



ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL
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Sunday, November 5, 2023

4:00 PM

Celebration of Ministry

of the Reverend Charles R. Cowherd
as the Twentieth Rector of Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church



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



WELCOME

On November 1st, 1868, a few Episcopalians in the small dairy farm community of Herndon met to worship and give thanks to God on All Saints' Sunday. Led by a schoolteacher and conducted in a private home, this was the first recorded service of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church. In the over 150 years since then, St. Timothy's has continued to come together in worship, to create a community that forms disciples, and to reach out its hands in love to our neighbors around us.

We welcome you to our church and this service where we will renew our commitment as the people of St. Timothy's and institute the Reverend Charles R. Cowherd as our twentieth rector. During this liturgy, Charles will be presented by the Wardens to the Regional Dean, who serves as representative of the Bishop of Virginia; the Letter of Institution will be received from the Bishop; Charles will publicly make a commitment to this new trust and responsibility; and the congregation will pledge to support the Rector in our shared ministry together. During the service, the congregation and staff will also present Charles with symbols of his office.

We are thankful that you are here for this celebration and invite all to the reception following in Henry Hall.

~ **Maria LaWalt, Senior Warden, on behalf of the Vestry**



Celebration of New Ministry with Holy Eucharist

Prelude

The Heavens Declare

Benedetto Marcello

Land of Rest

arr. Wilbur Held

At the tolling of the bell, all stand.

Opening Hymn (675)

Take up Your Cross, the Savior Said

Bourbon

The Institution (BCP 559)

The Senior Warden, standing before the Dean with the new minister, saying

Dean of the North Fairfax Region, we have come together today to welcome Charles Robison Cowherd, who has been chosen to serve as Rector of Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church. We believe that he is well qualified, and that he has been prayerfully and lawfully selected.

The Dean reads the Letter of Institution

The Dean then says

Charles, do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

New Rector: I do.

The Dean then addresses the congregation

Will you who witness this new beginning support and uphold Charles in this ministry?

People: We will.


The Dean, standing, says

Let us then offer our prayers to God for all his people, for this congregation, and for Charles, their Rector.

All kneel as they are able.

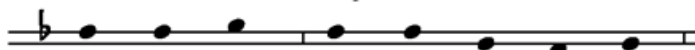
The Litany for Ordinations (BCP 548)

Cantor *People*



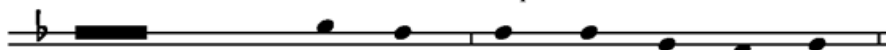
God the Fa - ther, Have mer - cy on us.

Cantor *People*




God the Son, Have mer - cy on us.

Cantor *People*



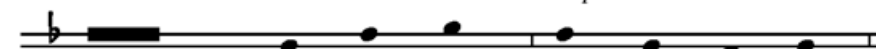
God the Holy Spir - it, Have mer - cy on us.

Cantor *People*



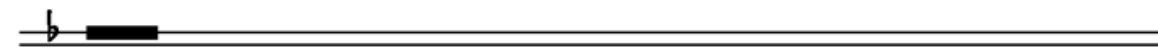
Holy Trini - ty, one God, Have mer - cy on us.

Cantor *People*




We pray to you, Lord Christ. Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor



For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and
be found without fault at the Day of your Coming,

People



we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor: For all members of your Church in their vocation and ministry, that they may serve you in a true and godly life, we pray to you, O Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Mark, our Bishop, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons, that they may be filled with your love, may hunger for truth, and may thirst after righteousness, we pray to you, O Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor: For Charles, chosen priest in your Church, we pray to you, O Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor: That he may faithfully fulfill the duties of this ministry, build up your Church, and glorify your Name, we pray to you, O Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor: That by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit he may be sustained and encouraged to persevere to the end, we pray to you, O Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor: For his family, that they may be adorned with all Christian virtues, we pray to you, O Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor: For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor: For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor: For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor: For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor: For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor: For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor: For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor: For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor: Rejoicing in the fellowship of St. Timothy and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another,

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The first staff is labeled 'People' and contains the lyrics: 'and all our life to Christ our God. To you, O Lord our God.' The second staff is divided into three sections: 'Cantor' with the lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy,', 'People' with 'Christ, have mer - cy.', and 'Cantor and People' with 'Lord, have mer - cy.' The notation consists of a single melodic line with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat).

Setting: Ver. Hymnal 1982.
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Dean: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Dean: Ever-living God, strengthen and sustain Charles that with patience and understanding he may love and care for your people; and grant that together they may follow Jesus Christ, offering to you their gifts and talents; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from Exodus 4:10-17

Ching Fang-Weeden

Moses said to the LORD, "Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue." The LORD said to him, "Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the LORD? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say." But Moses said, "Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else." Then the LORD's anger burned against Moses and he said, "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and he will be glad to see you. You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do. He will speak to the people for you, and it will be as if he were your mouth and as if you were God to him. But take this staff in your hand so you can perform the signs with it."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 78:1-8

Henry John Gauntlett

Please remain seated while the choir sings the Psalm.

