



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

# St. Lucy Liturgy

The Third Sunday of Advent | A Service of Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 11, 10:15 am

Childcare for infants through 4 years old is available on Sunday morning on the lower level, near the north entrance.

## Liturgy of the Word

### Prelude

### Welcome/Announcements

*Please stand as you are able.*

### Opening Hymn

### *This Little Light of Mine*

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This little light of mine,<br/>I'm gonna let it shine!<br/>This little light of mine,<br/>I'm gonna let it shine!<br/>This little light of mine,<br/>I'm gonna let it shine!<br/>Let it shine, let it shine,<br/>Let it shine!</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Hide it under a bushel, no!<br/>I'm gonna let it shine. . .</li> <li>3. All around the neighborhood,<br/>I'm gonna let it shine. . .</li> <li>4. Let it shine 'til Jesus comes,<br/>I'm gonna let it shine. . .</li> </ol> |
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### Liturgical Greeting

Priest	Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People	<b>You come to your people and set them free.</b>

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

Watch and wait for Christ's coming.  
**Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer.**

We light this candle in hope.  
We light this candle for peace.  
We light this candle in joy.

### Collect of the Day

Deacon	God be with you.
People	<b>And also with you.</b>
Deacon	Let us pray together

**Gracious and Loving God, we give you thanks for the gift of life; Into our hands you place the care and nurture of children and the responsibility to ensure their safety and well-being; but there are many children in our world whose lives are in turmoil, who are frightened, lonely, abused, and plagued by disease, terrorism, war and family turmoil.**

We come before you today to offer our prayers for all children who need to know love and hope; Help us be a light that shines in their darkness, give us a willing heart to serve them, even as we have been served by your Son, Jesus Christ, who was born not just to be our King and Redeemer, but your loving presence in our world. May his example, through the power of the Holy Spirit always be our guide. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## Psalm 8

1 O Lord, how excellent is your name.\*  
**Your name is the greatest one on earth!**

2 Your glory shines from Heaven. \*  
**From the lips of children and babies come sounds of praise.**

3 When I look into the sky at night and see the work of Your fingers \*  
**and the moon and stars floating in space, I think to myself, "I am so small."**

4 You have made so many people. \*  
**But You know us all, and You care for each of us.**

5 You have made us beautiful like the angels. \*  
**You crown us with glory and honor!**

6 You let us take care of Your creation, \*  
**the flocks and herds, the wild animals, the birds in the air and the fish in the sea.**

7 O Lord, how excellent is Your name. \*  
**It's the greatest name on Earth.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Gospel Hymn

### *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

1. **He's got the whole world in His hands. (x3)**  
**He's got the whole world in His hands.**

2. **He's got the wind and the rain in His hands. (x3)**  
**He's got the whole world in His hands.**

3. **He's got the sun and the moon in His hands. (x3)**  
**He's got the whole world in His hands.**

4. **He's got the plants and the creatures in His hands. (x3)**  
**He's got the whole world in His hands.**

5. **He's got everybody here in His hands. (x3)**  
**He's got the whole world in His hands.**

## Gospel

Matthew 5:14-16

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you Lord Christ.**

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in Heaven."

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

## The Story of St. Lucy

Sue Genereux

## The Prayers of the People

Leader Let us now offer our prayers to God remembering especially those children whose lives are marred by violence and disease. Our response to each petition is:  
**Lord, help us be a light in the darkness.**

We pray for the church throughout the world. May church leaders everywhere have the courage and the will to step forward to protect and aid children whose lives are troubled.  
**Lord, help us to be a light in the darkness.**

We pray for children who are bullied or attacked because of race, religion or their physical appearance. Help us become friends to all children, especially those who are different. In this Advent season we pray:  
**Lord, help us be a light in the darkness.**

We pray for children and their families who suffer from violence and abuse. Help us be a support to those who reach out and help these families. In this Advent season we pray:  
**Lord, help us be a light in the darkness.**

We pray for children who are ill. We pray for their parents. We remember especially those who have cancer or AIDs. We know they are in pain and scared. Help us be a support to those who care for these children. In this Advent season we pray:  
**Lord, help us be a light in the darkness.**

We pray for children and all families that live in poverty and for families where there is unemployment or homelessness. Help us be a support to those who assist these families. In this Advent season we pray:  
**Lord, help us be a light in the darkness.**

We pray for children who have died as a result of violence and disease; be with their saddened parents and families – let them know your loving and healing presence. Help us remember to pray for them. In this Advent season we pray:  
**Lord, help us be a light in the darkness.**

We pray for governments everywhere; we ask that you give our leaders loving and caring hearts that they might see the needs of those who suffer and be willing to step forward to make a difference. In this Advent season we pray:  
**Lord, help us be a light in the darkness.**

We now pray together:  
**Lord, give us courage to speak out in love;**  
**Where there is any injustice, let us oppose it;**  
**Where there is violence and abuse, let us take action to stop it;**  
**Where there is cruelty and bullying of those who are different, let us protect and defend them.**  
**Where there is oppression of those who are poor, let us do all we can to end it.**  
**Help us be a light to all, so they might know your loving presence in their lives. Amen.**

## The Peace

Priest The Peace of Christ be always with you.  
People **And also with you.**

# Liturgy of the Table

Offertory

Carol of the Bells

Leontovich

Please stand as you are able for the singing of the Doxology.

