

# St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

April 21, 2024 at 10 am

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Holy Baptism



## Opening Hymn

Hymn 645

The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness  
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed  
3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear  
5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion  
6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if  
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant  
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der  
4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my  
5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port  
6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.  
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-tial feed-eth.  
3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.  
4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.  
5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!  
6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

## Opening Acclamation

Priest: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen**

Priest: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Priest: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: **One God of all.**

## The Collect of the Day

Priest: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Reading

1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader: Speak God, your servants are listening

People: **Thanks be to God**

## Sequence Hymn (verse 1 before Gospel, verse 2 after)

Hymn 664

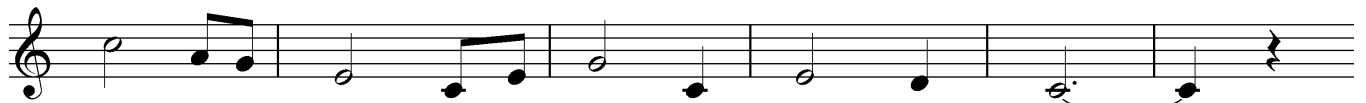
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need



1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah  
2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence



is his Name; \_\_\_\_\_ in pas - tures fresh he  
is my stay; \_\_\_\_\_ one word of thy sup -



makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.\_\_\_\_  
port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.\_\_\_\_



He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -  
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my



sake his ways, \_\_\_\_\_ and leads me, for his  
ta - ble spread; \_\_\_\_\_ my cup with bless - ings



mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.\_\_\_\_  
o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head.\_\_\_\_

## The Gospel

John 10:11-18

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ

People: **Glory to you Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to you Lord Christ**

## Sermon

The Rev. Todd Bryant

## Holy Baptism

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Priest: The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents: **I present Madison Elizabeth Sproul to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

Parents and Godparents: **I present Ava Celestine Evans to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

Priest: Will you be responsible for seeing that these children you present are brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents: **I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you by your prayers and witness help them to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents: **I will, with God's help.**

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

Parents and Godparents: **I renounce them.**

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

Parents and Godparents: **I renounce them.**

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

Parents and Godparents: **I renounce them.**

Priest: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?  
**Parents and Godparents: I do.**

Priest: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?  
**Parents and Godparents: I do.**

Priest: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?  
**Parents and Godparents: I do.**

Priest: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these children in their life in Christ?  
**People: We will.**

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

### The Baptismal Covenant

Priest: Do you believe in God the Father?  
**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Priest: 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.**

Priest: 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.**

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

Priest: 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.**

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

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

Priest: 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

Priest: Let us now pray for Madison Elizabeth and Ava Celestine who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

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

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

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

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

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

Leader: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

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

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

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

Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

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

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

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

Priest: 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 forever. **Amen.**

## Thanksgiving over the Water

Priest: God 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.**

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.

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 forever 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 forever. **Amen.**

### **The Baptism**

Madison Elizabeth, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Madison Elizabeth, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.

Ava Celestine, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Ava Celestine, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.

Priest: 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 inquiring and discerning hearts, 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.

Madison Elizabeth, receive the Light of Christ.

Ava Celestine, receive the Light of Christ.

**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.**

### **Baptismal Procession**

#### **The Peace**

Priest: The Peace of Christ be always with you

**People: And also with you**

### **Greetings, Milestones and Announcements**

*Today's flowers are given in thanksgiving for the service of our Altar Guild by Helen Robles.*

