

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

January 12, 2025 at 10 am

First Sunday after the Epiphany



Opening Hymn

Hymn 135

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
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cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

Opening Acclamation

Priest: Blessed be God, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Priest: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth-- everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Reader: Speak God, your servants are listening

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Second Reading

Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader: Speak God, your servants are listening

People: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn *(verses 1-2 before the Gospel, verse 3 after)*

Baptized in Water



1. Bap - tized_ in wa - ter, _ sealed by the Spi - rit, _ Cleansed by the
2. Bap - tized_ in wa - ter, _ sealed by the Spi - rit, _ Dead in the
3. Bap - tized_ in wa - ter, _ sealed by the Spi - rit, _ Marked with the



1. blood of Christ _ our King: Heirs of sal - va - tion, _
2. tomb with Christ _ our King: One with his ris - ing, _
3. sign of Christ _ our King: Born of one Fa - ther, _



1. trust - ing his prom - ise, _ Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
2. freed and for - giv - en, _ Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
3. we are his child - ren, _ Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

The Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ

People: **Glory to you Lord Christ**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to you Lord Christ**

Sermon

The Rev. Todd Bryant

The Affirmation of Faith

You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure. You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now. You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death. You are our God. We worship you.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: God of light and life

People: **We pray in hope and faith.**

Intercessor: We pray for the worldwide church. We pray for our diocese, bishops, clergy, and lay leaders.

People: **May our communities embody kindness for the world.**

Intercessor: We pray for all who are exploring, strengthening or questioning their faith.

People: **Light of all creation, guide us to a deeper knowledge of you.**

Intercessor: We pray for those in need of food, shelter, clothing, and healing.

People: **Comforter of the suffering, send us as your servants to them.**

Intercessor: We pray for the world: for countries crushed by war. We pray for all communities suffering injustice and oppression.

People: **Ember of care, fuel our desire to struggle for peace.**

Intercessor: We pray for the land on which we live. We pray for its animals, plants, air, water and people.

People: **Star of glory, lead us to care for your fragile creation.**

Intercessor: God of radiant light, you know our needs before we ask.

People: Shine your light within us to help us see our lives through the brightness of your Love.

The people may add their own petitions either silently or aloud.

Clergy Prayer

God, may we experience your bright presence in the world around us. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

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 by Patricia Pearson in loving memory of Sharyn Mitzo.

Offertory

Be Not Afraid

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 our thanks and praise.

Priest:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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."

Therefore according to his command, O God:

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

Cornerstone



1. My hope is built on noth - ing less,



than Je - sus' blood and right - eous - ness. I dare not trust the sweet - est frame,



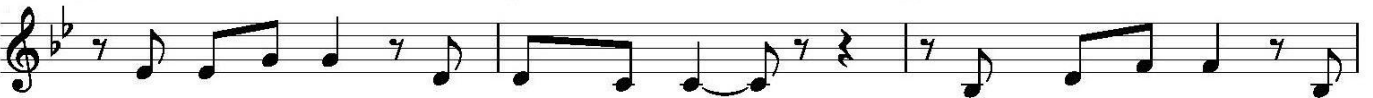
but whol - ly trust in Je - sus' Name. sus' Name. Christ a -



lone. Corn - er - stone. Weak made strong in the Sav - iour's love. Through the storm, He is



Lord. Lord of all. 2. When dark - ness seems to hide His face,
3. When He shall come with trump - et sound,



I rest on His un - chang - ing grace. In ev - 'ry high and
oh may I then in Him be found. Dressed in His right - eous -



storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil. My an - chor holds with - in
ness a - lone. Fault - less stand be - fore



the veil. Christ a - lone. Corn - er - stone. Weak made strong in the Sav - iour's love.



Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all. He is Lord.

Lord of all. Christ a - Lord. Lord of all. Christ a -
 Lord. Lord of all.
 the throne.

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Young People's Time & Blessing

Closing Hymn

LEVAS 141

Shall We Gather At the River

1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod; —
2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray, —
3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down; —
4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease, —

1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the throne of God?
2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py gold - en day.
3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a robe and crown.
4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of peace.

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God.