



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

July 26, 2020 at 10:00am | Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

The Entering Procession

I Am Light

Refrain (verses sung by leader)



I am light, I am light.



I am light, I am light.



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The Opening Acclamation

Priest Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People The Spirit is Alive, Alleluia

The Collect of the Day

Priest God be with you

People And also with you

Priest Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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

1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God,

you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

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

Psalm 119:129-136

Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
When your word goes forth it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.
I open my mouth and pant;
I long for your commandments.
Turn to me in mercy,
as you always do to those who love your Name.
Steady my footsteps in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
Rescue me from those who oppress me,
and I will keep your commandments.
Let your countenance shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.
My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your law.

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The Second Reading

Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?

Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
 wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.

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The Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.” “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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

Sequence
Be Thou My Vision

3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!
 Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,
 still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

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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.

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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 Priest offers a concluding collect and the people say Amen.

The Peace

Priest The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome | Parish Announcements and Celebrations

The Offertory

Let It Be

by Lennon - McCartney

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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:

**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.**

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will.

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again

Sanctify us by your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.

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

God of all mercies, we bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life. We pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise in thought, word and deed by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days.

Young People's Time

The Blessing

The Retiring Processional

Everlasting God

The Lord is my light and sal - va - tion, whom shall I fear, whom shall I be
a - fraid? The Lord is my light and sal - va - tion, whom shall I fear, whom shall I be
a - fraid? I will wait on You, I will wait on You.
I will trust in You, I will trust in You.
I will re - main con - fi - dent in this, I will see the good - ness of the Lord.
I will re - main con - fi - dent in this, I will see the good - ness of the Lord.
We set our hope on You, we set our hope on Your love. We set our hope on the One,
who is the ev - er - last - ing God. You are the ev - er - last - ing God,
You are the ev - er - last - ing. We set our hope on You, we set our hope on Your love.
We set our hope on the One, who is the ev - er - last - ing God.
You are the ev - er - last - ing God, You are the ev - er - last - ing.
I will re - main con - fi - dent in this, I will see the good - ness of the Lord.
I will re - main con - fi - dent in this, I will see the good - ness of the Lord.

The Dismissal

The Priest dismisses the congregation.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!



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