# St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two



## Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023 | 9:00am

The Reverend David Y. Ota, Celebrant and Preacher

## Prelude

Please stand as you are able



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## **Opening Acclamation**

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.



## The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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*.

#### The Lessons

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

#### A reading from 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 the Reading, the Reader says

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

Psalm 23 Dominus regit me KJV



- 1 The LORD is my *shepherd*; \* I shall not *want*.
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green *pastures* \* he leadeth me beside the still *waters*.
- 3 He restoreth my **soul** \* he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's **sake**.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no *evil*; \* for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they *comfort me*.
- Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine *enemies*: \* thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth *over*.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my *life*: \* and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for *ever*.

#### 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 the Reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



## 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 (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 Rev. David Y. Ota

#### The 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

#### Fourth Sunday of Easter

In the silence that follows each bidding, intercessions may be offered silently, or aloud.

Celebrant Brothers and Sisters, Jesus bore our sins on the cross so that we, free from sins, might live in righteousness. Let us pray to our Lord, saying, "Revive our souls, and guide us along right pathways."

Leader Guardian of our souls, call your Church to greater righteousness. Help us to live by your example and follow in your steps. The congregation is invited to add their thanksgivings and petitions, followed by silence.

Leader Revive our souls,

#### People And guide us along right pathways.

Guardian of our souls, spread out your table in the presence of those who are troubled. Feed their souls and bodies with your good and generous gifts. *The congregation is invited to add their thanksgivings and petitions, followed by silence.* 

Revive our souls,

#### And guide us along right pathways.

Guardian of our souls, you have blessed us with a beautiful planet full of places where we can find rest and peace. May we care for it, as you care deeply for all you have made. The congregation is invited to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.

Revive our souls,

#### And guide us along right pathways.

Guardian of our souls, you desire the goodwill of all the people. Give us generous hearts and open hands. The congregation is invited to add their thanksgivings and petitions, followed by silence.

Revive our souls,

## And guide us along right pathways.

Guardian of our souls, it is your presence that comforts us. Make your presence known to the sick and the sorrowful, to the fearful and the weak. The congregation is invited to add their thanksgivings and petitions, followed by silence.

Revive our souls,

#### And guide us along right pathways.

Guardian of our souls, you came that we may have life, and have it abundantly. Bring the dying and the dead into your eternal home. The congregation is invited to add their thanksgivings and petitions, followed by silence.

Revive our souls,

#### And guide us along right pathways.

(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

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *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.

#### The Announcements

#### 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.

## The Holy Communion

The Celebrant begins with the Offertory sentence

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil: for you are with me; your rod and your staff-they comfort me. *Psalm 23:4* 

#### The Offertory

Sheep and lambs may safely graze

Johann Sebastian Bach

"Like the sheep who graze in safety while their Shepherd watches near, So shall we be watched and guided by our Good Shepherd.

He shall wipe away all tears.

He shall free us from all fears.

If our hearts we let him govern, we shall know true peace of mind, and hope and joy we'll surely find.

If we let him be our Shepherd, if we put our faith in Him, Christ our Shepherd,

He will bless our lives with peace and joy."

Lyrics by Ruth Heller.

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 C

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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

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.

Then shall be said,

Celebrant The bread which we break is a sharing in the Body of Christ.

People We being many are one bread, one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## **Ministration of Communion**

The people are seated. In the Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcome to receive the Holy Communion regardless of age or Christian tradition. Anglicans believe in the "Real Presence" where, in the Bread and Wine, Christ is made "real" and "present." The nature of this grace is that Christ received even if one of the elements is received alone. During this time of pandemic as case numbers decline, vaccinations increase, and treatments improve, we are again distributing the Bread and the Wine in Communion. Communing from the common cup is optional, based on your personal judgment. The chalice on your left (facing the altar) will be for intinction; the chalice on the right is for those who wish to drink from the cup. Please refrain if you are not feeling well. Those who are not baptized may receive a blessing; please join in the movement to the altar and cross your arms over your heart; this will alert the Celebrant of your desire to receive a blessing.

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

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.* 



Gift of Music He shall feed his flock by George Frederick Handel Sung by Bette Kalohi

### Postcommunion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest blesses the people, saying

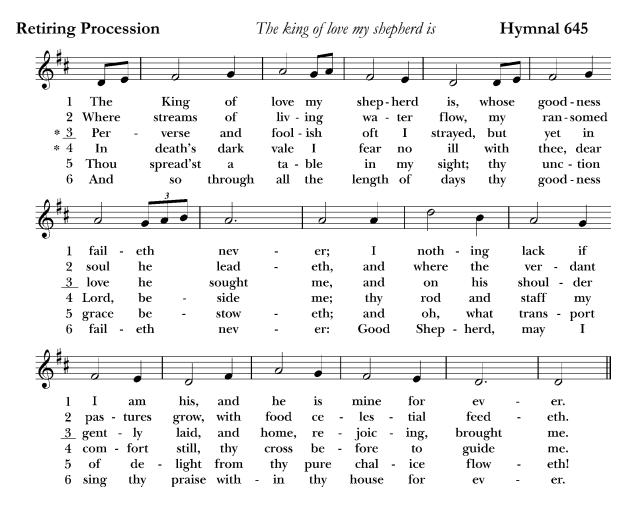
#### Easter blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen*.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever. *Amen*.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen*.

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

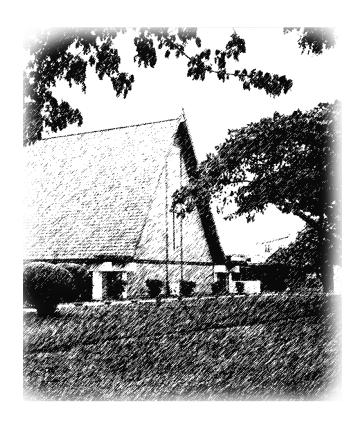


The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

#### Postlude

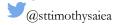


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