

# St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Evening Prayer: Rite Two



## Sixth Wednesday In Easter Eve of the Ascension

May 12, 2021 | 6:00pm Online Worship

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## 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*

## 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 S 59 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 119:73-96

1 The Lord is King; he has put on splendid apparel; \*  
the Lord has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.

2 He has made the whole world so sure \*  
that it cannot be moved;

3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; \*  
you are from everlasting.

4 The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; \*  
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, \*  
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.

6 Your testimonies are very sure, \*  
and holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever and for evermore.

*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

### FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out

of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

*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: Luke 24:44-53**

*The people sit.*

Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Reader The Word of the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*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

### 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.

### **COLLECT OF THE DAY: Ascension Day**

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. 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.*

### **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 payers and intercessions may follow:*

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

### **A Collect for Protection**

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **For Cities**

Heavenly Father, in your Word you have given us a vision of that holy City to which the nations of the world bring their glory: Behold and visit, we pray, the cities of the earth. Renew the ties of mutual regard which form our civic life. Send us honest and able leaders. Enable us to eliminate poverty, prejudice, and oppression, that peace may prevail with righteousness, and justice with order, and that men and women from different cultures and with differing talents may find with one another the fulfillment of their humanity. 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 (BCP p. 126)**

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

### **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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