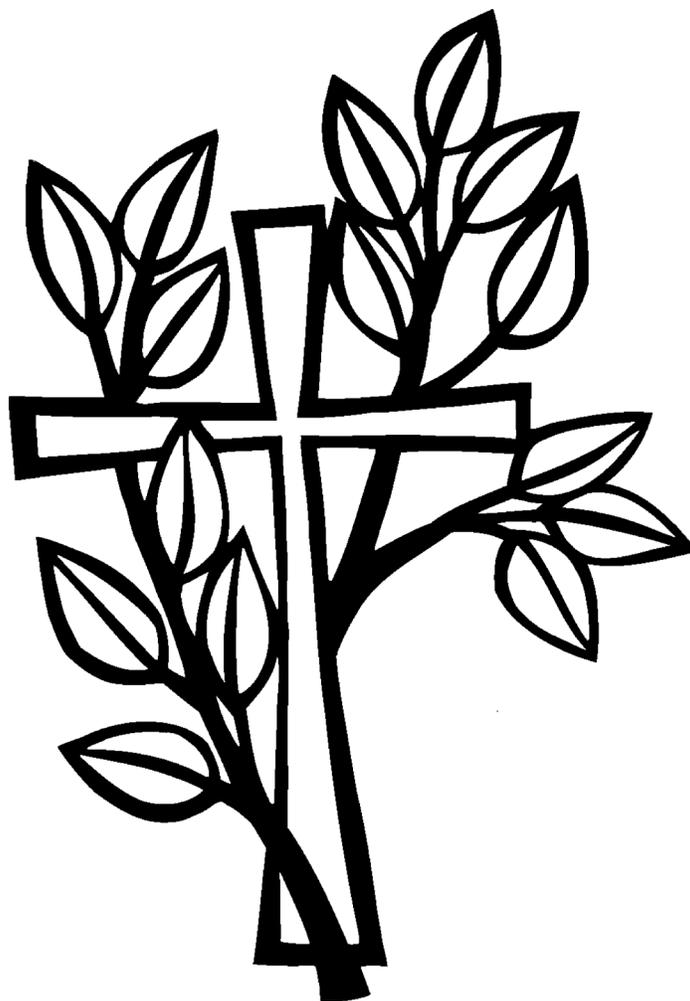


# St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Evening Prayer: Rite Two



**Wednesday**

September 2, 2020 | 6:00pm Online Worship

The Reverend Daniel Leatherman, Priest-in-Charge



# Service of Light

## GREETING

*Officiant* Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp to put it under a bucket, but on a lamp-stand where it gives light for everyone in the house. And you, like the lamp, must shed light among your fellow men, so that they may see the good you do, and give glory to your Father in heaven." *Matthew 5:14-16*

## PRAYER FOR LIGHT

*The Officiant says*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

# Candle-Lighting

## PHOS HILARON *S 60 O Gracious Light (Arnatt)*

1. O gra - cious Light, pure  
bright - ness of the ev - er - liv - ing Fa - ther in hea - ven,  
O Je - sus Christ, ho - ly and bless - ed! 2. Now as we  
come to the set - ting of the sun, and our eyes be - hold the ves - per  
light, we sing your prais - es, O God: Fa - ther, Son, and  
Ho - ly Spi - rit. 3. You are wor - thy at all times to be  
praised by hap - py voic - es, O Son of God, O Giv - er of life,  
and to be glo - ri - fied through all the worlds.

## **PSALM: Psalm 126**

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup>Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
then it was said among the nations,  
"The LORD has done great things for them."

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we rejoiced.

<sup>4</sup>Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses in the Negeb.

<sup>5</sup>May those who sow in tears  
reap with shouts of joy.

<sup>6</sup>Those who go out weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
carrying their sheaves.

*At the end of the Psalm is sung or said*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Lessons

### **FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-12**

A Reading from the Revelation of John.

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

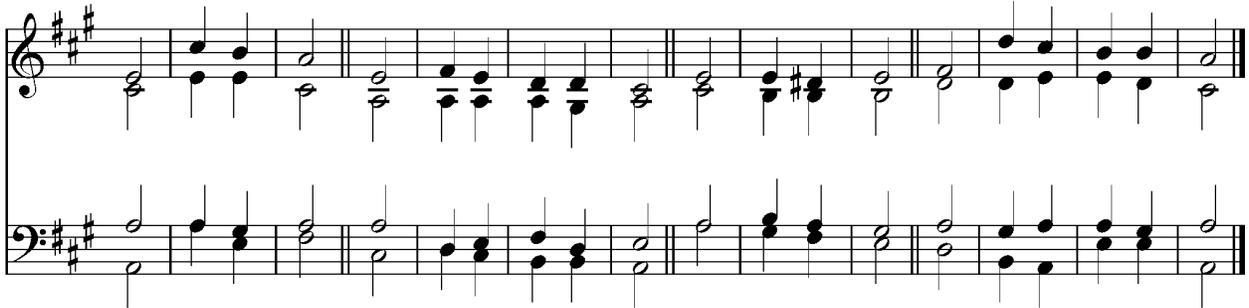
<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

