



# St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

January 31, 2021 @ 10:00am Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

## The Entering Procession

Akheko Ofana No Jesu

A musical score for three voices (Soprano, Alto, Bass) and piano. The score consists of three staves. The top staff has a treble clef, the middle staff has a bass clef, and the bottom staff has a bass clef. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The time signature is 4/4. The vocal parts sing in three-part harmony. The piano part provides harmonic support with chords. The lyrics are in English and Swahili. The piano part includes dynamic markings like 'p' (piano), 'f' (forte), and 'mf' (mezzo-forte). Measure numbers 1 through 10 are indicated above the staff.

## The Opening Acclamation

**Priest**      Blessed be our God.

**People**      For ever and ever. Amen.

## The Collect of the Day

**Priest**      God be with you.

**People**      And also with you.

**Priest**      Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

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

### Psalm 111

Alleluia! I will give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart,  
**in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.**

Great are your deeds, O God;  
**they are studied by all who delight in them.**

Your work is full of majesty and splendor,  
**and your righteousness endures for ever.**

You make your marvelous works to be remembered;  
**you are gracious and full of compassion.**

You give food to those who fear you;  
**you are ever mindful of your covenant.**

You have shown your people the power of your works  
**in giving them the lands of the nations.**

The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;  
**all your commandments are sure.**

They stand fast for ever and ever,  
**because they are done in truth and equity.**

You sent redemption to your people; you commanded your covenant for ever;  
**holy and awesome is your Name.**

The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom;  
**those who act accordingly have a good understanding; God's praise endures for ever.**

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### The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no

God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

*Reader*      Speak God, your servants are listening.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

### Sequence

#### Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.

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### The Gospel

**Mark 1:21-28**

*Priest*      The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He

commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

### Sequence

#### Be Thou My Vision

2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;  
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.

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### The Sermon Apostles' Creed

The Rev. Susan Geissler-O'Neil

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.

## The Prayers of the People

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

*Prayer is offered with intercession for the universal church, its members, and its mission, the nation and all in authority, the welfare of the world, the concerns of the local community, those who suffer and those in any trouble, and all the departed. The intercessor will provide a page number in the red Book of Common Prayer, or 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 Priest offers a concluding collect and the people say Amen.*

*Priest: closing prayer*

## The Peace

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

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### The Offertory

#### I Offer My Life

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Priest            God is here.  
People        The Spirit is with us.*

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

*Priest            Let us give thanks to our Creator.  
People        It is right to offer God our thanks and praise.*

It is right indeed, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your Son. You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things and formed us in your own image. Even as we sinned and turned away, you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. By his death on the cross, he made a perfect sacrifice for the whole world and freed us from sin. You raised him to new life and exalted him in glory. In him, you have made us a new people by sending your holy and life-giving Spirit. Therefore, with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your glorious name, forever praising you and saying:

## The Sanctus

Haugen

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

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Loving God, recalling your goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption. Accept our praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest. Send your Holy Spirit that we, filled with grace and power, may be renewed for service in your kingdom. United with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise. Blessing, honor and glory be yours, now and forever. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer

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

**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.

## Closing Prayer

Priest: Let us pray

Holy God, we give you thanks and praise. When we were still far off, you sent your Son and brought us home. Dying and rising he made love the way of life. May we shine your Spirit's light into the world today and always. Amen

## Young People's Time

### The Blessing

### The Retiring Procession

#### I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever

A musical score for a hymn titled "I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever". The music is written for a single voice in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are integrated directly onto the musical staff. The score consists of eight staves of music, each starting with a different measure number (1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 12, 15). The lyrics describe a journey through mountains and sea, a call to open one's heart, and a declaration of eternal love.

1 Ov - er the moun-tains and the sea Your ri - ver runs with love for  
3 me, and I will op - en up my heart and let the Hea - ler set me  
5 free. I'm hap - py to be in the truth and I will dail - y lift my  
7 hands, for I will al - ways sing of when Your love came down.  
9 I could sing of Your love for-ev - er I could sing of Your love  
12 for - ev - er I could sing of Your love for - ev - er  
15 I could sing of Your love for - ev - er

## The Dismissal

Priest: Alleluia, Alleluia let us go forth rejoicing in the light of God

People: Thanks be God Alleluia, Alleluia

Darrell (Old Testament)  
Patti (Psalm)  
Nancy (New Testament)  
Kari (Author of Prayers of the People and Intercessor)



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