



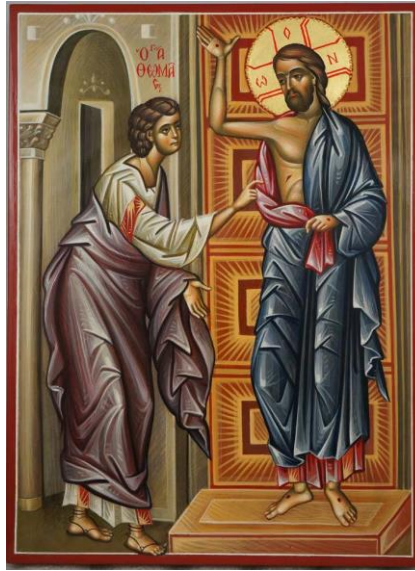
**ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL**  
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Sunday, April 16, 2023

*Second Sunday of Easter*

10:00 a.m.



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### Weekly Services:

Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite I, spoken
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II with choir (Godly Play for ages 3–9 in Rm. B-1)
Sábado, 7:00 p.m.	Santa Eucaristía Rito II, en español

### Staff

*Church office hours are 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Monday through Friday.*

**The Rev. Charles R. Cowherd**, Priest-in-Charge (x12)

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## Information For Our First-Time Guests

We invite you to fill out a Welcome Card in the pew rack in front of you or on the podium in the Narthex. Please place the completed card in the offertory plate or give it to an usher.

Children are welcome to stay with parents in the Sanctuary or they may head downstairs for Godly Play after the reading of the Collect. For your convenience, there are also rocking chairs located at the back of the sanctuary to soothe little ones and worship bags with quiet activities in the Narthex.

We invite you to share in Holy Communion. To receive, come forward and kneel/stand at an open space on the altar rail. Both bread and wine will be offered (or a rice wafer/separate chalice for those allergic to wheat/ gluten intolerant). If you do not wish to receive communion, we invite you to come forward for a blessing. Please indicate that by placing your arms across your chest.

## HOLY EUCHARIST

### The Word of God

#### Prelude

*This Joyful Eastertide*  
*At the tolling of the bell, all stand as able.*

arr. Michael Burkhardt

#### Opening Hymn (192)

*This Joyful Eastertide*

Vreuchten

#### Opening Acclamations (BCP 299)

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

**People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

**People: There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**People: One God and Father of all.**

#### Gloria (S280)

*Glory to God*

Robert Powell

#### The Collect for the Day (BCP 224) – *Children may kneel downstairs after this reading.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new

covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **The Lessons**

### **A Reading from Acts 2:14a, 22-32**

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know - this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Reader:           The Word of the Lord.

People:           **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 16**

Robert Knox Kennedy

*Move to the next note of the chant on the underlined text.*



- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
upon those who are noble among the people.

- 3 But those who run after other gods \*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me; \*  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- || 11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

### **A Reading from Peter 1:3-9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith -- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire -- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader:           The Word of the Lord.

People:           **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as able.*

**Gradual Hymn (195)**

*Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now*

Mowsley

## **Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon**

The Rev. Charles R. Cowherd

## **Baptism**

### **Presentation and Examination of the Candidate (BCP 301)**

Celebrant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

**Sponsors: I present Harrison Lewis Carrier to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

**Sponsors: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

**Sponsors: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

**Sponsors: I renounce them.**

Celebrant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

**Sponsors: I renounce them.**

Celebrant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

**Sponsors: I renounce them.**

Celebrant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

**Sponsors: I do.**

Celebrant: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

**Sponsors: I do.**

Celebrant: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

**Sponsors: I do.**

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these people in their life in Christ?

**People: We will.**

Celebrant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

*Please stand.*

### **The Baptismal Covenant (BCP 304)**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: 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.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: 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.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Let us know pray Harrison who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Please stand or kneel, as you are able.*

### **The Prayers for the Candidate (BCP 305)**

Leader: Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Open his hearts to your grace and truth.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**  
Leader: Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**  
Leader: Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**  
Leader: Send him into the fullness of your peace and glory.  
**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**  
Leader: Bring him into the fullness of your peace and glory.  
**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**  
Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

### **Thanksgiving over the Water (BCP 306)**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you  
**People: And also with you.**  
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

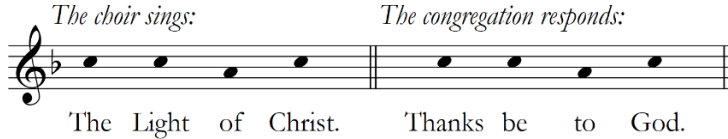
Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Baptism (BCP 307)**

