



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

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

January 28, 2024. Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

Our Worship Service

Piano Voluntary: "Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness" by J. S. Bach

Opening Hymn: "Thou, Whose Aim Mighty Word" H1982 #371 (v. 1-4)

Verse 1 Thou, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight; hear us, we humbly pray,
and, where the Gospel Day sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light!

Verse 2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight, health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind, now to all humankind, let there be light!

Verse 3 Spirit of truth and love, lifegiving holy Dove, speed forth thy flight!
Move on the waters' face bearing the gifts of grace,
and, in earth's darkest place, let there be light!

Verse 4 Holy and blessed Three, glorious Trinity, wisdom, love, might;
boundless as ocean's tide, rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide, let there be light!

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.**

Song of Praise: "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" H1982 #380 (V 1-3)

Verse 1 From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise!
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung through every land, by every tongue!

Verse 2 Eternal are thy mercies, Lord, and truth eternal is thy word:
thy praise shall sound from shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.

Verse 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.

Prayer of the Day

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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 Deuteronomy, Deuteronomy 18:15-20

The reading is found in the red pew Bibles on page 136 in the Old Testament, the Jewish scriptures. After the reading, the reader will say:

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

A Reading from Psalm 111, Psalm 111

¹ Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

² **Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.**

³ Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴ **He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

⁶ **He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

⁸ **They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

⁹ He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name.

¹⁰ **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.**

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 1 Corinthians, 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

The reading is found in the red pew Bibles on page 131 in the New Testament, the Christian scriptures. After the reading, the reader will say:

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

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: "I Know the Lord Has Laid His Hands on Me" OLFB #88 (v. 1-2)

Refrain: Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me.
Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me.

Verse 1 Did ever you see the like before?
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me,
King Jesus preaching to the poor.
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me. [Refrain]

Verse 2 Oh, wasn't that a happy day
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me,
When Jesus washed my sins away?
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me. [Refrain]

The Gospel Reading: Mark 1:21-28

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

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

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

READER: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Gospel Acclamation: "I Know the Lord Has Laid His Hands on Me" OLFB #88 (v. 3-4)

Refrain: Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me.
Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me.

Verse 3 Some seek the Lord and don't seek Him right,
I know the Lord's laid His hands on me,
They fool all day and pray at night.
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me. [Refrain]

Verse 4 My Lord has done just what He said,
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me,
He's healed the sick and raised the dead.
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me. [Refrain]

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.**

Please stand or kneel as you are able for the Prayers of the People (Form II).

Prayers of the People

LEADER: I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church. *[Silence]*

LEADER: I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. *[Silence]*

LEADER: I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially Marsyl, Lillie, Fred B., Carmen, Shanice, Constance, Father Errol, Carroll, Bishop Paula, Willie, Callie, Otis, Christine E., Calvin, Wilbert, Lisa, Doris J., Edgar, Ernest, Kimberly, Virginia, Deborah, Henry, Ruby, Carrie Mae, Dorothy, James, Christine S., Herman S., Elfreda, Noah T., Delores, David, Rosa, Alice, Charles, Bernard, Cynthia, Donna, William, and Elaine. *[Silence]*

LEADER: I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him. *[Silence]*

LEADER: I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died. *[Silence]*

LEADER: Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *[Silence]*

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 *Please stand or kneel as you are able for 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.

Sharing the Peace, Announcements & Celebrations

CELEBRANT: The peace of Christ be always with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with 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.

We collect an offering as part of our worship, but our guests are not required to give.

Offertory Anthem "If I Can Help Somebody" by Alma Androzzo

Offertory Response "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart" 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!" **(Repeat)**

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.

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

We are using the Eucharistic Prayer A. 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. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name, saying:

CELEBRANT and PEOPLE:

Sanctus **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.**

You are invited to kneel as you are able.

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

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 God and would join us in this celebration are welcome! Gluten free wafers are available. Please come forward down the middle aisle and return to your seat by the outside aisles. If you would prefer a blessing instead of communion, cross your hands over your chest when you come forward.

Communion Hymn

"Heal, Hands of Jesus"

OLFB #553 (v.1-4)

Verse 1 Heal me, hands of Jesus, And search out all my pain:
Restore my hope, remove my fear And bring me peace again.

Verse 2 Cleanse me, blood of Jesus, Take bitterness away;
Let me forgive as one forgiv'n And bring me peace today.

Verse 3 Know me, mind of Jesus, And show me all my sin;
Dispel the memories of guilt, And bring me peace within.

Verse 4 Fill me, joy of Jesus: Anxiety shall cease
And heav'n's serenity be mine, For Jesus brings me peace!

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.

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

Recessional Hymn: "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" H1982 #493 (v1-6)

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.

CELEBRANT: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Voluntary: “Fugue in G minor” by J.S. Bach



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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