 To you, O Lord, I cried,
and to the Lord I made supplication:**
- 9 “What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit?
Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?”
- 10 Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!
O Lord, be my helper!”**
- 11 You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
- 12 so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.***

A reading from Galatians, 6:1-16

¹ My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁴ All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵ For all must carry their own loads. ⁶ Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸ If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹ So let us not grow weary in doing

what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith. ¹¹ See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹² It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who try to compel you to be circumcised — only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴ May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

READER: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able for this Gospel song and reading.

Gospel Hymn: **My Faith Looks Up to Thee** (vs. 1-2 before, vs. 3 after)

Words: Ray Palmer
LEVAS II #88 Music: Lowell Mason

Verse 1

My faith looks up to thee, Thou lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day Be wholly thine.

Verse 2

May thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart, My zeal inspire;
As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be A living fire.

Gospel Reading: **Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

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CELEBRANT: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶ And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a

town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' ¹⁶ "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸ He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹ Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

CELEBRANT: The Gospel of the Lord.
PEOPLE: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Hymn: My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Words: Ray Palmer
LEVAS II #88 Music: Lowell Mason

Verse 3

While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs around me spread,
Be thou my guide; Bid darkness turn today,
Wipe sorrow's tears away; Pure, warm, and changeless be A living fire.

You may be seated for the sermon.

The Sermon

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The Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able for the Creed.

**ALL: 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,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel as you are able for the Prayers and Confession.

LEADER Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
Almighty God, help your people to seek truth, to live together in love, and to
speak and act for peace in the world. Lord, in your mercy:

PEOPLE ***Hear our prayer.***

LEADER: Help us to value one another, to honor one another, and to serve the
common good. Lord, in your mercy:

PEOPLE ***Hear our prayer.***

LEADER: Help us preserve and honor the earth, using natural resources wisely for
our good and the good of all who will follow us. Lord, in your mercy:

PEOPLE ***Hear our prayer.***

LEADER: Bless our families and friends, and all those with whom we share our days.
Bless those we name before you, now... *you may silently or aloud lift the
names of those you know who most need a blessing.* Lord, in your mercy:

PEOPLE *Hear our prayer.*

LEADER: We lift to you all those on our church prayer list, who need you at this time, especially Shanice, Constance, Father Errol, Bishop-elect Paula, Otis, Jairon, Jeremiah, Jessie, Christine E., Calvin, Wilbert, Lisa, Doris, Edgar, Mary, Ernest, David M., Kimberly, Peter, Deborah, Cynthia, Dorothy, James, Christine S., Herman S., Hunter, Noah T., Delores, David, Rosa, Alice, Doris, Charles, Bernard, Adam and Elaine, Lord, in your mercy:

PEOPLE *Hear our prayer.*

LEADER: We commend to your mercy all who have died, [especially...], that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy:

PEOPLE *Hear our prayer.*

CELEBRANT: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession

CELEBRANT: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace, Announcements & Celebrations

CELEBRANT: The peace of Christ be always with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

You are invited to stand and give a greeting to those around you, and if online please unmute and share the peace or put a message in the chat!

Offering Our Gifts Back to God

CELEBRANT: We should not neglect to do good and to share what we have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Thank you all for making this parish family a priority in your giving.

Offertory Hymn: Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Words: Henry Smith

OLFB #83 Music: Henry Smith arr. Ken Barker

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong!" Let the poor say,
"I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us!
And now let the weak say, "I am strong!" Let the poor say,
"I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us!
Give thanks. Give thanks.

CELEBRANT: All things come from you, O Lord.

PEOPLE: And of your own have we given you.

Gathering in Gratitude at God's Table of Grace

Please stand as you are able.

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 God thanks and praise.

CELEBRANT: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

CELEBRANT and PEOPLE

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

CELEBRANT: Holy and gracious God: 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 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.

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:

PEOPLE: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, 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 God, now and for ever.

PEOPLE: AMEN.

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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.**

Breaking the Bread

CELEBRANT: Alleluia! Christ has given us the bread and cup of eternal life;

PEOPLE: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

CELEBRANT: These are the gifts of God for the people of God; all are called and all are welcomed at God's Table of Grace. Receive as you are able, for God loves you.

Those who are with us at the church building may be seated and will be invited row by row to come forward and receive a wafer. Please ask for a gluten free wafer if needed. The wafer by itself is a full participation in the sacrament, but there are also individual cups of consecrated wine to each side if you would like to have the wine as well. Please come forward down the middle aisle and return to your seat by the outside aisles. Those at home who have pre-consecrated bread and wine, and those who have other bread and drink at home, are invited to join us eating and drinking at this time.

All are welcome to join us in our celebration of the bread and cup. If you would rather have a blessing instead, or if you'd like a blessing as well, please cross your hands over your chest when you come forward.

The Prayer of Spiritual Communion

CELEBRANT: As many of us may not have consecrated bread and wine, we still share the mystery and joy of the Table. Let us pray together the prayer of spiritual communion.

PEOPLE: **My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Though I may not now be able to receive you in**

bread and wine from the altar, I invite you to live within my heart. I know you are with me, I embrace you, and I unite myself entirely to you; never let us be separated. Amen.

CELEBRANT: And now let us pray.

Please stand as you are able for this prayer, the blessing and the closing hymn.

CELEBRANT and PEOPLE:

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: Revive Us Again

**Words: William P. MacKay
LEVAS II #157 vs. 1-4 Music: John H. Husband**

Verse 1

We praise thee, O God, For the son of thy love,
For Jesus who died And is now gone above.

Refrain:

Hallelujah! Thine the glory, Hallelujah! Amen,
Hallelujah! Thine the glory, Revive us again.

Verse 2

We praise thee, O God, For thy spirit of light,
Who has shown us our Savior, And scattered our night. [Refrain]

Verse 3

All glory and praise To the lamb that was slain,
Who has borne all our sins And has cleansed ev'ry stain. [Refrain]

Verse 4

Revive us again, Fill each heart with thy love,
May each soul be rekindled With fire from above. [Refrain]

CELEBRANT: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude:

This Little Light of Mine
LEVAS II #160 Music: Negro Spiritual adapt. William Farley Smith

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