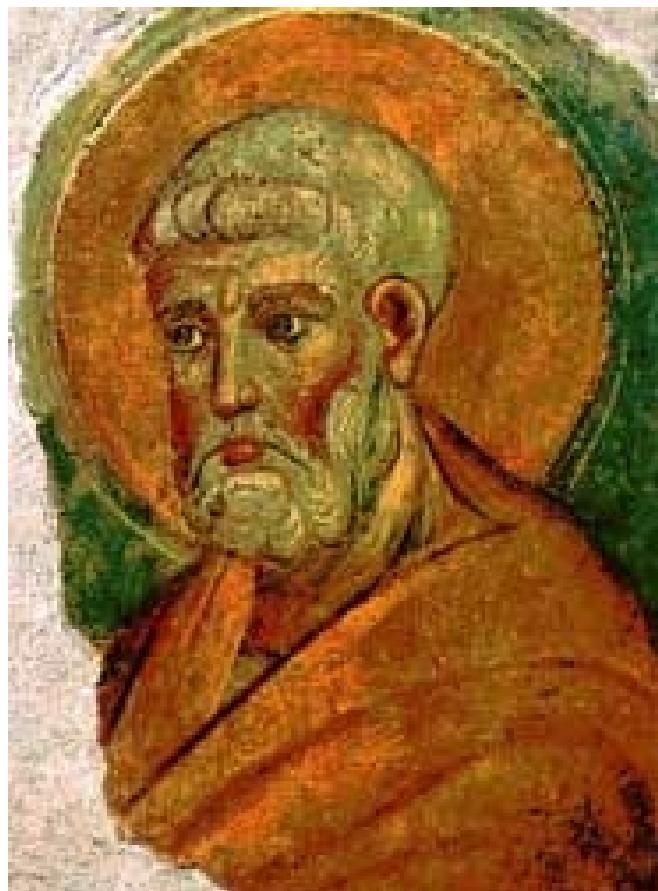


# **St. Timothy's Episcopal Church**

## **Evening Prayer: Rite Two**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday after Epiphany  
Confession of St Peter  
(transferred from Jan 18th)**

January 19, 2022 | 6:00pm Online Worship  
The Reverend Daniel Leatherman, Vicar

## **OPENING SENTENCE**

*The Officiant says*

Yours is the day, O God, yours also the night; you established the moon and the sun. You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter. *Psalm 74:15, 16*

## **CONFESSON OF SIN**

*The Officiant says to the people*

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us be in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Priest alone stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

# The Invitatory and Psalter

**VERSICLE S 58 *Preces***

*All stand*

*Officiant*

O God, make speed to save us.

*People*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

*Except in Lent, add:*

Al - le - lu - ia.

**INVITATORY HYMN S59 *O Gracious Light* (Plainsong/Ford/McGregor) (BCP p. 118)**

1. O gracious Light, pure brightness of the ever-living Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

2. Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your praises, O God:

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

3. You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of life,

and to be glorified through all the worlds.

**Psalm 119:25-48**

*Daleth Adhæsit pavimento*

<sup>25</sup> My soul cleaves to the dust; \*  
give me life according to your word.

<sup>26</sup> I have confessed my ways, and you answered me; \*  
instruct me in your statutes.

<sup>27</sup> Make me understand the way of your commandments, \*  
that I may meditate on your marvelous works.

<sup>28</sup> My soul melts away for sorrow; \*  
strengthen me according to your word.

<sup>29</sup> Take from me the way of lying; \*  
let me find grace through your law.

<sup>30</sup> I have chosen the way of faithfulness; \*  
I have set your judgments before me.

<sup>31</sup> I hold fast to your decrees; \*  
O Lord, let me not be put to shame.

<sup>32</sup> I will run the way of your commandments, \*  
for you have set my heart at liberty.

*He Legem pone*

<sup>33</sup> Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, \*  
and I shall keep it to the end.

<sup>34</sup> Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; \*  
I shall keep it with all my heart.

<sup>35</sup> Make me go in the path of your commandments, \*  
for that is my desire.

<sup>36</sup> Incline my heart to your decrees \*  
and not to unjust gain.

<sup>37</sup> Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; \*  
give me life in your ways.

<sup>38</sup> Fulfill your promise to your servant, \*  
which you make to those who fear you.

<sup>39</sup> Turn away the reproach which I dread, \*  
because your judgments are good.

<sup>40</sup> Behold, I long for your commandments; \*  
in your righteousness preserve my life.

*Waw Et veniat super me*

<sup>41</sup> Let your loving-kindness come to me, O Lord, \*  
and your salvation, according to your promise.