**FIRST CANTICLE S 246 *The Song of Mary (Canticle 15) (Lawes/Corfe)***

**Canticle 15: The Song of Mary**



- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in<sup>1</sup> God my<sup>1</sup> Savior; \*  
for he has looked with<sup>1</sup> favor on his<sup>1</sup> lowly<sup>1</sup> servant.
- 2 From this day all generations will<sup>1</sup> call me<sup>1</sup> blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and<sup>1</sup> holy<sup>1</sup> is his<sup>1</sup> Name.
- 3 He has mercy on<sup>1</sup> those who<sup>1</sup> fear him \*  
in<sup>1</sup> every<sup>1</sup> gener<sup>1</sup>ation.
- 4 He has shown the<sup>1</sup> strength of his<sup>1</sup> arm, \*  
he has scattered the<sup>1</sup> proud in<sup>1</sup> their con<sup>1</sup>ceit.
- 5 He has cast down the<sup>1</sup> mighty from their<sup>1</sup> thrones, \*  
and has<sup>1</sup> lifted<sup>1</sup> up the<sup>1</sup> lowly.
- 6 He has filled the<sup>1</sup> hungry with<sup>1</sup> good things, \*  
and the<sup>1</sup> rich he has<sup>1</sup> sent away<sup>1</sup> empty.
- 7 He has come to the<sup>1</sup> help of his<sup>1</sup> servant<sup>1</sup> Israel, \*  
for he has re<sup>1</sup>membered his<sup>1</sup> promise of<sup>1</sup> mercy,
- 8 The promise he<sup>1</sup> made to our<sup>1</sup> fathers, \*  
to<sup>1</sup> Abraham and his<sup>1</sup> children for<sup>1</sup> ever.

*(Gloria Patri may be omitted)*

Glory to the Father, and<sup>1</sup> to the<sup>1</sup> Son, \*  
and<sup>1</sup> to the<sup>1</sup> Holy<sup>1</sup> Spirit:  
As it was in the be<sup>1</sup>ginning, is<sup>1</sup> now, \*  
and<sup>1</sup> will be for<sup>1</sup> ever. A<sup>1</sup> men.

**SECOND READING: Luke 12:4-12**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Luke.

<sup>4</sup>I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that can do nothing more.  
<sup>5</sup>But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into  
hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! <sup>6</sup>Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them

is forgotten in God's sight. <sup>7</sup>But even the hairs of your head are all counted. Do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>8</sup>And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God; <sup>9</sup>but whoever denies me before others will be denied before the angels of God. <sup>10</sup>And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. <sup>11</sup>When they bring you before the synagogues, the rulers, and the authorities, do not worry about how you are to defend yourselves or what you are to say; <sup>12</sup>for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that very hour what you ought to say."

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

**SECOND CANTICLE S 257 *The Song of Simeon (Canticle 17) (Ley) (S 257)***



- 1 Lord, you now have set your<sup>1</sup>servant<sup>1</sup>free \*  
to go in<sup>1</sup>peace as<sup>1</sup>you have<sup>1</sup>promised;
  - 2 For these eyes of mine have<sup>1</sup>seen the<sup>1</sup>Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for<sup>1</sup>all the<sup>1</sup>world to<sup>1</sup>see:
  - 3 A Light to en<sup>1</sup>lighten the<sup>1</sup>nations, \*  
and the<sup>1</sup>glory of your<sup>1</sup>people<sup>1</sup>Israel.
- (Gloria Patri may be omitted)*
- Glory to the Father, and<sup>1</sup>to the<sup>1</sup>Son, \*  
and<sup>1</sup>to the<sup>1</sup>Holy<sup>1</sup>Spirit:  
As it was in the be<sup>1</sup>ginning, is<sup>1</sup>now, \*  
and<sup>1</sup>will be for<sup>1</sup>ever. A<sup>1</sup>men.

## **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 of 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

### **SALUTATION**

*Officiant*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            And also with you.  
*Officiant*        Let us pray.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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 forever. Amen.

## **SUFFRAGES**

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

*We entreat you, O Lord.*

## **FIRST COLLECT**

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory 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.*

## **SECOND COLLECT**

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. *Amen.*

## **PRAYER FOR MISSION**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. *Amen.*

HYMN *An Evening Prayer* (LEVAS 176)

1. If I have wound - ed an - y soul to - day,  
 2. If I have ut - tered i - dle words or vain,  
 3. If I have been per - verse, or hard, or cold,  
 4. For - give the sins I have con - fessed to thee;

1. If I have caused one foot to go a - stray,  
 2. If I have turned a - side from want or pain,  
 3. If I have longed for shel - ter in the fold,  
 4. For - give the se - cret sins I do not see;

1. If I have walked in my own will - ful way,  
 2. Lest I of - fend some oth - er through the strain,  
 3. When thou hast giv - en me some fort to hold,  
 4. O guide me, love me, and my keep - er be.

1.2.3. *D.C.* 4.  
 Dear Lord, for - give (for-give)! A - men (A-men).

## **THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING**

### *Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## **A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM**

### *Officiant and People*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

## **CONCLUDING VERSICLE**

### *OPTION A: Let us bless the Lord*

Let us bless the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

## **CONCLUDING SENTENCE**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14*

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