Celebrant: Harrison Lewis, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



Harrison Lewis, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**



Celebrant: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**All: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

*Please stand.*

### **The Peace (BCP 360)**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

### **Welcome & Announcements**

### **Commissioning of Missionaries**

### **Offertory Sentence**

### **The Offering**

## **Holy Communion- Eucharistic Prayer B (BCP 367)**

### **Choral Anthem**

*Now the Green Blade Riseth*

arr. Simon Andrews

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in dark earth many day has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, love whom men had slain,  
Thinking that never he would wake again.

Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
 Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.  
 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
 He that for here days in the grave had lain.  
 Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:  
 Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.  
 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
 Thy touch can call us back to life again;  
 Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
 Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

*Please stand as able.*

**Presentation Hymn**

*Christ is Alive, Let Christmas Sing*

Truro

1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing,  
 2. Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;

His cross stands emp - ty\_\_\_ to the sky.  
 praise him, all crea - tures\_\_\_ here be - low;

Let streets and homes with prais - es\_\_\_ ring.  
 praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly\_\_\_ host:

His love in death\_\_\_ shall\_\_\_ nev - er die.  
 praise Fa - ther, Son,\_\_\_ and\_\_\_ Ho - ly Ghost.

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Celebrant: 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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: 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 on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

## **Sanctus (S129)**

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

Robert Powell

*Please stand or kneel, as you are able.*

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**All: We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Timothy and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our

salvation. 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. **AMEN.**

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

**All: 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 for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Fraction (S156)**

*Christ our Passover*

Gerald Near

**The Invitation (BCP 364)**

Celebrant: 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.

**Administration of Communion**

**Communion Hymn (178)**

*Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord*

Alleluia No. 1

*Please stand or kneel as able.*

**Postcommunion Prayer (BCP 365)**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All: 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 Blessing**

Celebrant: 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 for ever. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn (232)**

*By All Your Saints Still Striving*

Nyland

(Verse 2 is found on page 231 “St. Thomas December 21”)

*Please stand as able.*

## **Dismissal (BCP 366)**

**Celebrant:** Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People:** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **Postlude**

*Toccata in 7*

John Rutter

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## **PRAYER LIST:**

*(Please email [careteam@saint-timothys.org](mailto:careteam@saint-timothys.org) with any prayer concerns.)*

**Rest of the Soul:** Evelyn Dieckhaus, Mike Hill, William Kinney, Katherine Koonce, Cynthia Peak, and Hallie Scruggs.

**Health:** Bishop Shannon Johnston (Parkinson's disease)

**Long Term:** Sid, Maryanne, Chris W., Donna W., Chris, Chuck and Peggy, Christine Y., Sarah (recovering from brain surgery), Brad Rundlett, Catherine Hutcheon (Long Covid), David & Mabel Tettyfio (stroke, arthritis), Brian Law, Jane Perry, Caroline Arlington (stroke)

## **Vestry**

**Co-Sr. Warden** – Betsy Bosworth (2025)

**Co-Sr. Warden** – Carolyn Hamm (2025)

**Jr. Warden** – Maria LaWalt (2025)

Tom Davis (2024)

David Dopsovic (2024)

Hugh Masters (2023)

Kristie Rudolph (2025)

Ralph Tildon (2023)

Paige Williamson ('24)

## **Trustees**

Tom McLenigan

Keith Sinclair

Deke Smith

## THIS WEEK at ST. TIMOTHY'S

### Sunday, April 16

8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist – Sanctuary  
9:15 AM Adult Choir Warm-up – Music Room  
10:00 AM Rite II Holy Eucharist – Sanctuary/Livestream  
11:00 AM Lakota Team Meeting – Toddler Room  
7:30 PM Serenity Seekers Al Anon – Virtual

### Monday, April 17

12:15 PM Monday Gratitude AA  
4:00 PM DanceWorx – Narthex  
6:30 PM Boy Scout Troop 159  
7:00 PM Hope For Today Al Anon  
8:30 PM Monday Night Milkshake Group AA

### Tuesday, April 18

4:00 PM DanceWorx

### Wednesday, April 19

4:00 PM DanceWorx  
7:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting – ZOOM  
7:30 PM Latino Ministry Prayer – Offsite  
7:30 PM SA Meeting  
8:00 PM New Hopefuls AA

