

# St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Evening Prayer: Rite Two



## Commemoration of Hildegard von Bingen Wednesday

September 16, 2020 | 6:00pm Online Worship

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# Service of Light

## GREETING (BCP p. 109)

*All stand*

*Officiant* Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

## SHORT LESSON (BCP p. 109)

Jesus said, “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp to put it under a bucket, but on a lamp-stand where it gives light for everyone in the house. And you, like the lamp, must shed light among your fellow men, so that they may see the good you do, and give glory to your Father in heaven.” *Matthew 5:14-16*

## PRAYER FOR LIGHT (BCP p. 110)

*The Officiant says*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

# Candle-Lighting

## CANDLE-LIGHTING ANTHEM (BCP p. 112)

### PHOS HILARON S 60 *O Gracious Light (Arnatt)* (BCP p. 112)

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.

**PSALM: Psalm 104:25-34**

<sup>25</sup>Yonder is the sea, great and wide,  
creeping things innumerable are there,  
living things both small and great.

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships,  
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

<sup>27</sup>These all look to you  
to give them their food in due season;

<sup>28</sup>when you give to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup>When you hide your face, they are dismayed;  
when you take away their breath, they die  
and return to their dust.

<sup>30</sup>When you send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the ground.

<sup>31</sup>May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
may the LORD rejoice in his works —

<sup>32</sup>who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup>I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

<sup>34</sup>May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
for I rejoice in the LORD.

*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 Lessons

### **FIRST READING: Sirach 43:1-12**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Ecclesiasticus, or the Wisdom of Jesus Son of Sirach.

<sup>1</sup>The pride of the higher realms is the clear vault of the sky,  
as glorious to behold as the sight of the heavens.

<sup>2</sup>The sun, when it appears, proclaims as it rises  
what a marvelous instrument it is, the work of the Most High.

<sup>3</sup>At noon it parches the land,  
and who can withstand its burning heat?

<sup>4</sup>A man tending a furnace works in burning heat,  
but three times as hot is the sun scorching the mountains;  
it breathes out fiery vapors,  
and its bright rays blind the eyes.

<sup>5</sup>Great is the Lord who made it;  
at his orders it hurries on its course.

<sup>6</sup>It is the moon that marks the changing seasons,  
governing the times, their everlasting sign.

<sup>7</sup>From the moon comes the sign for festal days,  
a light that wanes when it completes its course.

<sup>8</sup>The new moon, as its name suggests, renews itself;  
how marvelous it is in this change,  
a beacon to the hosts on high,  
shining in the vault of the heavens!

<sup>9</sup>The glory of the stars is the beauty of heaven,  
a glittering array in the heights of the Lord.

<sup>10</sup>On the orders of the Holy One they stand in their appointed places;  
they never relax in their watches.

<sup>11</sup>Look at the rainbow, and praise him who made it;  
it is exceedingly beautiful in its brightness.

<sup>12</sup>It encircles the sky with its glorious arc;  
the hands of the Most High have stretched it out.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

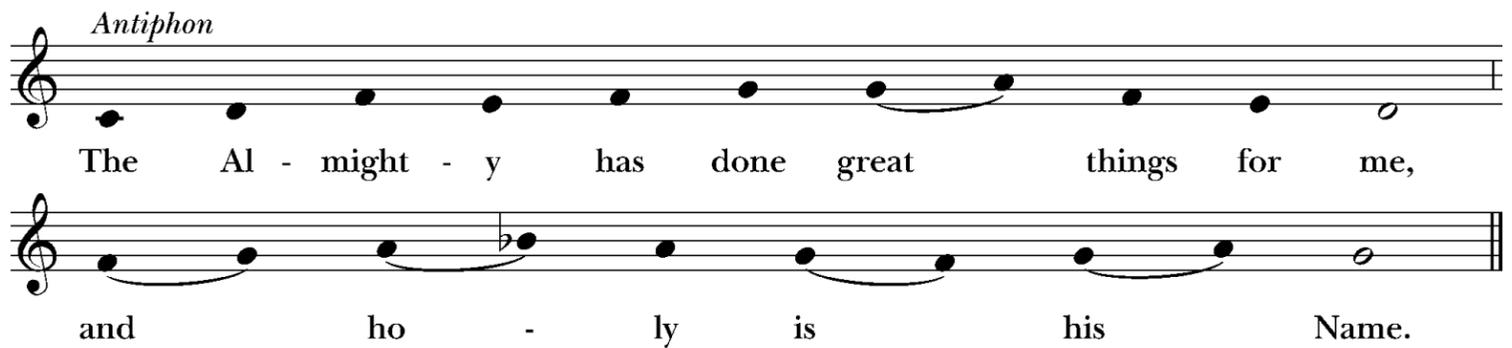
People Thanks be to God.

*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: John 3:16-21**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from John.

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

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

*Silence may follow.*

**SECOND CANTICLE S 258 *The Song of Simeon (Canticle 17) (Dupuis) (BCP p. 119)***

Canticle 17: The Song of Simeon



- 1 Lord, you now have set your<sup>1</sup>servant<sup>1</sup>free \*  
to go in<sup>1</sup>peace as<sup>1</sup>you have<sup>1</sup>promised;
  - 2 For these eyes of mine have<sup>1</sup>seen the<sup>1</sup>Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for<sup>1</sup>all the<sup>1</sup>world to<sup>1</sup>see:
  - 3 A Light to en<sup>1</sup>lighten the<sup>1</sup>nations, \*  
and the<sup>1</sup>glory of your<sup>1</sup>people<sup>1</sup>Israel.
- (Gloria Patri may be omitted)*
- Glory to the Father, and<sup>1</sup>to the<sup>1</sup>Son, \*  
and<sup>1</sup>to the<sup>1</sup>Holy<sup>1</sup>Spirit:  
As it was in the be<sup>1</sup>ginning, is<sup>1</sup>now, \*  
and<sup>1</sup>will be for<sup>1</sup>ever. A<sup>1</sup>men.

**THE APOSTLES' CREED (BCP p. 96)**

*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

### **SALUTATION (BCP p. 121)**

*The people stand or kneel*

*Officiant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            And also with you.

*Officiant*        Let us pray.

### **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**

God of all times and seasons: Give us grace that we, after the example of your servant Hildegard, may both know and make known the joy and jubilation of being part of your creation, and show forth your glory in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**SECOND COLLECT**

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.*

**THIRD 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.*

**PRAYER FOR MISSION (BCP p. 124)**

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.*

**HYMN *For thy dear saints, O Lord (St. George) (H 279)***

1 For thy dear saints, O Lord, who strove in thee to live, who  
2 They all in life and death, with thee their Lord in view, learned  
3 Thine earth - ly mem - bers fit to join thy saints a - bove, in  
4 Je - sus, thy Name we bless, and hum - bly pray that we may

fol - lowed thee, o - beyed, a - dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.  
from thy Ho - ly Spi - rit's breath to suf - fer and to do.  
one com - mun - ion ev - er knit, one fel - low - ship of love.  
fol - low them in ho - li - ness, who lived and died for thee.

**THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING (BCP p. 125)**

*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 (BCP p. 126)**

*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)**

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**CONCLUDING SENTENCE (BCP p. 126)**

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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