# St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two



## The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024 | 9:00

The Rev. Peter Wallace - Celebrant and Preacher

#### Prelude

Please stand as the ministers enter



## **Opening Acclamation**

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People His mercy endures for ever.

The Celebrant then says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

The people kneeling as you are able.

#### The Decalogue

Celebrant Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Celebrant* Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not commit murder.
People Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Celebrant* You shall not commit adultery. *People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.** 

Celebrant You shall not steal.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Celebrant* You shall not be a false witness. *People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.** 

Celebrant You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

#### **Confession of Sin**

All kneel.

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

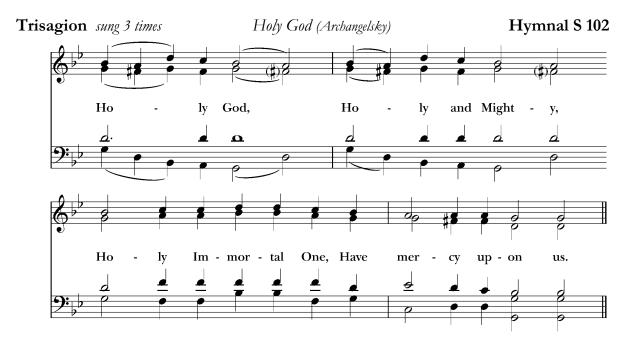
Silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

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 our Savior 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 Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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



## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.* 

#### The Lessons

The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

#### A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah (31:31-34)

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

After the Reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51:1-13 Miserere mei, Deus



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Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \* in your great compassion blot out my of fenses.

- Wash me through and through from my *wickedness* \* and cleanse me from my *sin*.
- For I know my transgressions, \* and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I *sinned* \* and done what is evil in your *sight*.
- And so you are justified when you *speak* \* and upright in your *judgment*.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my *birth*, \* a sinner from my mother's *womb*.
- For behold, you look for truth deep with *in me,* \* and will make me understand wisdom *secretly*.
- Purge me from my sin, and I shall be *pure*; \* wash me, and I shall be clean in*deed*.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and *gladness*, \* that the body you have broken may re*joice*.
- Hide your face from my *sins* \* and blot out all my in*iquities*.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O *God*, \* and renew a right spirit with*in me*.
- 12 Cast me not away from your *presence* \* and take not your holy Spirit from *me*.
- Give me the joy of your saving help again \* and sustain me with your bountiful *Spirit*.

#### A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (5:5-10)

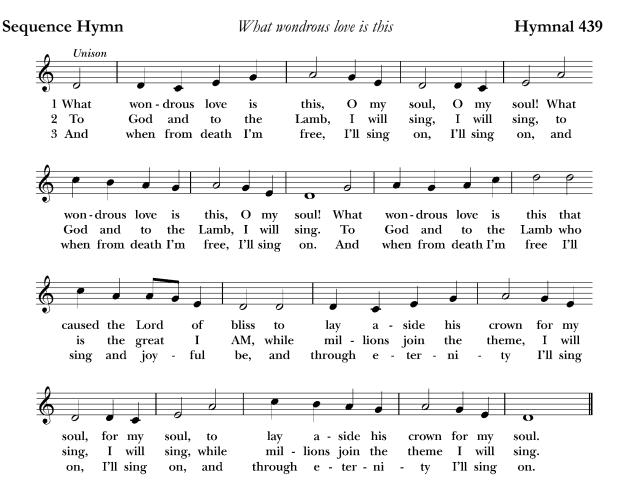
Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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## The Gospel

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. (12:20-33)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Peter Wallace

A moment of silent reflection follows the sermon.

#### Nicene Creed

The Celebrant and People then say the Nicene Creed together, all standing.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

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The Leader and People pray responsively

Celebrant We come before you, our loving and gracious God, asking that your grace and love be kindled in our hearts and spoken on our lips. Write your word on our hearts, O Lord.

Leader As we praise your name, may we do your will. We pray for our spiritual leaders, that they may speak your truth and call your people into deeper discipleship.

People Write your word on our hearts, O Lord.

Lead us to support the leadership of this nation and our state in the pursuit of peace and justice for all people.

Write your word on our hearts, O Lord.

Teach us to respond with compassion to the needs of the world and the needs of our neighbors near and far.

Write your word on our hearts, O Lord.

May we comfort those who suffer in any way and offer hope and peace to those who grieve. Write your word on our hearts, O Lord.

May we live your truth in our lives as we confess your truth with our lips.

#### Write your word on our hearts, O Lord.

(Special intentions of the congregation, the diocese, and the Anglican Communion may be added here or before the formal intercessions.)

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen. Amen.

#### The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

#### Prayers for special occasions

**Birthday prayer:** Watch over thy *child*, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever *he* may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* fall; and in *his* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary prayer: Most gracious God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, pour out the abundance of your blessing upon this couple. Defend them from every enemy. Lead them into all peace. Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts, a mantle about their shoulders, and a crown upon their foreheads. Bless them in their work and in the companionship; in their sleeping and in their waking; in their joys and in their sorrows; and in their life and in their death. Amen.

