

# St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Evening Prayer: Rite Two



## Wednesday in Epiphany 4 The Conversion of St. Paul (Transferred from Jan 25)

January 27, 2020 | 6:00pm Online Worship

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## OPENING SENTENCE

*The Officiant says*

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fail. *Psalm 16:7,8*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Officiant says to the people*

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel 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.



90 Your faithfulness remains from one generation to another; \*  
you established the earth, and it abides.

91 By your decree these continue to this day, \*  
for all things are your servants.

92 If my delight had not been in your law, \*  
I should have perished in my affliction.

93 I will never forget your commandments, \*  
because by them you give me life.

94 I am yours; oh, that you would save me! \*  
for I study your commandments.

95 Though the wicked lie in wait for me to destroy me, \*  
I will apply my mind to your decrees.

96 I see that all things come to an end, \*  
but your commandment has no bounds.

**Mem** *Quomodo dilexi!*

97 Oh, how I love your law! \*  
all the day long it is in my mind.

98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, \*  
and it is always with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, \*  
for your decrees are my study.

100 I am wiser than the elders, \*  
because I observe your commandments.

101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, \*  
that I may keep your word.

102 I do not shrink from your judgments, \*  
because you yourself have taught me.

103 How sweet are your words to my taste! \*  
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

104 Through your commandments I gain understanding; \*  
therefore I hate every lying way.

**Nun** *Lucerna pedibus meis*

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.

106 I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.

107 I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

108 Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.

109 My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.

110 The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

*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: Ecclesiasticus 39:1-10**

*The people sit.*

He seeks out the wisdom of all the ancients, and is concerned with prophecies; he preserves the sayings of the famous and penetrates the subtleties of parables; he seeks out the hidden meanings of proverbs and is at home with the obscurities of parables. He serves among the great and appears before rulers; he travels in foreign lands and learns what is good and evil in the human lot. He sets his heart on rising early to seek the Lord who made him, and to petition the Most High; he opens his mouth in prayer and asks pardon for his sins.

If the great Lord is willing, he will be filled with the spirit of understanding; he will pour forth words of wisdom of his own and give thanks to the Lord in prayer. The Lord will direct his counsel and knowledge, as he meditates on his mysteries. He will show the wisdom of what he has learned, and will glory in the law of the Lord's covenant. Many

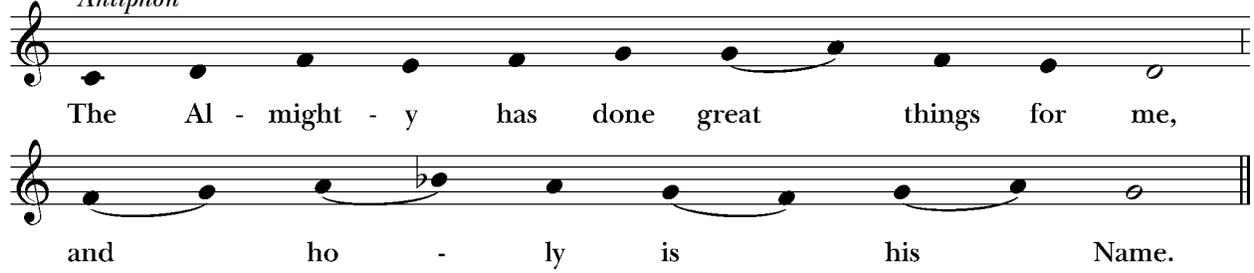
will praise his understanding; it will never be blotted out. His memory will not disappear, and his name will live through all generations. Nations will speak of his wisdom, and the congregation will proclaim his praise.

*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)***  
Canticle 15: The Song of Mary

*Antiphon*

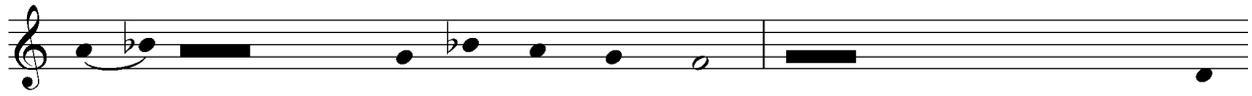


The Al - might - y has done great things for me,  
and ho - ly is his Name.

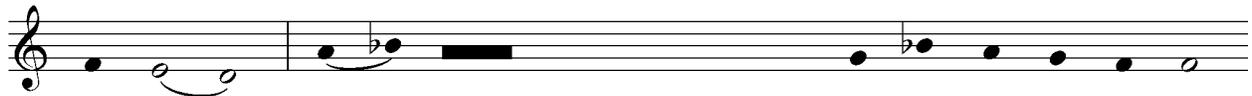
1. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices  
in God my Sav - ior; for he has looked with favor on his  
low - ly ser - vant.        2. From this day all generations will  
call me bless - ed: the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and ho - ly is his Name.        3. He has 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.



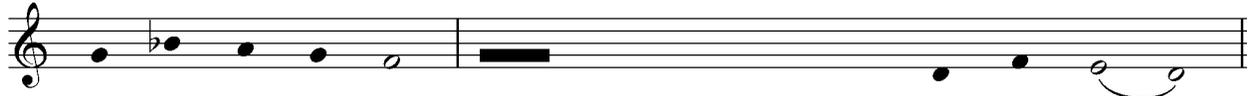
6. He has filled the hun - gry with good things, and the rich he has sent a - way



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, 8. The promise he



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: Acts 9:1-22

*The people sit.*

### *The Conversion of Saul*

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

*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 Prayers

### SALUTATION

*The people stand or kneel*

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

### 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)**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. And grant us your salvation.  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. Let your people sing with joy.  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. For only in you can we live in safety.  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. Your saving health among all nations.  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

### **FIRST COLLECT**

O God, who by the preaching of your apostle Paul has caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we pray, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show ourselves thankful to you by following his holy teaching; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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**

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.*

*Other prayers and intercessions may follow.*

### **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 (BCP p. 126)**

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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