

# St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

May 5, 2024 at 10 am

Sixth Sunday of Easter



## Opening Hymn

Hymn 705

As Those Of Old Their First Fruits Brought

*Unison or harmony*



1 As those of old their first fruits brought of vine - yard, flock, and  
2 A world in need now sum - mons us to la - bor, love, and  
3 With grat - i - tude and hum - ble trust we bring our best to



field to God, the giv - er of all good, the  
give; to make our life an of - fer - ing to  
thee to serve thy cause and share thy love with



source of bount-eous yield; so we to - day our  
God that all may live; the Church of Christ is  
all hu - man - i - ty. O thou who gav - est



first fruits bring, the wealth of this good land, of  
call - ing us to make the dream come true: a  
us thys - elf in Je - sus Christ thy Son, help



farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind, and heart, and hand.  
world re-deemed by Christ - like love; all life in Christ made new.  
us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

## Opening Acclamation

Priest: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People: **Christ in risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## The Collect of the Day

Priest: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader: Speak God, your servants are listening

People: **Thanks be to God**

## The Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader: Speak God, your servants are listening

People: **Thanks be to God**

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

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

1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if  
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant

1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.  
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-tial feed-eth.

## The Gospel

John 15:9-17

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ

People: **Glory to you Lord Christ**

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in

you, and that your joy may be complete. “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to you Lord Christ**

**Sermon**

The Rev. Todd Bryant

**Nicene Creed**

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.**

*(English Language Liturgical Consultation)*

**Prayers of the People**

Priest: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Intercessor: Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence*

Intercessor: Risen One

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Intercessor: Risen One

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Intercessor: Risen One

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Intercessor: Risen One

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. You may name those needing prayer.

*Silence*

Intercessor: Risen One

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. You may name those needing prayer.

*Silence*

Intercessor: Risen One

**People: Hear our prayer.**

## **Clergy Prayer**

### **The Peace**

Priest: The Peace of Christ be always with you

**People: And also with you**

## **Greetings, Milestones and Announcements**

### **Offertory**

For the Beauty of the Earth

By John Rutter

### **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 on a treble clef staff 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 says "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, along with rests and phrasing 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."



## 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 292

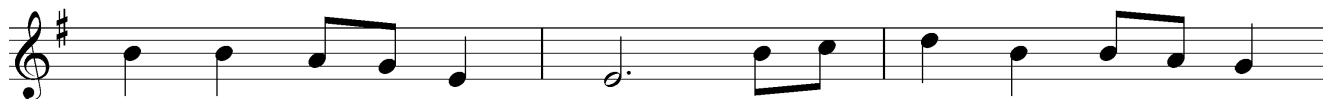
O Jesus, Crowned With All Renown



1 O Je - sus, crowned with all re - nown, since thou the earth hast  
2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dews be  
3 that we may feed the poor a - right, and, gath - ering round thy



trod, thou reign - est and by thee come down hence -  
given; all fos - tering power, all in - fluence sweet, breathe  
throne, here, in the ho - ly an - gels' sight, re -



forth the gifts of God. Thine is the health and  
from the bount - eous heaven. At - tem - per fair with  
pay thee of thine own: That we may praise thee



thine the wealth that in our halls a - bound, and  
gen - tle air the sun - shine and the rain, that  
all our days, and with the Fa - ther's Name, and



thine the beau - ty and the joy with which the years are crowned.  
kind - ly earth with time - ly birth may yield her fruits a - gain:  
with the Ho - ly Spi - rit's gifts, the Sa - vior's love pro - claim.

## Dismissal

The Rev. Todd Bryant, Rector  
The Rev. Susan Geissler-O'Neil, Associate Rector  
The Rev. Maurice Turner, Assisting Priest, Emeritus  
Music Director: Myles Ellis