<sup>42</sup> Then shall I have a word for those who taunt me, \*  
because I trust in your words.

<sup>43</sup> Do not take the word of truth out of my mouth, \*  
for my hope is in your judgments.

<sup>44</sup> I shall continue to keep your law; \*  
I shall keep it for ever and ever.

<sup>45</sup> I will walk at liberty, \*  
because I study your commandments.

<sup>46</sup> I will tell of your decrees before kings \*  
and will not be ashamed.

<sup>47</sup> I delight in your commandments, \*  
which I have always loved.

<sup>48</sup> I will lift up my hands to your commandments, \*  
and I will meditate on your statutes.

*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 people sit.*

## The Lessons

### Acts 10:34-44

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*          **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

**FIRST CANTICLE S 242 *The Song of Mary (Canticle 15) (Plainsong/Ford) (BCP p. 119)***

*Antiphon*

The Al - might - y has done great things for me,  
and ho - ly is his Name.

1. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices  
in God my Sav - ior; for he has looked with favor on his  
low - ly ser - vant. 2. From this day all generations will  
call me bless - ed: the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and ho - ly is his Name. 3. He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every gen - er - a - tion. 4. He has shown the strength of his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in their con - ceit. 5. He has cast down  
the might - y from their thrones, and has lifted up the low - ly.  
6. He has filled the hun - gry with good things, and the rich he has sent a - way  
emp - ty. 7. He has come to the help of his ser - vant Is - ra - el,

for he has remembered his promise of mer - cy,

made to our fa - thers, to Abraham and his children for ev - er. [Ant.]

(*Gloria Patri* may be omitted)

9. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:

10. As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]

## SECOND READING:

### John 3:22-36

<sup>22</sup>After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he spent some time there with them and baptized. <sup>23</sup>John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim because water was abundant there; and people kept coming and were being baptized <sup>24</sup> John, of course, had not yet been thrown into prison. <sup>25</sup>Now a discussion about purification arose between John's disciples and a Jew. <sup>26</sup>They came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, the one who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you testified, here he is baptizing, and all are going to him." <sup>27</sup>John answered, "No one can receive anything except what has been given from heaven. <sup>28</sup>You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, 'I am not the Messiah, but I have been sent ahead of him.' <sup>29</sup>He who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. For this reason my joy has been fulfilled. <sup>30</sup>He must increase, but I must decrease." <sup>31</sup>The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks about earthly things. The one who comes from heaven is above all. <sup>32</sup>He testifies to what he has seen and heard, yet no one accepts his testimony. <sup>33</sup>Whoever has accepted his testimony has certified this, that God is true. <sup>34</sup>He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. <sup>35</sup>The Father loves the Son and has placed all things in his

hands. <sup>36</sup>Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever disobeys the Son will not see life, but must endure God's wrath.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

**SECOND CANTICLE (BCP p. 119)**

*Antiphon*

These        eyes        of        mine        have        seen        the        Sa - vior,  
whom        you        have        pre - pared        for        all        the        world        to        see.

1. Lord, you        now have set your ser - vant free        to go in peace as you  
have prom - ised;        2. For these        eyes of mine have seen the Sa - vior,  
whom        you        have prepared for        all        the        world        to        see:

3. A Light        to enlight - en        the na - tions,        and        the glory of your  
(*Gloria Patri may be omitted*)  
peo - ple        Is - ra - el. [Ant.] 4. Glo - ry        to        the Father,        and

to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit: 5. As it  
was in the begin-ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Officiant and People together, all standing.*

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 LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 121)

*Officiant and People*

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 (BCP p. 121)**

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 all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

**Collect of the Day: the Confession of Saint Peter**

Almighty Father, who inspired Simon Peter, first among the apostles, to confess Jesus as Messiah and Son of the living God: Keep your Church steadfast upon the rock of this faith, that in unity and peace we may proclaim the one truth and follow the one Lord, our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**For Mission**

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of Vietnam.

*Other prayers and intercessions may follow:*

*Anniversaries, Recovery from sickness, Travelers, Those in trouble or bereavement, the departed, or other needs.*

### ***The Commemoration***

On 18 January we remember how the Apostle Peter was led by God's grace to acknowledge Jesus as the Christ (Matthew 16:13-20), and we join with Peter, and with all Christians everywhere, in hailing Jesus as our Lord, God, and Savior.

written by James Kiefer

### **A Collect for Peace**

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### **For Those Who Need Continuing Care**

Look with mercy, O God our Father, on all persons who have become ill, weak, distressed, or isolated. Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give them understanding helpers, and the willingness to accept help; and increase their faith and their assurance of your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **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

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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