



# St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

September 6th, 2020 at 10:00am | Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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## The Entering Procession

### Reckless Love

Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me

You have been so, so good to me

Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me

You have been so, so kind to me

Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God

Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine

I couldn't earn it, and I don't deserve it, still, You give Yourself away

Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God, yeah

When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me

You have been so, so good to me

When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me

You have been so, so kind to me

Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God

Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine

I couldn't earn it, and I don't deserve it, still, You give Yourself away

Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God, yeah

There's no shadow You won't light up Mountain You won't climb up

Coming after me

There's no wall You won't kick down

Lie You won't tear down

Coming after me

There's no shadow You won't light up

Mountain You won't climb up

Coming after me

There's no wall You won't kick down

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Coming after me

Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God

Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine

And I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, still, You give Yourself away

Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God, yeah

## The Opening Acclamation

*Priest*

Blessed be the One who creates, the One who redeems, and the One who sustains.

**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.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### The First Reading

**Ezekiel 33:7-11**

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

*Reader* Speak God your servants are listening.  
**People** **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 119:33-40

Teach me, O God, the way of your statutes,  
**and I shall keep it to the end.**  
Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law;  
**I shall keep it with all my heart.**  
Make me go in the path of your commandments,  
**for that is my desire.**  
Incline my heart to your decrees  
**and not to unjust gain.**  
Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless;  
**give me life in your ways.**  
Fulfill your promise to your servant,  
**which you make to those who fear you.**  
Turn away the reproach which I dread,  
**because your judgments are good.**  
Behold, I long for your commandments;  
**in your righteousness preserve my life.**

## The Second Reading

## Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader Speak God your servants are listening.  
People Thanks be to God.

## Sequence Abide With Me

The musical score for 'Abide With Me' is presented in four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: '1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide; the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide: when o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee, help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.'

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## The Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

## Sequence Abide With Me

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## The Sermon

The Rev. Susan Geissler-O'Neil

## 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

*Priest* Let us pray, giving thanks for God's goodness and mercy.

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and  
humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and  
Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations  
of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Gracious God, we pray for all your people and especially lift up to you all doctors, nurses, first responders, the people who fight fires and the people who support our firefighters. We pray for all the people who have had to evacuate their homes because of the wildfires and pray for the safety of all your people.  
Let us pray for our own needs and those of others

*The People may add their own petitions in the chat box*

*The priest adds a concluding Collect.*

### **The Peace**

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

## **Welcome | Parish Announcements and Celebrations**

### **The Offertory O Love**

by Elaine Hagenberg

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

God be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea. You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humanity. Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; therefore we join with saints and angels and all creation as we sing with joy:

**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.**

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into new life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

Looking for Christ's coming in glory, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and grant that we, filled with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. **Blessed are you now and forever. AMEN.**

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

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

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those**

**who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours,**

**now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Closing Prayer**

*Priest*            Let us pray

**Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Young People's Time**

### **The Blessing**

## The Retiring Processional

### Here Comes The Sun

[Chorus]

Here comes the sun, doo da doo doo  
Here comes the sun, and I say  
It's all right

[Verse 1]

Little darling, it's been a long cold lonely winter  
Little darling, it feels like years since it's been  
here

[Chorus]

Here comes the sun, doo da doo doo  
Here comes the sun, and I say  
It's all right

[Verse 2]

Little darling, the smile's returning to their  
faces  
Little darling, it seems like years since it's  
been here

[Chorus]

Here comes the sun  
Here comes the sun, and I say

It's all right

[Bridge]

Sun, sun, sun, here it comes  
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes

[Verse 3]

Little darling, I feel that ice is slowly melting  
Little darling, it seems like years since it's  
been clear

[Chorus]

Here comes the sun, doo da doo doo  
Here comes the sun, and I say  
It's all right

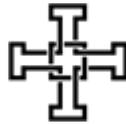
[Outro]

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Here comes the sun  
It's all right  
It's all right

## The Dismissal

*The Priest dismisses the congregation.*

**People**      **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**



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