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us,
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD,
and the wonderful works he has done.
- 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel,
which he commanded them to teach their children;
- 6 That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn;
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
- 7 So that they might put their trust in God,
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;
- 8 And not be like their forefathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation,
a generation whose heart was not steadfast,
and whose spirit was not faithful to God.

A Reading from 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Joe Weeden

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,^[a] 10 but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard the deposit I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn (Flor y Canto 644)

*Tu Palabra Me Llena
(Your Word Fills Me)*

Raúl Carranza

The image shows two staves of musical notation for a gradual hymn. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics are: "Tu pa - la - bra me_ lle - na, me_ lle - na, Se - ñor. Tu pa - la - bra me a - li -". The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. Below it, the lyrics are: "men - ta, me a - li - men - ta, Se - ñor. Tu pa - la - bra a - li - men - ta mi es".



Holy Gospel: Mark 6:6b-13

The Rev. Dr. Ralph Bayfield

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Then Jesus went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff: no bread, no bag, no money in their belts, but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Santo Evangelio: Marcos 6:6b-13

El Rev. Franklin Morales

Celebrante: El Santo Evangelio de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo según San Marcos.

Pueblo: ¡Gloria a ti, Cristo Señor!

Jesús recorría las aldeas cercanas, enseñando. Llamó a los doce discípulos, y comenzó a enviarlos de dos en dos, dándoles autoridad sobre los espíritus impuros. Les ordenó que no llevaran nada para el camino, sino solamente un bastón. No debían llevar pan ni provisiones ni dinero. Podían ponerse sandalias, pero no llevar ropa de repuesto. Les dijo: —Cuando entren ustedes en una casa, quédense allí hasta que se vayan del lugar. Y si en algún lugar no los reciben ni los quieren oír, salgan de allí y sacúdanse el polvo de los pies, para que les sirva a ellos de advertencia. Entonces salieron los discípulos a decirle a la gente que se volviera a Dios. También expulsaron muchos demonios, y curaron a muchos enfermos ungiéndolos con aceite.

Celebrante: El Evangelio del Señor.

Pueblo: Te alabamos, Cristo Señor.

Please be seated

Sermon

The Rev. Pete Nunnally

The Induction (BCP 561)

Representatives of the congregation and of the clergy of the diocese stand before the Dean with the new rector.

The Dean of the North Fairfax Region presents a vessel of water, saying

Charles, take this water, and help the bishop baptize in obedience to our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Very Reverend Beth Franklin and the Reverend Alyse Viggiano (representing the clergy of the Diocese) present the Constitution and Canons of this Church, saying

Charles, obey these Canons, and be among us to share in the councils of this diocese.

People: Amen.

Maria LaWalt (Senior Warden) and Kristie Rudolph (Junior Warden) present the keys of the church, saying

Charles, receive these keys, and let the doors of this place be open to all people.

People: Amen.

Rose Berberich, Florita Tildon, and Anne Vandenberg (Shawl Ministry) present a stole, saying

Charles, receive this stole, and be among us as a pastor and priest.

People: Amen.

Wilma Lemus, Julio Cuellar, Miguel Serrano, and Selva Valderomar (Latino Ministry) present El Libro de Oración Común, saying

Charles, recibe este libro y dedica to vida a la oración.

People: Amen.

Mary McLenigan, Carol Sinclair, and Kerrie Wilson (Altar Guild) present bread and wine, saying

Charles, take this bread and wine, and be among us to break the Bread and bless the cup.

People: Amen.

John McGrath, Charlie Rudolph, and Edith Nunnally (Christian Education) present a Bible, saying

Charles, accept this Bible, and be in this place one who proclaims the Word.

People: Amen.

Shon Beury and Tom Bosworth (Service Ministry) present olive oil and a check, saying

Charles, use this oil, and be among us as a healer and reconciler.

Charles, receive this gift to your Rector's Discretionary Fund so that you may ease the troubles of those in our community who seek your help.

People: Amen.

Todd Grivetti, Nancy Miller, and Joe Weeden (Music Ministry) present a hymnal, saying

Charles, take this hymnal, and sing forth God's love from its pages.

People: Amen.

Allyson Showalter (St. Timothy's Preschool) and the students of the Preschool present toys.

Charles, take these toys, as a sign of the importance of recreation, of the necessity of self-care, and as a symbol of the gift of joy and wonder in God's creation.

People: Amen.

The Dean then says

Charles, let all these be signs of the ministry which is the Bishop's and yours in this place.

People: Amen.

A Priest's Prayer of Devotion (BCP 562)

The Rev. Charles R. Cowherd

O Lord my God, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; yet you have called your servant to stand in your house, and to serve at your altar. To you and to your service I devote myself, body, soul, and spirit. Fill my memory with the record of your mighty works; enlighten my understanding with the light of your Holy Spirit; and may all the desires of my heart and will center in what you would have me do. Make me an instrument of your salvation for the people entrusted to my care, and grant that I may faithfully administer your holy Sacraments, and by my life and teaching set forth your true and living Word. Be always with me in carrying out the duties of my ministry. In prayer, quicken my devotion; in praises, heighten my love and gratitude; in preaching, give me readiness of thought and expression; and grant that, by the clearness and brightness of your holy Word, all the world may be drawn into your blessed kingdom. All this I ask for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Dean then presents the new Minister and his family.