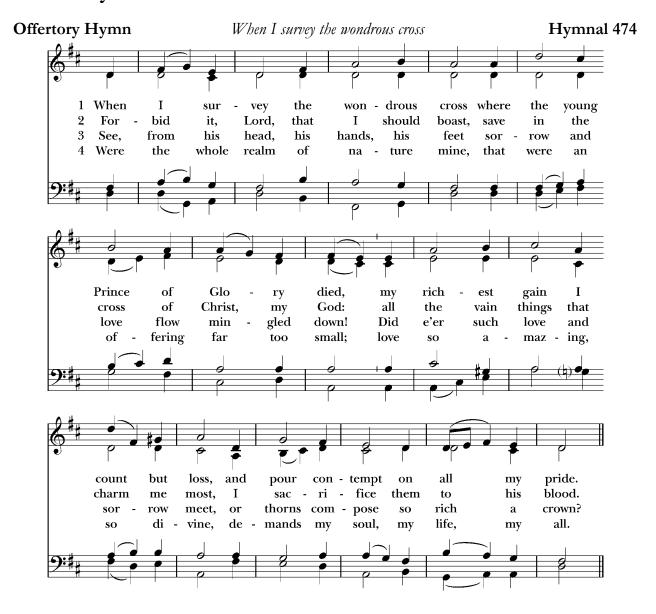
#### Announcements

## The Offertory Sentence

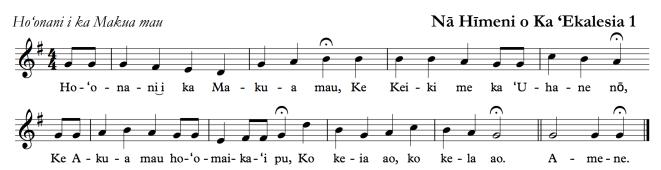
The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2* 

## The Holy Communion



Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar. Once the altar is prepared the following Doxology may be sung.



## The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

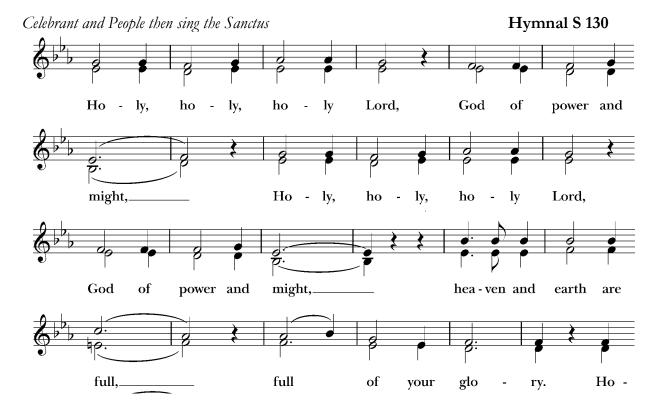
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

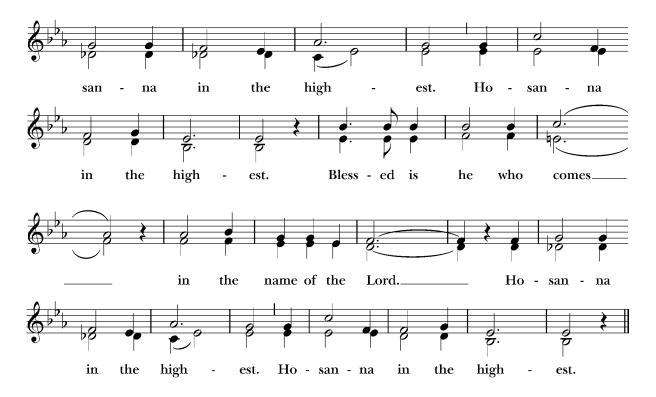
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



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The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Celebrant and People then sing the Amen

Hymnal S 143



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

#### **Ministration of Communion**

In The Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion regardless of age or Christian tradition. Anglicans believe in the "Real Presence" of Christ; in the Bread and Wine, Christ is made "real" and "present" to us. By this grace Christ is received even if only one of the elements is received if you so wish.

As you come forward, you may receive the Bread from the priest, then you may go to the chalice on your left (facing the altar) to intinct the bread ("DIP"), or to your right to drink from the cup ("SIP"). Please refrain if you are not feeling well. Those who are not baptized or prefer not to take communion may receive a blessing from the priest; please indicate your request by crossing your arms over your heart.

#### A Prayer for Those Participating from Home

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive Communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. *Amen.* 

Faith @ Home: Prayer/Act of Reception for those who cannot receive the Sacrament (from St. Augustine's Prayer Book, Order of the Holy Cross)



#### Postcommunion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant blesses the people

#### **Blessing**

May God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit, give to you a contrite heart. **Amen**.

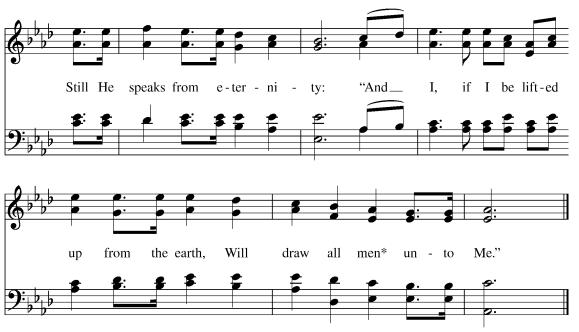
May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree, heal you by his wounds. **Amen**.

May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth, speak to you words of pardon and peace. **Amen**.

And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you this day and remain with you forever. **Amen**.



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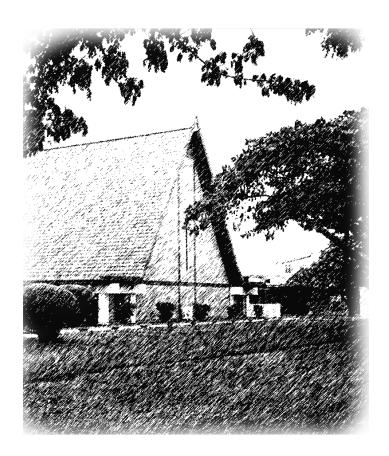
<sup>\* &</sup>quot;folk" may be substituted for "men."

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses with these words

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

### Postlude



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