

Welcome

Greeting

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who waits upon us.
May God's grace and love guide us home. Amen.

Call to Worship

Can one be homesick for something you've never known?

**We are homesick for a just world,
for peace like rivers,
for the end of suffering.**

Yes, we are homesick—
**for joy that is contagious,
for nations that feel like neighbors,
and for hospitals that run empty.**

We are homesick for the world God promises.

We are homesick, but we are on our way.

God is here. God is still creating.

Let us worship Holy God.

Candle Lighting Liturgy

We hope for a world where all are fed.

We hope for a world with more bridges than walls.

We hope for a world with wide open doors.

We hope for a world with contagious laughter.

We hope for a world where trees grow tall and creeks run clean.

**We hope for a world where all people feel at home—in
their bodies, in the church, in
their physical homes.**

We hope for that world.

We long for that world.

We are homesick for that world.

**So today we light the candle of hope, because hope keeps
our hearts alive as we wait.**

May this light be a reminder that the wait is always worth it.

We are close to home. May we carry hope with us. Amen.

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church



First Sunday in Advent

Agape Feast

November 28, 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.*

*We will worship in the
Parish Hall. Masks
required and physical
distancing practiced.*

Host Family

*Burkhisser-Reynolds
Family*

Feast Guide

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A Reading from Gospel of Luke

21:25-28, 34-36

Reader 1: Jesus said to his followers:

Reader 2: There will be signs of God's will across the sky. The roaring of the oceans and the crashing of the waves will frustrate the nations on earth. In the meantime, people will grow weak in the face of what will happen to the world. For God will shake up everything in the heavens. Then, everyone will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with a lot of power and flash. When these things happen, stand up tall and raise your heads proudly because, then, God will free you!

Reader 1: Watch yourselves so your minds may not be fogged by fooling around, parties, or daily worries. Watch yourselves so the day when the Son of Man comes might not suddenly catch you, like a trap. For that day will come upon everyone, everywhere, in the same way. Be constantly alert! Always ask God to give you the strength to live through those bad times and, in the end, to stand as a true follower before the Son of Man.

Reflection / Response

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

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 is coming soon!

His Advent is drawing near!

Therefore let us give him our thanks and praise.

And call upon his presence at our Advent table.

Blessed are you, breath of peace, giver of all life, source of love that knows no boundaries. Your song of wisdom rang out before the world began; throughout the ages, your song of liberation has filled us with your hope for a world where:

those considered last and least are first and most;
violence is overcome by the power of your ancient love;
and all siblings work together for peace.

You bring our longings to birth, and send prophets to awaken us to your approaching Advent among us. We thank you for those who, like Mary, have the strength and courage to give birth to your love in the world; for those who, like the shepherds, dare to seek out the Child of Bethlehem.

We remember our story of God's love for us.

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

We wait in hope for the coming of Jesus. Come Jesus and come soon.

Amen. Come, o come, Emmanuel.

Sunday, December 19th



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA DELIVERIES

Sign up your family to deliver poinsettias to some of our older fellow parishioners!

Plants will be available for pick up on the 19th between 11:30 am and 12:15 pm

Sign up at:
<https://bit.ly/3H30Eos>