

# St. Timothy's Episcopal Church



## The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Morning Prayer: Rite Two

May 3, 2020 | Online Worship

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PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN

*Good Christians all, rejoice and sing*

Hymnal 205

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joi - ce and sing! Now is the  
\*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that  
4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -  
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joi - ce and say:  
3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:  
5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## Opening Sentence and Confession

OPENING SENTENCE

*The Officiant says*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Officiant says to the people*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts, confess our sins, 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 us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

### INVITATORY

*All stand*

*Officiant*        Lord, open our lips.  
*People*            And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

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. Alleluia.

## VENITE

PSALM 95:1-7

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

## THE PSALM AS APPOINTED

### Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*



- 1 The LORD is my *shepherd*; \*  
I shall not be in *want*.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green *pastures* \*  
and leads me beside still *waters*.
- 3 He revives my *soul* \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's *sake*.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no *evil*; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they *comfort me*.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who *trouble me*; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running *over*.

- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my *life*, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for *ever*.

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

*One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying*

### **A Reading the Acts of the Apostles** (2:42-47)

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

*After each Lesson the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after each Reading. One of the following Canticles, or one of those on pages 47-52 (Canticles 1-7), is sung or said after each Reading. If three Lessons are used, the Lesson from the Gospel is read after the second Canticle.*

### **FIRST CANTICLE**

Canticle 13 A Song of Praise *Benedictus es, Domine*

*Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34*

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord  
God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;  
glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you

— for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; — we will  
 praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. —

3. Glo - ry to you — in the splen - dor of your  
 tem - ple; — on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to  
 you. — 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -  
 ween the Cher - u - bim; — we will praise you and  
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. —

*Descant*

5. Glo - ry to you, — be -  
 5. Glo - ry to you, — be - hold - ing the  
 hold - ing the depths; — in the high vault of  
 depths; — in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and high-ly ex - alt you Glo-ry to you! high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

## SECOND READING

*Reader* **A Reading from the first letter of Peter** (2:19-25)

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

*After each Lesson the Reader may say*

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



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness  
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed  
 \* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 \* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear  
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion  
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if  
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant  
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der  
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my  
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port  
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.  
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-tial feed-eth.  
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.  
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.  
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!  
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

## GOSPEL READING

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (10:1-10)

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.



## **THE SERMON**

### **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, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and 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**

*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

- 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.

*The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## PRAYER FOR MISSION

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here.*

For all those people and situations on our hearts, which we now offer to God, either silently or aloud. We pray especially for \_\_\_\_\_.

*Fr John, Carol, Ester, Betty, Gene, Marjorie, John, Frances, Gary, Joan, Deborah, Kia'i, Marianne, Joe, Gladys, Larry A,*

We also pray for the repose of the soul of \_\_\_\_\_ and all who have died

*A moment of silence*

*Officiant:*

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick and the dying and lift up all who are brought low;

that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen. (Prayer from Gloucester Cathedral)

**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.*

**CLOSING HYMN**

*Savior like a shepherd lead us*

**Hymnal 708**

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy  
2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;  
learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!  
with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.  
Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

## 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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