



# St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

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*Our mission: Following Jesus by living in love,  
walking by faith and serving our community.*

Welcome, guests! We're so glad you're here! This bulletin has everything you'll need for worship.

## Our Worship Service

**Piano Voluntary:** Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence PICARDY (French Carol)

**Opening Hymn:** "Shepherd of Souls" OLFB #195 (vs. 1-4)

**Verse 1.** Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless Your chosen pilgrim flock  
With manna in the wilderness, With water from the rock.

**Verse 2.** We would not live by bread alone, But by Your word of grace,  
In strength of which we travel on To our abiding place.

**Verse 3.** Be known to us in breaking bread, But do not then depart;  
Savior, abide with us, and spread Your table in our heart.

**Verse 4.** Lord, sup with us in love divine; Your Body and Your Blood,  
That living bread, that heav'nly wine, Be our immortal food.

**CELEBRANT:** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**PEOPLE:** **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for 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.

**PEOPLE:** **Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise:** "He Is Lord" Traditional

He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that

Jesus Christ is Lord.

## Prayer of the Day

**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.

**PEOPLE:** **Amen.**

## Our Scripture Readings for the Day

### A Reading Numbers, Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29

The camp followers with them had a strong craving, and the Israelites also wept again and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic, but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom as a wet nurse carries a nursing child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me, saying, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting and have them take their place there with you.

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord, and he gathered seventy of the elders of the people and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders, and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

READER:           The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:   **Thanks be to God.**

### A Reading of Psalm 19:7-14

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

**8 the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

9 the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**

11 Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

**12 But who can detect one's own errors? Clear me from hidden faults.**

13 Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression.

**14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

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 James, James 5:13-20**

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner’s soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil" Handt Hanson

**Congregation:** Lord, let my heart be good soil, Open to the seed of your Word.  
Lord, let my heart be good soil, Where love can grow and peace is understood.

**Cantor:** When my heart is hard, break the stone away.  
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.  
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

**Congregation:** Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

**The Gospel Reading: Mark 9:38-50** **Rev. Todd Thomas**

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

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

John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you cause one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good, but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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

**Repeat the Gospel Acclamation**

**The Sermon**

**Rev. Todd Thomas**

## The Nicene 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

**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 those on our church prayer list, who need you at this time, especially Marsyl, Lillie, Fred B., Carmen, Shanice, Constance, Father Errol, Carroll, Bishop Paula, Willie, Callie, Tanya, Otis, Christine E., Calvin, Wilbert, Lisa, Delainey, Bob, Doris J., Edgar, Ernest, Kimberly, Virginia, Jean, Danny, Deborah, Ruby, Ted, Carrie Mae, Dorothy, James, Christine S., Herman S., Elfreda, Paul, Noah T., Delores, Susie, David, Rosa, Alice, Charles, Bernard, Cynthia, Donna, William, 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 speaks the absolution.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

## Sharing the Peace

CELEBRANT: The peace of Christ be always with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

## Announcements & Celebrations

### Offering Our Gifts Back to God

Offertory Anthem: "On Eagle's Wings"

by Michael Joncas

"And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun.  
And hold you in the palm of my hand."

Offertory Response

"Give Thanks"

OLFB #83

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

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

Give thanks, 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

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, as we sing:

**CELEBRANT and PEOPLE:**

**Sanctus**

**"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"**

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

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest. 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."

CELEBRANT: 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, singing

**CELEBRANT and PEOPLE:**

**“The Lord’s Prayer”**

OLFB #664

Our Father, which 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 debts,

as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen. 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.

*All who seek a deeper walk with God are invited to participate. Please ask for a gluten-free wafer if needed.*

**Communion Hymn “If I Have Wounded Any Soul Today” LEVAS #176 (vs. 1-4)**

**Verse 1.** If I have wounded any soul today, If I have caused one foot to go astray,  
If I have walked in my own willful way, Dear Lord, forgive!

**Verse 2.** If I have uttered idle words or vain, If I have turned aside from want or pain,  
Lest I offend some other through the strain, Dear Lord, forgive!

**Verse 3.** If I have been perverse, or hard, or cold, If I have longed for shelter in the fold,  
When thou hast given me some fort to hold, Dear Lord, forgive!

**Verse 4.** Forgive the sins I have confessed to thee; Forgive the secret sins I do not see;  
O guide me, love me, and my keeper be. Dear Lord, forgive! Amen.

**“Standing In the Need of Prayer” LEVAS #177 (vs. 1-4)**

**Refrain:** It’s me, it’s me, it’s me O Lord, Standin’ in the need of prayer;  
It’s me, it’s me, it’s me O Lord, Standin’ in the need of prayer.

**Verse 1.** Not my brother, not my sister, but it’s me, O Lord,  
Standin’ in the need of prayer,  
Not my brother, not my sister, but it’s me, O Lord,  
Standin’ in the need of prayer. [Refrain]

**Verse 2.** Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it’s me, O Lord,  
Standin’ in the need of prayer,  
Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it’s me, O Lord,  
Standin’ in the need of prayer. [Refrain]

**Verse 3.** Not my father, not my mother, but it’s me, O Lord,  
Standin’ in the need of prayer,  
Not my father, not my mother, but it’s me, O Lord,  
Standin’ in the need of prayer. [Refrain]

**Verse 4.** Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it’s me, O Lord,  
Standin’ in the need of prayer,  
Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it’s me, O Lord,  
Standin’ in the need of prayer. [Refrain]

**CELEBRANT:** 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.*

**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.**

**Sending Prayer** *Used to send forth Lay Eucharistic Visitors with consecrated gifts.*

**CELEBRANT:** We send you forth with these holy gifts to bless those who could not be with us today, but who still share our joy and hope in Christ.

**PEOPLE:** **Go also with our prayers to be a blessing to those we love.**

**CELEBRANT:** We are one Body as we share one Bread and one Cup.

**PEOPLE:** **Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn:** "Jesus Shall Reign" OLFB #362 (vs. 1-5)

**Verse 1.** Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does. His successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

**Verse 2.** To Him shall endless prayer be made, And praises throng to crown His head;  
His Name like sweet perfume shall rise With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

**Verse 3.** People and realms of ev'ry tongue Dwell on His love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim Their early blessings on His Name.

**Verse 4.** Blessings abound where'er He reigns; The pris'ner leaps to lose his chains;  
The weary find eternal rest, And all who suffer want are blest.

**Verse 5.** Let ev'ry creature rise and bring Blessing and honor to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud Amen.

## **The Dismissal**

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

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

**Organ Voluntary:** Improvisation DUKE STREET





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

**WE ALSO ASK YOUR PRAYERS** for our parishioners, relatives and friends.

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

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