#### **Offertory**

This Is The Day The Lord Has Made

by Michael Joncas

#### **Offertory Sentence**

#### **Great Thanksgiving**

Priest: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

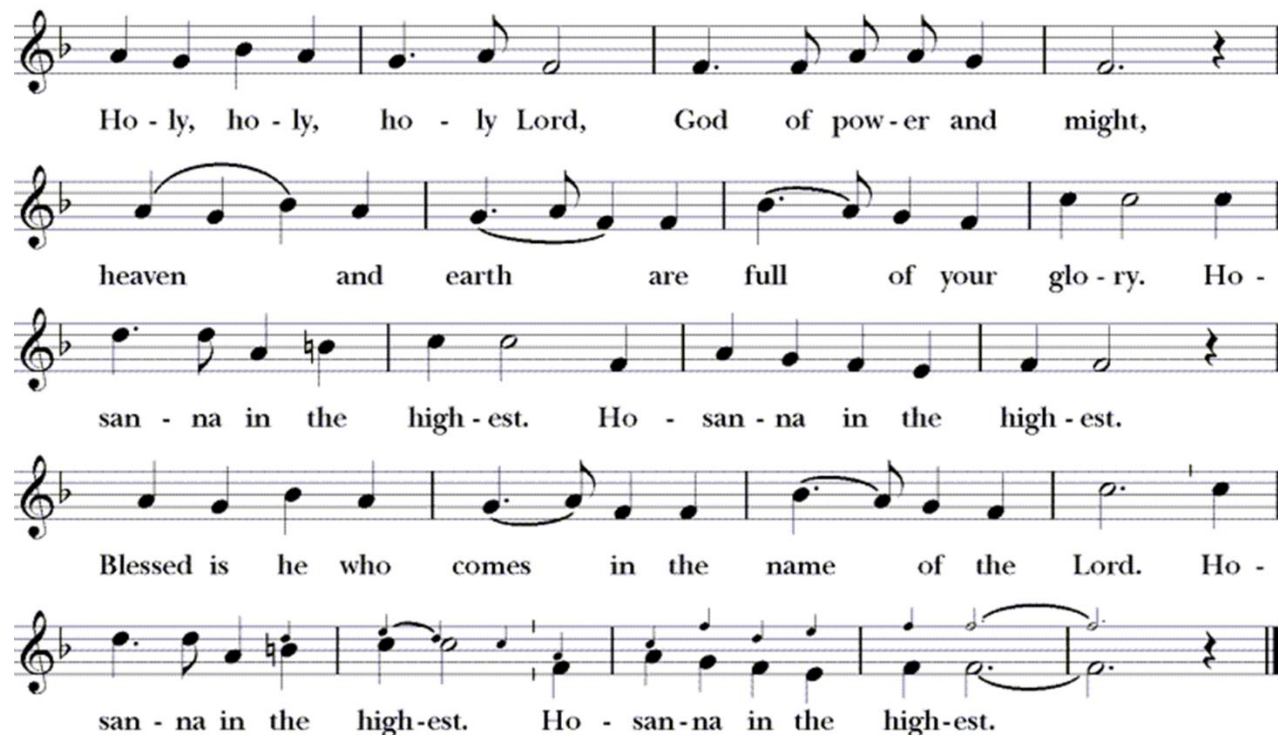
**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Holy God, we praise you for your creation. We praise you for creatures great and small. We delight in the galaxies and grains of sand that come from you. Thank you for being the creator of all. Jesus, we praise you. All that ever was, or will be, finds its life in you. You came into the chaos of ancient Palestine, and you have entered the chaos of our own day. Help us be the mirror of your grace and life. Thank you for being love embodied.

Holy Spirit, we praise you. You are the life force of creation. You spoke to us through prophet's voices, you filled Mary's child with power, and you are making us a sanctuary of love. At this table we share bread, wine, and dreams. Because of you we are turning from darkness to light. Thank you for being our never-failing breath. For all that you are; all the gifts you given; all the saints' past, present and yet to come, we praise you singing:



The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Hosanna in the Highest". It consists of five staves of music in a single system, all written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,". The second staff continues with "heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -". The third staff has "san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.". The fourth staff reads "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -". The fifth and final staff concludes with "san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests and slurs.

Holy God, your endless creation is beyond our imagination. Yet you chose to dwell in Jesus, and your Spirit's breath sustains us today. You are The Creator, The Word and The Spirit and we praise you for the privilege of witnessing your love in every generation.

You are the keeper of promises even as we turn away time and time again. Through Noah and Namaah, Abraham and Sarah, Moses and Zipporah, David and Michael, Jesus and the church - you choose us. You have watched us grow, die, and find new life in you. Therefore, because of your never-failing salvation:

**We invite Jesus into our life.**

**We celebrate his life beyond death.**

**We look for his coming again.**

At this table, we return to Jesus' last night with friends before his death. There, he offered bread as a living symbol of his commitment to dwell in our world. In God, we offer the same, remembering his words: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."



