



*St. Timothy's Episcopal Church  
Lake Jackson, Texas*

*Our Vision*

*Empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
we experience the love of Jesus Christ  
and share it with others.*

**HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II  
WITH CONFIRMATION AND BAPTISM  
THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
June 16, 2024 - 10:30 a.m.**

*Welcome to St. Timothy's! You are invited to participate fully in today's worship service. This bulletin contains all the prayers and responses said by the People. If you wish to use the Book of Common Prayer [BCP], the page numbers are given in brackets. Music not printed here may be found in the Blue Hymnal 1982, which is located in the pew rack in front of you.*

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements** *(sit)*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Processional Hymn**

*How Wondrous and Great Thy Works*

**Hymn 533**

**Opening Acclamation**

[BCP 299]

*Bishop*  
*People*

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*Bishop*  
*People*  
*Bishop*  
*People*

There is one Body and one Spirit;  
**There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
**One God and Father of all.**

*Bishop*  
*People*  
*Bishop*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

## The Collect of the Day

[BCP 230]

*Bishop* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Bishop* Let us pray.

**Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.***

## The First Lesson: Ezekiel 17:22-24 (*sit*)

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig  
from the lofty top of a cedar;  
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one  
from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it  
on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel  
I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;  
in the shade of its branches will nest  
winged creatures of every kind.

All the trees of the field shall know  
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,  
I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree  
and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken;  
I will accomplish it.

*After the reading*

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14** (*sung by the cantor*)



- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, \*  
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning \*  
and of your faithfulness in the night season;
- 3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, \*  
and to the melody of the harp.

**Refrain**

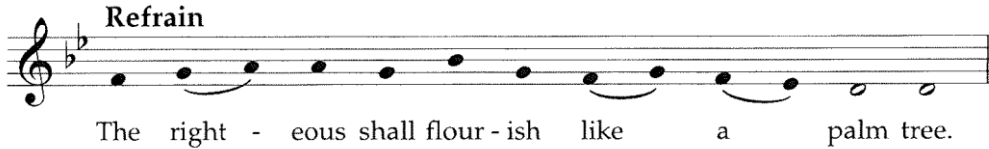
- 4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; \*  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

**Refrain**

- 11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, \*  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
- 12 Those who are planted in the house of the LORD \*  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;

**Refrain**

- 13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; \*  
they shall be green and succulent;



14 That they may show how upright the LORD is, \*  
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

**Refrain**

**The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17**

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

*After the reading*

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.  
*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel: Mark 4:26-34**

*Bishop* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*The Gospel passage is read.*

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

*Bishop* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon** (*sit*)

*The Rt. Rev. Kathryn M. Ryan, Bishop Suffragan of Texas*

*Godly Play returns to the sanctuary.*

**Presentation and Examination of the Candidates**

[BCP 301]

**Infants and Younger Children**

*Then the candidates unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents, as follows*

*Parents and Godparents*

I present Clairra Geserick, Iyla Geserick, Viola Geserick, and Johanna Pritchett to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*When all have been presented the Bishop asks the parents and godparents*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Bishop*

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Then the Bishop asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children*

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

Answer        I renounce them.

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

Answer        I renounce them.

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

Answer        I renounce them.

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

Answer        I do.

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

Answer I do.

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

Answer I do.

*When there are others to be presented, the Bishop says*

The other Candidate(s) will now be presented.

*Presenters* I present these persons for Confirmation.

*Presenters* I present these persons who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

*The Bishop asks the candidates*

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

*Candidate* I do

*Bishop*

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*Candidate*

I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

*After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

*The Bishop then says these or similar words*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

[BCP 304]

*Bishop* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Bishop* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Bishop* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Bishop* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and  
fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the  
prayers?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever  
you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good  
News of God in Christ?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving  
your neighbor as yourself?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**



*Bishop* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

### **Prayers for the Candidates**

[BCP 305]

*The Bishop then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for those who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

*A period of silence follows.*

*Intercessor* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Send them into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Bishop* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Thanksgiving over the Water

*The Bishop blesses the water, first saying*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Bishop* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Bishop*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Bishop touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

***Amen.***

## The Baptism

*Each candidate is presented by name to the Bishop, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying*

