



# St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

May 2, 2021 at 10am | Fifth Sunday of Easter

## Opening Song You Never Let Go

1. E - ven though I  
walk through the val - lev of the shad - ow of death. Your per - fect love is cast - ing out fear:  
And e - ven when I'm caught in the mid - dle of the storms of this life, I  
won't turn back, I know You are near. And I will fear no e -  
vil, for my God is with me; and if my God is  
with me, whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I  
— fear? Oh no, You nev - er let go, through the calm and through the storm.—  
Oh no, You nev - er let go, in ev - 'ry high and ev - 'ry low.— Oh no, You nev - er let go.  
Lord, You nev - er let go of me.—

## Opening Acclamation

Priest Alleluia, Christ is Risen.  
People **Christ is Risen indeed, Alleluia.**

## The Collect of the Day

Priest God be with you.  
People **And also with you.**  
Priest Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Old Testament

**Acts 8:26-40**

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

## Psalm 22:24-30

My praise is of you in the great assembly;  
**I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship you.**

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek you shall praise you:  
**“May your heart live for ever!”**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to you,  
**and all the families of the nations shall bow before you.**

For yours is the royal power, O God;  
**you rule over the nations.**

To you alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;  
**all who go down to the dust fall before you.**

My soul shall live for you; my descendants shall serve you;  
**they shall be known as yours for ever.**

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn  
**the saving deeds that you have done**

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## The New Testament

## 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

## Sequence

### The King Of Love My Shepherd Is

1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness  
1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if  
1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.

## The Gospel

John 15:1-8

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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

## Sequence

### The King Of Love My Shepherd Is

2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed  
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant  
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.

**The Affirmation of Faith**

**(All)**

**We believe in one God who spoke creation into existence**

**We believe in God who is our breath and life**

**We believe in God reflected through each of us**

**We believe in Jesus Christ who brings restoration and healing**

**We believe in Jesus among us who loves the world and weeps over suffering**

**We believe in Christ crucified who lives forever**

**We believe in Christ raised whose hands help us to reach out in love**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit who is always coming to enlighten our days**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit who topples our destructive divisions**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit who breathes through the church**

**We believe in one God. The God who creates, the God who redeems, the God who sustains**

**We believe, now and in the age to come, when heaven and earth are joined together.**

**Amen**

**The Prayers of the People**

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

**The Peace**

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

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

**Welcome | Parish Announcements and Celebrations**

**The Offertory**

The Lord Is My Shepherd, from *Requiem*

by John Rutter

**The 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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever 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 the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Creator: 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, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body of your Son, the holy food of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and 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, 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.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*Priest*            Alleluia, Alleluia Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us  
*People*            **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia**

## **Closing Prayer**

Let us pray

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for sustaining in the life of you Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, God, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

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

## **The Blessing**

## The Retiring Procession

### My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah  
2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence

is his Name; \_\_\_\_\_ in pas - tures fresh he  
is my stay; \_\_\_\_\_ one word of thy sup -

makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream. \_\_\_\_\_  
port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way. \_\_\_\_\_

He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -  
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my

sake his ways, \_\_\_\_\_ and leads me, for his  
ta - ble spread; \_\_\_\_\_ my cup with bless - ings

mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace. \_\_\_\_\_  
o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head. \_\_\_\_\_

## The Dismissal

Priest Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia

### Serving Today:

First Reader: Sylvia H

Psalm Reader: Cathy H

Second Reader: Thomas H

Author of Prayers of the People and Intercessor: Sandy V