

# St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Evening Prayer: Rite Two



**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in Advent**

December 8, 2021 | 6:00pm Online Worship

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## **OPENING SENTENCE**

*The Officiant says*

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. *Psalm 139:10, 11*

## **CONFESSION 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 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.

**PSALMS 119:25-48 or**

*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

### **Amos 8:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>This is what the Lord God showed me—a basket of summer fruit.<sup>2</sup>He said, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A basket of summer fruit.” Then the Lord said to me, The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by.<sup>3</sup>The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day,” says the Lord God; “the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!”

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,<sup>5</sup>saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances,<sup>6</sup>buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”<sup>7</sup>The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.<sup>8</sup>Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?<sup>9</sup>On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight.<sup>10</sup>I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day.

<sup>11</sup>The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord.<sup>12</sup>They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.<sup>13</sup>In that day the beautiful young women and the young men shall faint for thirst.<sup>14</sup>Those who swear by Ashimah of Samaria, and say, “As your god lives, O Dan,” and, “As the way of Beer-sheba lives”— they shall fall, and never rise again.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

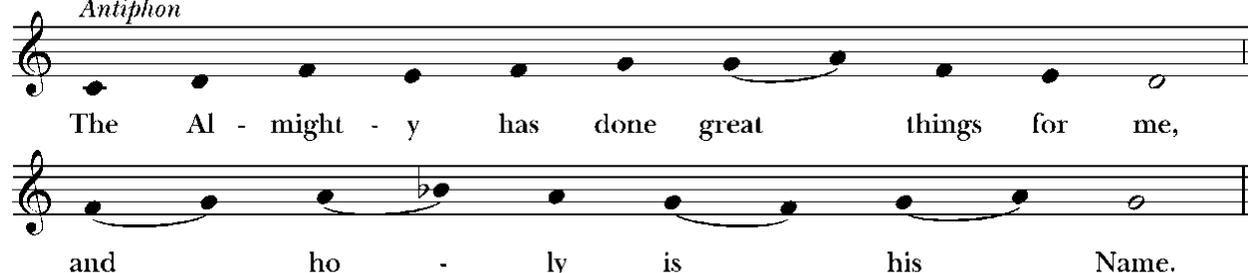
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*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:**

**The Gospel Matthew 23:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples,<sup>2</sup>“The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat;<sup>3</sup>therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach.<sup>4</sup>They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them.<sup>5</sup>They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long.<sup>6</sup>They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues,<sup>7</sup>and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi.<sup>8</sup>But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students.<sup>9</sup>And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven.<sup>10</sup>Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah.<sup>11</sup>The greatest among you will be your servant.<sup>12</sup>All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

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 scr - 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 Second Sunday of Advent**

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **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.

### **World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of Samoa

*Other prayers and intercessions may follow:*

*Birthdays, Mark, Francis*

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

### **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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