Doxology

Hymnal 380, v. 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.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

Priest The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

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

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Celebrant*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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 your glory:

## Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of ten systems of music. The first system begins with the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and'. The second system continues with 'might. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,'. The third system has 'God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are'. The fourth system has 'full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -'. The fifth system has 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na'. The sixth system has 'in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes'. The seventh system has 'in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na'. The eighth system has 'in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The score includes treble and bass clefs, a key signature of two flats, and various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamics.

Music: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

**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 of the Bread**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

### **Communion**

*You do not need to be a member of this church or of any church to receive communion.*

*To receive the sacrament, come forward and stand or kneel at the rail. The wine is received by intinction, by dipping the wafer into the bowl.*

*Please let the clergy know if you require a **gluten-free wafer**.*

*To indicate that you would prefer a **blessing only**, cross your arms across your chest.*

***If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and the sacrament will be brought to you.***

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel!*

6 O come, thou Dayspring from on high,  
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadow put to flight.

*Refrain*

7 O come, Desire of nations,  
Bind in one the hearts of all man-kind;  
Bid thou our sad division cease,  
And be thyself our King of Peace.

*Refrain*

*Please stand as you are able.*

### Prayer after Communion

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name. Amen.

### Blessing

### Closing Hymn

*Jesus Loves Me, This I Know*

1. Jesus loves me, this I know,  
For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong.  
They are weak, but He is strong.

*Refrain:*

Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.

2. Jesus loves me, this I know,  
As He loved so long ago,  
Taking children on his knee,  
Saying, "Let them come to me."

*Refrain*

3. Jesus loves me still today,  
Walking with me on the way,  
Wanting as a friend to give  
Light and love to all who live.

### Dismissal

Deacon Go forth now to do the work God has given us to do.  
People We will with God's help.

### Postlude

*Please join us following worship on Sunday for coffee & fellowship in the Parish Hall.*

Thank you to Sue and the Rev. Pat Genereux for crafting the St. Lucy Liturgy.

# MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

## Presider

The Rev. Kyle Carswell

## Deacon

The Rev. Jeanie Smith

## Storyteller

Sue Genereux

## Organist

Don Agee

## Acolytes

Luke Luft

## Chalice Bearers

Susan Koenig-Vande Haar, Dale Vande Haar

## Lector/Litanist

Max McGill

## Oblation Bearers

Sandra Marshall, Mark Marshall

## Ushers

Emily Nastruz, Jacob Nastruz

## Altar Guild

Priscilla Sayeed

## Livestream Coordinator

Beth Arnold

## Offering Counters

Marshall Little, Randy Pettit

## Vestry Representative

Alan Feirer

## 2<sup>nd</sup> OFFERING PARTNER

### *The Angel Tree & St. Timothy's Faith & Food Fund*



Thanks to all who have generously purchased the gifts for all of our Angel Tree recipients. Please remember to return the gifts on December 18<sup>th</sup>. On that day, gifts will surround our altar and will be blessed before they are given to the families. This tradition has always been a fun time to spread Christmas cheer and, as always, one more opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community.

Financial gifts have helped fund this effort and will continue to fund our Faith & Food Fund, which allows us to assist individuals with immediate needs throughout the year. If you would like to help support this ministry financially, you can do so at: [sttimothyiowa.org/donate](http://sttimothyiowa.org/donate)

# COMING UP

## THE COMING WEEK

### Monday, December 12

1 pm Casserole Baking  
6:30 pm Scouts

### Tuesday, December 13

5:30 pm Finance Team Meeting

### Wednesday, December 14

7 am Advent Formation Series  
6 pm Vestry/Staff Christmas Party  
6:45 pm Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, December 15

9:30 am Bible Study  
5:30 pm YJI  
7 pm Women at the Well Worship Service

### Friday, December 16

10 am BBB

### Saturday, December 17

**NO 5 pm SERVICE**  
9 am Centering Prayer

### Sunday, December 18

8:45 am Childcare Available  
9 am Formation/Pageant Practice  
10:15 am Holy Eucharist  
11:30 am Coffee Hour

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For those celebrating a birthday: Brittany Hogue, Dave Mable, Gail Cudworth, Donna Leigh, Caroline Seley, Wava Shirbroun, Ziarah Coffey, Zion Coffey, and Luke Luft.

For those celebrating an anniversary: Patti & Dennis Christensen.



# CHRISTMAS AT ST. TIMOTHY'S

**Lessons and Carols**  
December 18 at 10:15 a.m.

**Service of Remembrance and Hope**  
December 21 at 7 p.m.

**Christmas Eve Service with Pageant**  
December 24 at 5 p.m.

**Traditional Christmas Eve Service**  
December 24 at 9 p.m.

**Christmas Day Service**  
December 25 at 10:15 a.m.