

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
The 5th Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

May 2, 2021

10:15 AM

Voluntary

Welcome

Opening Hymn

God Is Here! As We His People

Gather 737, v. 1, 2, 4



1. God is here! As we his peo - ple Meet to
2. Here are sym - bols to re - mind us Of our
3. Here our chil - dren find a wel - come In the
4. Lord of all, of church and king - dom, In an



of - fer praise and prayer, May we find in ful - ler
life - long need of grace; Here are ta - ble, font and
Shep - herd's flock and fold; Here, as bread and wine are
age of change and doubt, Keep us faith - ful to the



meas - ure What it is in Christ we share:
pul - pit, Here the cross has cen - tral place:
tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old:
gos - pel, Help us work your pur - pose out:



Here, as in the world a - round us, All our
Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, Here in
Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant Seek in
Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, All we



var - ied skills and arts Wait the com - ing
si - lence as in speech, Here in new - ness
wor - ship to ex - plore What it means in
have to give, re - ceive; We who can - not



of his Spir - it In - to o - pen minds and hearts.
and re - new - al God the Spir - it comes to each.
dai - ly liv - ing To be - lieve and to a - dore.
live with - out you, We a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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

Collect for Purity

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.

Gloria

Gather 233



Verses

1. Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
2. Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy upon us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer, receive our prayer.
3. For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father, of God the Father.

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Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.
In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

The Psalm

Ps. 22:24-30

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord'S for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

The Second Reading

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

Refrain

We have been told, we've seen his face, and
heard his voice a-live in our hearts;
"Live in my love with all your heart,
as the Fa-ther has loved me, so I have loved
you."

Verse 1

1. "I am the vine, you are the branch-es, and
all who live in me will bear great fruit."

Verses 2, 3

2. "You are my friends, if you keep my com-mands, to
3. "No great-er love is there than this: to
no long-er slaves, I call you friends."
lay down one's life, for a friend."

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The Gospel

John 15:1-8

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

Rev. Mary Cole-Duvall

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:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin
 Mary, and was made man.
 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.
 With the Father and the Son he is
 worshiped and glorified.
 He 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.

The Prayers of the People

Form III

BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Alan our Bishop, and all Bishops, for Mary, Milton, Pat, and all
 Priests, and for Jeanie and all Deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority, in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

For peace in Sudan and South Sudan; for Archbishop Samuel Peni, Bishop Richard Aquilla, their families, and
 the Episcopal Church in Sudan and South Sudan. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

For those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially George, Tom, Bill, Stephen, and Neil - have
 compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

For those who have died - give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We give you thanks for the blessings of this life:

For those celebrating a birthday, especially John, Laurie, David, and Mary;

For those who are to be married, especially Sarah & Alex, Dana & Zach, Molly & Joe, and
 Vanessa & David;

For those awaiting the birth of a baby, especially Katy & Nik, Selby & Rob, Nasa & Uzo and Becca &
 Evan; and

For our 2nd Offering partner in May, the FreeStore.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

For those in service to our country, especially Scott, Jack, Zach, Marshall & Reece;

For those seeking ordination, especially Abigail;

For those participating in our Discovery Course, especially Mel, Alan, Julie, Mara, Marcy, Sarah, and Harry;

For The Standing Committee, Board of Directors, Commissions, Task groups, Lay Leaders and Diocesan Staff in the Diocese of Iowa;

For the clergy and all people of our companion Dioceses of Brechin, Nzara, and Swaziland;

For St. Timothy's Search Committee and our St. Timothy's community as we begin the search for a new rector;

For Bishop Scarfe and his wife Donna as they move through this time of transition and into retirement;

For the victims of war and oppression and for all who seek a just peace.

Concluding Collect

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Minute for Mission

Birthday and Anniversary Blessing

Clergy and People

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand, comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace that passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen. (BCP 830)**

The Peace

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The Offertory

Offertory Voluntary

The Doxology

All Creatures of Our God and King

Gather 523 v. 7

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship God in humbleness, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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



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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.

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:

Memorial Acclamation



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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.

The Great Amen



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The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Invitation to Communion

The Table is set. Come you seekers and you holy ones. Come you lost and you lonely ones. Come you faithful and you doubtful ones. Come take your place and receive God's hospitality. Come receive the goodness of our Lord, then share it with your neighbors, family, friends, and strangers.
We come to the Table to share in God's gifts for us.

Communion

Priest The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

[Join us, you who are near and you who are far away, in this communion of thanksgiving in your home - or come to the church between 11:15-11:45 am to receive contactless communion in the circle drive.]

Communion Hymn


I come with joy

Prayer of Thanksgiving

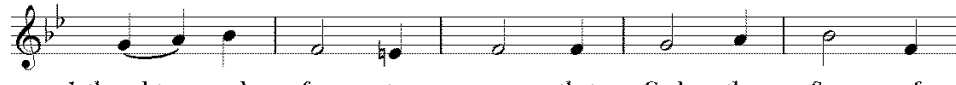
BCP 365

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.