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

***Amen.***

*When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Bishop or Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Then the Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross [using Chrism if desired] and saying to each one*

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

*Or this action may be done immediately after the administration of the water and before the preceding prayer.*

*When all have been baptized, the Bishop says*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Bishop and People*

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

**At Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation**

[BCP 309]

*The Bishop says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Then the Bishop says*

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **For Confirmation**

- *Taylor Geserick, Cody Geserick, Jim Halbert, and Richard Miley*

*The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says*

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower *him* for your service; and sustain *him* all the days of *his* life. **Amen.**

### **For Reaffirmation**

*N.*, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

*The Bishop concludes with this prayer*

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Peace** (*stand*)

*All stand. The Bishop says to the people*

*Bishop:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

***Today's undesignated offerings will be given to Bishop Ryan's Discretionary Fund.***

*Members of St. Timothy's healing prayer team are available in the side chapel to pray with anyone who desires healing for themselves or others. Simply go to the side chapel after taking communion.*

**Offertory Sentence:** Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**The Offertory**

*Come, Ye Faithful*  
Chancel Choir

R. S. Thatcher

**Doxology**

Hymn 380, vs. 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. Amen.

*Bishop:* All things come from thee, O Lord.

*People:* **And of thine own have we given thee.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

[BCP 361]

- Eucharistic Prayer A

*Bishop* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Bishop* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Bishop* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Bishop proceeds*

*Bishop:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your

kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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:

**Sanctus** (S129) *(all sing)*

*Setting by Robert Powell*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.\_\_\_\_\_

*Then the Bishop continues*

Holy and gracious Father: 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 and Father 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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Bishop is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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:

*Bishop and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Bishop continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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 Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Bishop* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Bishop 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.*

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Bishop breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

## Fraction Anthem *(all sing)*

*Setting by Rutter*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Christ our Pass - o - ver is sa - cri - ficed for

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us. There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Facing the people, the Bishop says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## The Ministration of Communion

*All baptized Christians are welcome to come to the Lord's Table and receive the bread and wine of communion. Others are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please tell the Bishop just before you receive communion.*



## At Communion

- Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (*all sing*)



1. Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, bap - tized  
2. Child of love, our love's ex - pres - sion, love's cre -  
3. Child of joy, our dear - est trea - sure, God's you  
4. Child of God your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to



with the Spir - it's sign; with this wa - ter  
a - tion, loved in - deed! Fresh from God, re -  
are, from God you came. Back to God we  
know whose child you are. Grow to laugh and



God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.  
fresh our spir - its, in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.  
hum - bly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.  
sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

- Hymn 490 (*all sing*)

*I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light*

### **The Post Communion Prayer** (*stand*)

*Bishop* Let us pray.

*Bishop and People* Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn** (*all sing*)

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

**Hymn 657**

### **The Dismissal**

*Bishop* Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

### **Postlude**

***Following the service, please join us in the Parish Hall for a brunch reception to celebrate our new members and Bishop Ryan.***

*Thank you for joining us for worship today. If you would like to learn more about St. Timothy's, please fill out the welcome card in the pew before you. Indicate that you would like to receive a call or meet with Pastor Robin. Place the card in the offering plate.*

**Notes:**

## **St. Timothy's Episcopal Church**

### **Altar Party**

**Acolytes:** Hannah Poore and Margaret Jones

**Bishop's Chaplain:** Mary Young

**Ushers:** Sondra Griner and Mel McKey

**Chalicer/Intercessor:** Charles Collins

**Lector:** Sandra Weir

**Cantor:** Andrea Hutchison

**Healing Prayer:** Judi James and Bunny Schockmel

**Bishop:** The Rt. Rev. Kathryn M. Ryan

**Rector:** The Rev. Robin Reeves-Kautz

**Director of Music:** Andrea Hutchison

**Organist:** Bonnie McDaniel

**Videographer:** Margaret Dodson

**Sound Tech:** Jeff Klorer

### **St. Timothy's Vestry**

*Kerry Cormier, Sr. Warden*      *Fran Hammond*

*Steve Freeman, Jr. Warden*      *Chris Hutchison*

*Charles Collins*      *Rebecca Klimek*

*Jon Cox*      *Angela McCabe*

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