Likewise, we offer a cup of wine with his words: “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.”

Undimmed by time: we praise you for these gifts of creation. This bread and wine is small enough to held by hands, but contains the universe. May your Holy Spirit come down upon these elements and fill us with life. We thank you for the invitation to live into your promised love. We cherish the life you have given us. We rejoice in the earth you have placed into our care. We love the communities you have called us to serve.

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.

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

### **Lord’s Prayer**

**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.**

### **Fraction**


**Priest:** Alleluia Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People:** Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia Alleluia.

## Communion Hymn

### Taste And See

Refrain



Taste and see, O taste and see, taste and see the

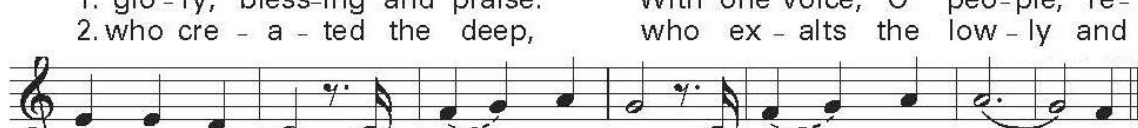
Verses 1, 2



good-ness of God. 1. Glo - ry, glo - ry to God most high,  
2. Who has fash-ioned the earth and sky,



1. glo - ry, bless-ing and praise. With one voice, O peo-ple, re-  
2. who cre - a - ted the deep, who ex - alts the low - ly and



1. joice in our God, who hears \_ the cry of all \_ in need. O  
2. sets cap-tives free, who o-pens the door to all those who seek. O

Verse 3



3. Oh, the love of God! Be-come flesh of our flesh,



3. so that we might live in glo - ry. O

### Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, 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. 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.

### Young People's Time

### Blessing

# Closing Hymn

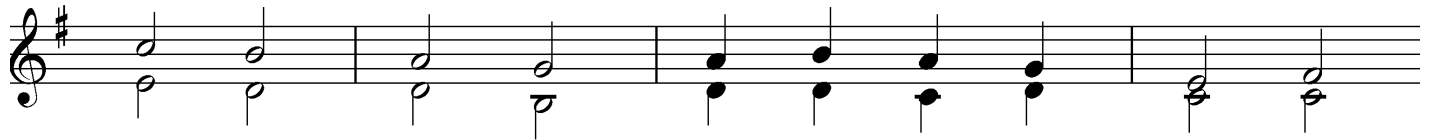
Hymn 377

All People That On Earth Do Dwell

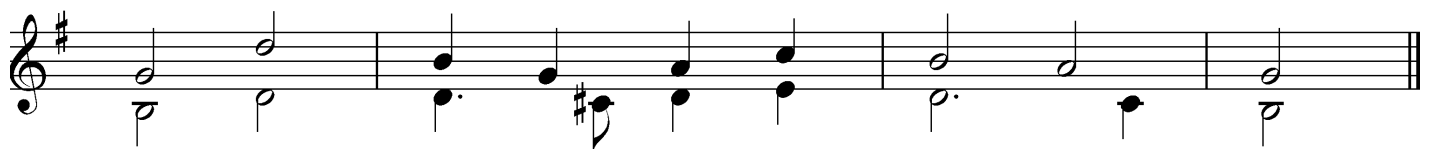
*Unison or harmony*



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with  
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our aid he  
3 O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap - proach with joy his  
4 For why? the Lord our God is good, his mer - cy is for  
5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom heaven and

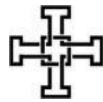


1 cheer - ful voice: him serve with mirth, his praise forth  
2 did us make: we are his folk, he doth us  
3 courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his Name al -  
4 ev - er sure; his truth at all times firm - ly  
5 earth a - dore, from men and from the an - gel



1 tell, come ye be - fore him and re - - jice.  
2 feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.  
3 ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.  
4 stood, and shall from age to age en - - dure.  
5 host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - - more.

Dismissal



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