

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

3601 Alabama Ave SE Washington, DC 20020 + Rev. Todd Thomas, Rector

Sunday November 20, 2022 Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Christ the King Sunday!

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. In an emergency you may exit that way or by the main doors at the back of our worship space.

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:

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Music: Hegarty

Welcome to Worship!

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

Opening Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns

**Words: Bridges
OLFB #361 vs. 1-5 Music: Elvey**

Verse 1 Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who set us free,
And hail Him as your heav'nly King Through all eternity.

Verse 2 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring, And lives that death may die.

Verse 3 Crown him the Lord of love, Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds yet visible above In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends His burning eye At mysteries so bright.

Verse 4 Crown Him the Lord of peace, Whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, And round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend Their fragrance ever sweet.

Verse 5 Crown Him the Lord of years, The risen Lord sublime,
Creator of the rolling spheres, The Master of all time.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For You have died for me;
Your praise and glory shall not fail Throughout eternity.

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:

Majesty Worship His Majesty

**Words: Hayford
OLFB #26 Music: Hayford, Thomas**

Majesty, worship His majesty; unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority, flow from His throne unto His own;
His anthem raise. So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty, Jesus who died,
Now glorified, King of all kings.

The Prayer of the Day

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Our Scripture Readings for the Day *You may be seated for the readings.*

A reading from Jeremiah, Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear longer or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

A reading from Psalm 46, Psalm 46

1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,**

3 though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of
the Most High.**

5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

**6 The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice; the earth
melts.**

7 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**8 Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on
the earth.**

9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

**10 “Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am
exalted in the earth.”**

11 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. [d] Selah

READER: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

PEOPLE: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

A reading from Colossians, Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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: His Name is Wonderful (vs. 1 before, vs. 2 after)

**Words: Mieir
OLFB #44 Music: Mieir**

Verse 1 His name is wonderful, His name is wonderful,
His name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.
His name is wonderful, His name is wonderful,
His name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

Gospel Reading: Luke 23:33-43

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

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

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

CELEBRANT: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Verse 2 He is the mighty king, Master of everything,
His name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.
He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages,
Almighty God is He; Bow down before Him,
Love and adore Him, His name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

You may be seated for the sermon.

The Sermon

The Rev. Todd Thomas

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 Lillie, Shanice, Constance, Father Errol, Bishop Paula, Otis, Jairon, Jeremiah, Jessie, Christine E., Calvin, Wilbert, Lisa, Doris J., Edgar, Mary, Ernest, Kimberly, Deborah, Ruby, Dorothy, James, Christine S., Herman S., Noah T., Delores, David, Rosa, Alice, Doris W., Charles, Bernard, Cynthia, Donna, 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!

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

Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart

**Words: Plumtre
OLFB #71 vs. 1-4 Music Messister**

Verse 1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart,
Rejoice, give thanks and sing;
Your festal banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King.

Refrain: Rejoice, rejoice,
Rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Verse 2 Bright youth and snow-crowned age,
All those for truth do seek;
Raise high your free, exulting song,
God's wondrous praises speak. [Refrain]

Verse 3 Yes, on through life's long path,
Still chanting as ye go;
From youth to age, by night and day,
In gladness and in woe. [Refrain]

Verse 4 Then on, ye pure in heart,
Rejoice, give thanks and sing;
Your glorious banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King. [Refrain]

Blessing Our Pledges

O God, in whose every creation we discover a gift freely given: help us to understand that all we have comes from the outpouring of your generosity. Inspire in our hearts a deep sense of gratitude, and move us to share what we have received with the same immensity of spirit with which it was given.

Lead us, we pray, to give as we have received—abundantly, generously, and joyfully—that our common ministry may continue to bear witness to your unfailing grace.

Teach us, we pray, that in giving we receive. Accept and bless these pledges offered for the mission and ministry of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church.

Bless those who have offered them to you in thanksgiving for all the ways in which you bless us and our community of faith. Give us courage, insight and grace to use these gifts to nourish your people and to proclaim your reconciling work of love in Christ.

In the name of the Three in whom we are One.

PEOPLE: Amen.

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 at this time. All are welcome to receive the bread and cup. If you would rather have a blessing, or if you'd like a blessing as well, please cross your hands over your chest when you come forward.

CELEBRANT: Though some of us may not have consecrated bread and wine, we still share the mystery and joy of the Table. Let us all pray together with those online 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; 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:

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

**Words: Perronet
OLFB #36 vs. 1-4 Music: Holden**

Verse 1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Verse 2 Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all!

Verse 3 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all!

Verse 4 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall,
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all!

The Dismissal

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

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

Postlude: **Lead On, O King Eternal**

Music: Westenkhueler



WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS for members who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week.

We ask your prayers for the parishioners, relatives and friends.

Thank you to all who have helped prepare, lead, and participated in our worship!

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