

## Welcome

### Greeting

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be God's people now and forever. Amen.**

### A Prayer

**Loving God, we welcome your presence with us today.  
Share our joy and our thanks for the life you give us.  
Sing with us! Dance among us! Pray with us! Shower  
us with your love! Amen!**

**A Reading** from the Gospel of Mark 10:42-45

#### Reader 1:

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to Jesus and said. "Teacher, we want you to do us a favor."

#### Reader 2:

"What is it?" Jesus replied.

#### Reader 1:

"Let us sit right next to you, on your right and left sides, when you become king," they answered.

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"You really don't know what you're asking for," Jesus said. "Are you able to drink from the cup that I drink or be dunked in the baptism I am dunked in?"

#### Reader 2:

"Yes!" they eagerly replied.

#### Reader 1:

"Well, you will drink from the cup I drink. And you will be dunked in the baptism I am dunked in," Jesus told them. "But I am not going to tell anyone they can sit on my right or left sides in the Kingdom. Those seats are reserved for the people who have been prepared by God."

## St. Timothy's Episcopal Church



### Agape Feast

October 17, 2021

**AGAPE.** (ah-gah-pay)  
A Greek word for "love,"  
meaning an unconditional,  
universal love of God and  
all others.

*This service of prayer,  
reflection, and meal is a  
love offering created  
especially for our families  
with children under the age  
of 12.*

*Weather permitting, the  
parish hall and patio will be  
our place of worship.  
Masks required and  
physical distancing  
practiced.*

**Host Family**  
McGill Family

**Feast Guide**  
Heather Preston

## **Reader 2:**

When the other ten followers heard the discussion, they became very angry at James and John.

## **Reader 1:**

So, Jesus said "Come here, everyone! You know that the people who all point to as the leaders of world use power to make sure everyone knows they are in charge. Great people use power over the people they rule. But, it's not like that with you. Whoever wants to have a great reputation among you must act as your servant. Whoever wants to lead must be the slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come so others could serve him. No, he came to serve all and give up his life so people could be free!"

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

## **Reflection / Response**

What word stood out to you? What else did you notice?

## **A Creed**

**We believe in God above. We believe in Jesus' love. We believe the Spirit, too, comes to teach us what to do. We believe that we may be true and loving, Lord, like you. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

*Weather permitting – write / draw your prayers with chalk on patio*

*What do we thank God for today?*

*Whom or what do we pray for today?*

**Protect, O God, the vulnerable. Feed the hungry. Clothe the naked. Comfort the lonely. Make safe what is dangerous. And make us instruments of your peace. Make us your hands and feet in the world, sharing your love with everyone we meet.**

## **Minute for Mission / Helping Our Neighbors and Each Other**

### **Peace**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

### **Agape Feast Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Almighty God, as your Spirit moved upon the face of the waters, you created the world and called it good. As you breathed life into human beings, you made each of us in your image.

God said, "Let there be light."

**And there was.**

God said, "You are my people and I am your God."

**And a promise was made.**

God said, "I will send you my son."

**And Jesus came.**

Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, and soul. And love your neighbor as yourself."

**And we became his followers.**

Jesus said, "Share in the feast. Share God's love. Do this to remember me."

**And we were fed.**

Jesus said, "Go and make disciples of all the nations. Teaching and healing and baptizing in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And know I will always be with you."

**And we were empowered by the Holy Spirit.**

**Gracious God, send your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts of food and drink. Fill us with your light and goodness. Help us to be your beloved in the world. All this we ask through your son Jesus. AMEN.**

As Jesus teaches us, we pray:

**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 Feast

When we share in this feast, we share in God's love.

**Help us, God, to be your beloved in the world.**

*The feast is shared*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**God, thank you for loving us and for giving us food for our bodies and our souls. In everything we do this week, help us to remember to love you, to love other people as we should, to be good caretakers of each other and your creation, and to do the things that you hope for us to do. Amen.**

## The Blessing

May God's Blessing be with us, Christ's peace be with us, the Spirit's outpouring be with us, now and always. **Amen.**

## Dismissal

Alleluia! Alleluia! We love and serve the Lord when we go into the world as it is and do our work to bring God's kingdom into our here and now. So let us go forth to be the hands and feet and voice of Jesus.

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



  
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**GARLIC**  
is available!

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Following the Agape Feast, we will be harvesting produce in the garden for 30 minutes. Please dress appropriately.

\*Silver Cord hours available!