



# St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

October 18th, 2020 at 10:00am | Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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## The Entering Procession

## 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.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### The First Reading

**Isaiah 45:1-7**

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him--and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

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

### Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)

Sing to God a new song;  
**sing to God all the whole earth.**  
Sing and bless God's holy Name;  
**proclaim the good news of salvation from day to day.**  
Declare God's glory among the nations,  
**God's wonders among all peoples.**  
For God is great and greatly to be praised,

**more to be feared than all gods.**

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols,

**but it is God who made the heavens.**

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of God's presence!

**Oh, the power and the splendor of God's sanctuary!**

Ascribe to God, you families of the peoples,

**ascribe to God honor and power.**

Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name;

**bring offerings and come into God's courts.**

Worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness;

**let the whole earth tremble before God.**

Tell it out among the nations that God reigns!

**God has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved and will judge the peoples with equity.**

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it;

**let the field be joyful and all that is therein.**

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before God, who will come,

**who will come to judge the earth.**

God will judge the world with righteousness

**and the peoples with truth.**

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## The Second Reading

## 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader Speak God your servants are listening.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence

## **The Gospel**

**Matthew 22:15-22**

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

## **Sequence**

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Todd Bryant

### **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**  
**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 the Father.**  
**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**  
**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. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

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

*The intercessor will provide a response to prayers written by a member of the congregation. We invite you to add your own prayers out loud or silently, as the Spirit moves you.*

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

*The priest adds a concluding Collect.*

## **The Confession**

Let us confess our sins to God.

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

## **Absolution**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Priest*            The peace of Christ be always with you.

***People***           **And also with you.**

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

## **The Offertory**

### **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.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. His life continues through us and we pray for you to pour out your Spirit upon us making us your new creation.

### **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

**Holy and everliving God, by your power we are created and by your love we are redeemed; guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live each day in love to one another and to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## **Young People's Time**

### **The Blessing**

### **The Retiring Processional**

### **The Dismissal**

Let us go into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit

*The Priest dismisses the congregation.*

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



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