St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church
May 9, 2021 at 10am | Sixth Sunday of Easter

Opening Song
Love Divine All Love’s Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to
come, Almighty to deliver, Let us all Thy
finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless
earth come down, Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy
life receive; Suddenly return, and never, Never let us be; Let us see Thy great salvation Perfect faithful mercies crown! Jesus, Thou art all
more Thy temples leave, Thee we would be always
restored in Thee; Changed from glory into

passion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art; Visit blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above; Pray and
glory, Till in heaven we take our place; Till we

us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.
praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.
cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

First Reading Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

Psalm 98

Sing a new song to God, who has done marvelous things.

With your right hand, O God, and your holy arm, you have won for yourself the victory.

You have made known your victory; your righteousness have you openly shown in the sight of the nations.

You remember your mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to God, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to God with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn, shout with joy before God who reigns in majesty

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before God, who will come to judge the earth.

God shall judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.
Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

Sequence

Abide With Me

The Gospel John 15:9-17

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.
Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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

Sequence

Abide With Me

3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
4 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;

ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

Where is death’s sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
heaven’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee;

I triumph still, if thou abide with me.
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.
The Sermon

The Rev. Susan Geissler-O’Neil

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

Flowers given by Patty Alexanderson for her Mom Lucy Ketcham’s 104th birthday which was on 30 March & Patty’s Son Ross Alexanderson. Flowers are also for Boise Ketcham, Lucy’s late Husband, Ruth Ketcham, Phyliss Graham & Christy Graves.

The Offertory

I Have Felt The Hand of God by Craig Courtney

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_ Therefore let us keep the Feast, 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

They'll Know We Are Christians

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: Pamela C
Reader of the Psalm: Sally P
Second Reader: Darrell K
Author of Prayers of the People and Intercessor: Sharron M