



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

Welcome and gratitude to our guest organist for blessing us this morning!

Prelude:	Pastorale	Richard Purvis
Opening Hymn:	"Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven"	H1982 #410 (vs. 1-4)

- Verse 1.** Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.
- Verse 2.** Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress;
praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.
- Verse 3.** Father-like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.
- Verse 4.** Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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: "To God Be the Glory" OLFB #23 (vs. 1)
 To God be the glory great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
 Who yielded His life, an atonement for sin, And opened the life-gate that all may go in.
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
 let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus, the Son,
 And give Him the glory great things He hath done!

Prayer of the Day

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you. **PEOPLE:** **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 from Jeremiah, Jeremiah 31:7-9

For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back; I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path where they shall not stumble, for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

READER: The Word of the Lord. PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

A Reading of Psalm 126

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

3 The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

4 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

5 May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

6 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

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 Hebrews, Hebrews 7:23-28

Furthermore, the former priests were many in number because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but he holds his priesthood permanently because he continues forever.

Consequently, he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests humans, who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: "Amazing Grace" Hymnal 1982 #671 (vs. 1-3 before)

Verse 1. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

Verse 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Verse 3. The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

The Gospel Reading: Mark 10:46-52

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

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

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

READER: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Gospel Acclamation

"Amazing Grace"

Hymnal 1982 #671 (vs. 4-5 after)

Verse 4. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

Verse 5. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

The Sermon

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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

Renewal and Commissioning of Lay Eucharistic Ministers & Visitors

CELEBRANT: Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Today we joyfully renew the commissioning of these persons in the Name of God and of this congregation to the special ministry of Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors.

The Celebrant now addresses our Lay Eucharist Ministers and Eucharistic Visitors

CELEBRANT: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

CELEBRANT: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Response: I renounce them.

CELEBRANT: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Response: I renounce them.

CELEBRANT: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Response: I do.

CELEBRANT: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Response: I do.

CELEBRANT: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Response: I do.

CELEBRANT: Having been duly trained and licensed by the Bishop of the Diocese of Washington to perform the duties and responsibility of the offices of Eucharistic Minister and Eucharistic Visitor, will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

Response: I will.

CELEBRANT: Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

Response: I will.

The Celebrant then addresses the congregation, saying:

CELEBRANT: Will you who witness these promises do all in your power to support these persons in their performance of this special ministry in the life of our parish?

PEOPLE: We will.

ALL: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in everyone.

CELEBRANT: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly:

PEOPLE: Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.

CELEBRANT: In the name of this congregation I commend you to this work, and pledge you our prayers, encouragement, and support. Let us pray...

Almighty God, look with favor upon these persons who have reaffirmed their commitment to follow Christ and to serve in his name. Give them courage, patience, and vision; strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PEOPLE: Amen

Look with favor upon those whom you have called, O Lord, to be Eucharistic Ministers and Eucharistic Visitors in your Church; and grant that they minister your Word and Sacraments with steadfast devotion, and by the constancy of their faith and the innocence of their lives may adorn in all things the doctrine of Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns forever and ever.

PEOPLE: **Amen**

CELEBRANT: I renew your commission as Eucharistic Ministers and Eucharistic Visitors in the name of God and of this congregation. May the blessing of God, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Offering Our Gifts Back to God

Offertory: “Herr Jesu Christ, Dich Zu Uns Wend” by J. S. Bach

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”** H82 S125

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

"Just As I Am"

H1982 #693 (vs. 1-5)

Verse 1. Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Verse 2. Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt;
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Verse 3. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Verse 4. Just as I am, thou wilt receive; wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Verse 5. Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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: "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" H1982 #493 (vs. 1-6)

- Verse 1.** O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
- Verse 2.** My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim
and spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy Name.
- Verse 3.** Jesus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
- Verse 4.** He speaks; and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.
- Verse 5.** Hear him, ye deaf; ye voiceless ones, your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold, your Savior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!
- Verse 6.** Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

The Dismissal

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

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude:

Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello



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

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

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

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