### Thursday, April 20

12:15 PM Came to Believe AA  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal – Music Room  
7:00 PM Debtors Anonymous

### Friday, April 21

10:00 AM Friday Gratitude AA  
9:30 PM Friday Night Lights AA

### Saturday, April 22

8:00 AM MOST Breakfast  
9:00 AM Altar Guild Set-Up – Sanctuary  
7:00 PM Rite II Santa Eucarista – Sanctuary

## LADIES LUNCHEON – APRIL 23rd at 11:30 am in Henry Hall

Please join us Sunday April 23rd, 11:30 - 2:00 pm for a "Getting to Know You" Ladies Luncheon! Your RSVP is requested by Friday, April 21 via SignupGenius, email [local@saint-timothys.org](mailto:local@saint-timothys.org), or call Sandy Schanne at 703-774-4666. Our guest of honor will be Michelle Cowherd. We hope to gather and "get to know" not only Michelle, but also one another better. We will renew existing acquaintanceships and meet new friends. Maybe even "put a name to the faces" we see on Sundays. Please do wear your favorite color. We will have a short "get to know you" questionnaire for you once you submit your RSVP. Please join us, we truly can't do it without YOU!

## EASTER FLOWERS/PLANTS

Thank you for all who donated towards the Easter flowers/plants to be used to decorate the sanctuary. You may pick up your flower/plant after today's services. They will be located in the Narthex.

## THE CLOSET

The Herndon Mayor's Office recognized two St. Timothy volunteers to The Closet for over 100 hours of volunteer time in 2022: **Tricia Mussante and Holly Hartge**. The next St. Timothy Volunteer Day at The Closet will be **Wednesday, April 26**. Please let Holly Hartge ([mhhvirginia@verizon.net](mailto:mhhvirginia@verizon.net)) know if this is a day you would like to volunteer your time and talents to The Closet and she will inform the manager to expect you.

# CONFIRMATION CLASSES - begins May 7, 2023

In anticipation of our biennial bishop's visit on June 25th, St. Timothy's will be offering Confirmation classes for all those interested in Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation in the Episcopal Church. These preparation classes will begin on Sunday, May 7th and continue every **Sunday until Trinity Sunday (June 4th)**. They will take place during the 9 AM hour in between our two services, be led by our Priest-in-Charge, and will also be livestreamed.

→ Who is invited to attend these classes?

All are invited to attend the classes, regardless of your confirmation status! Please come for a refresher, or to help answer questions and provide perspectives. Those seeking confirmation will need to attend most of the sessions.

## NOTE:

→ While many consider Confirmation to be a rite exclusively for teens, anyone who has not been confirmed may seek formation for this mature commitment of faith. For more information, see page 412 of the Book of Common Prayer.

→ What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is a sacramental rite in which candidates "express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop." As such, the rite—just as with Baptism—marks a transition within a lifelong journey of formation in the Christian faith.

→ What is Reception?

Reception is designed for those who have already been Confirmed in another Christian denomination and who wish to be received into the fellowship of The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion.

→ What is Reaffirmation?

This rite is designed for those candidates who have returned from a time of religious inactivity or wish to publicly recommit themselves to an active practice of faith.

Please indicate interest by registering in the Signup Genius by visiting [www.saint-timothys.org](http://www.saint-timothys.org). Questions? Please email Charles at [priest@saint-timothys.org](mailto:priest@saint-timothys.org).

# The Commissioning of Missionaries

*Celebrant:*

Brothers and Sisters, we are united by one Spirit into one Body, and given a variety of gifts for the building up of the people of God and the Kingdom of God. Today we commission members of our Church community as missionaries to the Pine Ridge Reservation.

*The Celebrant asks the missionaries:*

Sisters and brothers in Christ, are you prepared by true and living faith, by respect for all of God's people, and by the knowledge of your duties, to execute this ministry to the honor of God, and the well-being of the people of God?

*Missionaries* I am.

*The Celebrant then says:*

You have been called to serve God, sharing through word and example the Good News of God's love in Jesus Christ. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with charity, integrity, and faith?

*Missionaries* I will.

*Celebrant:* You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and the servants I have chosen.

*Congregation:* **Call upon the Lord your God, give thanks, and make God's deeds known among the people.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Gracious God, we ask you to strengthen your servants with your Holy Spirit, fill them with your grace, surround them with your saints and angels; keep them safe. And grant, by their faithful service, that love, faith, hope, and joy may abound. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

*Congregation:* **Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

*Missionaries:* Thanks be to God.