Blessing



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
 4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
 3 dai - ly works he wrought; by words and signs and
 4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
 4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

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Sending

Deacon Alleluia. Alleluia. We have now been fed. It's our turn to go out into the world to be the hands, feet and voice of Jesus – to feed the hungry, to bring justice to those oppressed, to love our enemies. It is Jesus who is sending us today. So, go now and do the work we're called to do.

People We will, with God's help. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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Today's Altar Flowers are given in gratitude for the community of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church and those who have worked to maintain our connections with one another during the past year.

2nd OFFERING PARTNER



For more information, contact

Deacon Jeanie at
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2nd Offering Partner for May

FreeStore

Come here about our history with the Freestore this weekend and all throughout May!

We are excited to share the plans for this year's plantings, partnerships, and how you can join us.

As always, we hope you can also help support us financially. You can do so at:

<https://sttimothyiowa.org/giving/>

AT ST. TIMOTHY'S

WORSHIP + FORMATION

Weekends

+ Sundays

9:45 am Children Living the Word
on Zoom
10:15 am Holy Eucharist
11 am Contactless Communion immediately
following the service until 11: 45 am
11:15 am 4th & 5th Grade Bible Class on
Zoom

THE COMING WEEK

Wednesday, May 5

7 pm Service of Remembrance + Hope

Thursday, May 6

4:30 pm 6th Grade Faith in Action
Virtual Formation
6:30 pm Discovery Course

Friday, May 7

10 am Virtual Books, Brew & Banter

Sunday, May 9

MOTHER'S DAY

9:45 am Children Living the
Word Bible Stories
10:15 am Holy Eucharist
11:15 am Contactless
Communion
11:15 am 4th & 5th Grade
Virtual Bible Class

**See your weekly e-news
for more details for these events**



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For or those in service to our country: Scott, Jack, Zach, Marshall & Reece;

For those seeking ordination: Abigail Livingood;

For our Search Team and the community of St. Timothy's as we begin the search for our next rector;

For those who are sick or in need of healing: George, Tom, Bill, Stephen, and Neil;

For those celebrating a birthday: John Shine, Laurie Thomas, David Seley, and Mary Cole-Duvall;

For those awaiting the birth of a baby: Katy & Nik Pappas, Selby & Rob Waskom, Nasa & Uzo Okpokiri, and Becca (Ellerbroek) & Evan Luthye;

For those to be married: Sarah (Larson) & Alex, Dana & Zach (Slocum), and Molly & Joe (Brennan), Vanessa & David (Rice);

For those participating in our Discovery Course: Mel, Alan, Julie, Mara, Marcy, Sarah, Harry;

For our 2nd Offering Partner in May: the FreeStore; and

For the Episcopal Church in Sudan & South Sudan especially Archbishop Samuel and Bishop Richard and their families

Altar Flowers

As we return to the sanctuary, we'd like to begin offering the opportunity for parishioners to contribute to altar flowers each weekend.

If you are interested, feel free to make your request through our website at:

<https://sttimothyiowa.org/giving/>

or contact the church office at 515.225.2020

MAY

Watch Your Mail or Email!



DO WE KNOW YOUR STORY YET?

Earlier this past week, you should have received the link to your CAT Survey for our rector search. If you haven't already, please set aside 30 minutes or so to complete the assessment. Your PERSONAL STORY is critical to your leaders as they plan for our future!

PLEASE MAKE THIS A PRIORITY THIS WEEK if you haven't already shared your experiences and perspectives by participating in this important process. If you need the link re-sent or would prefer a hard copy, please contact the church office.

Continued updates for search information can be found on our website at: www.sttimothysiowa.org/rector-search/

Thanks!

- Search Committee



We're Re-Opening!

Good News! We are currently registering parishioners to attend church in-person!

We appreciate your patience, and we are working to make sure it's a safe and welcoming environment.

More information, including a link for registration can be found in the email that was sent earlier this week and on our website:

<https://sttimothysiowa.org/re-opening/>

Please contact the church office with any questions.

A Service of Remembrance + Hope

Wednesday, May 5 • 7 PM
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See your weekly e-news for details
and registration link.



ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH GRIEF + RENEWAL SUPPORT GROUP

Sunday, May 16

1 PM on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86273171158>

Questions? Contact Coordinator Wava Shirbourn at
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YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, gay, filthy rich, or dirt poor.

We extend a special welcome to crying newborns, those who are skinny as a rail, or those who could afford to lose a few pounds.

We welcome you if you can sing like an angel or can't carry a note in a bucket.

You're welcome here if you're just browsing, just woke up, or just got out of jail.

You're welcome here if you're Protestant, Catholic, Evangelical, Liberal, Conservative, or whatever else.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast.

We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, or junk-food eaters.

We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted.

We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion," we've been there, too.

If you blew all your offering money at the casino, you're welcome here.

We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or because grandma is in town and wanted to go to church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both.

We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake.

We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts ... and we welcome you!

~borrowed from Petosky Church of Christ



WE ARE CHRIST'S HANDS + FEET + VOICE IN THE WORLD

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