Greet your new Rector and his family.

The congregation expresses its approval. The Dean greets the new minister.

The new Rector then says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Offering

Choral Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

arr. John Rutter

(If you would like to reflect on the text while you listen, it can be found in Hymn 488).

Please stand as able.

Presentation Hymn (380 v3) *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Old 100th

Holy Communion – Eucharistic Prayer B (BCP 367)

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 him 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 the great shepherd of thy flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even unto the end of the ages. 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:

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 the 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.**

Padre Nuestro (Lord's Prayer)

♪ Padre nuestro tú que estás
en los que aman de verdad
el reino que se nos prometió
llegue pronto a nuestro corazón
y el amor ,que tu hijo nos dejó
el amor, habite en nosotros

Oración

Padre nuestro, que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu Nombre;
venga tu reino;
hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos
ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación,
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder y tuya es la
gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén. (repite a +)

Paul Simon/Julio Cuellar

+ Y en el pan de la unidad
Cristo danos tú la paz
Y olvídate de nuestro error
si olvidamos el de los demás
no permitas, que caigamos en el mal
oh Señor y ten piedad del mundo

The Lord's Prayer

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
thing is the kingdom, and the power, and
the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

(repeat to +)

Breaking of the Bread (BCP 364)

Fraction Anthem (WLP 876) *The Disciples Knew the Lord Jesus*

Jack Burnam

(The choir will sing the antiphon first, then the congregation.)

Administration of Communion

Communion Hymns (661)	<i>They Cast Their Nets in Galilee</i>	Georgetown
(304)	<i>I Come with Joy to Meet my Lord</i>	Land of Rest
(LEVAS 136)	<i>He Decidido Seguir a Cristo</i> <i>I Have Decided to Follow Jesus</i>	Assam

He decidido seguir a Cristo;/// ¡No vuelvo atrás, no vuelvo atrás! El Rey de Gloria me ha transformado :/// ¡No vuelvo atrás, no vuelvo atrás! La vida antigua ya he dejado :/// ¡No vuelvo atrás, no vuelvo atrás!	I have decided to follow Jesus;/// no turning back, no turning back. The world behind me, the cross before me;/// no turning back, no turning back. Though no one join me, still I will follow;/// No turning back, no turning back!
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Postcommunion Prayer (BCP 564)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of your Word and Sacraments. We pray that Charles may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with him, may serve you now, and always rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Celebrant: May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you.
Amen.

Closing Hymn (645)	<i>The King of Love My Shepherd Is</i>	St. Columba
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Dismissal (BCP 366)

Celebrant: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude	<i>Toccata in B Minor</i>	Eugène Gigout
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Please join us for a reception in Henry Hall immediately following this service.

*Flowers are given by Peter & Beth Hmoschinsky
In memory of parents Dorothy & Joseph Sizoo
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PARTICIPATING in TODAY'S SERVICE

Dean of the North Fairfax Region

The Very Reverend Fran Gardner-Smith, The Very Reverend Jessica Holthus

Preacher

The Reverend Pete Nunnally

Gospellers

The Reverend Doctor Ralph Bayfield and the Reverend Franklin Morales

Deacon

The Reverend Bette Goglia

Lectors

Joe Weeden, Ching Fang-Weeden

Acolytes

Keith Sinclair (Verger), Dariel Lemus, August McKulsky, Drew Rachel

Musicians

The Saint Timothy's Adult Choir, Julio Cuellar

Nicholas Lodico-Keirstead, Todd Grivetti, Organist/Choirmaster

Altar Guild

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Rick Wilson, Jay LaWalt, David Gough

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THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA

LETTER OF INSTITUTION



The Rev. Charles Robison Cowherd

Presbyter of the Church of God, you have been called to work together with your Bishop and fellow Presbyters as a pastor, priest, and teacher, and to take your share in the councils of the Church.

Now, in accordance with the Canons, you have been selected to serve God as

*Rector of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church,
Herndon, Virginia*

This letter is a sign that you are fully empowered and authorized to exercise this ministry, accepting its privileges and responsibilities as a priest of this Diocese, in communion with your Bishop.

Having committed yourself to do this work, do not forget the trust of those who have chosen you. Care alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. By your words, and in your life, proclaim the Gospel. Love and serve Christ's people. Nourish them, and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come.

May the Lord, who has given you the will to do these things, give you the grace and power to perform them.

Given under my hand and seal in the City of
Richmond on the 5th day of November, 2023,
and in the first year of my consecration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Mark Stevenson", written over a horizontal line.

The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson
Bishop of Virginia

