



**ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL**  
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Sunday, December 17, 2023

*Third Sunday of Advent*

10 a.m.



### 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

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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 the 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 (gluten free available on request) and wine (either sip from the chalice or allow the chalice-bearer to intinct) will be offered. If you don't wish to receive, 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

*Largo*  
*Sonata in A Minor*  
(Laura Robinson, flute & Rob Huizar, clarinet)  
*At the tolling of the bell, all stand.*

G. P. Telemann  
William Boyce

#### Opening Hymn (76)

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

Winchester New

#### Opening Acclamations (BCP 355)

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant: 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.**

#### Trisagion (S100)

*Holy God*

David Hurd

#### Opening Collect (BCP 212) - *Children may head downstairs after this reading.*

Celebrant: Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Lessons

### A Reading from Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 126

Robert Knox Kennedy

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



- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, \*  
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.  
6 Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.  
|| 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

### **A Reading from 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Gradual Hymn (WLP 724)**

*People, Look East*

Besancon Carol

### **Holy Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28**

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

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

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

**The Nicene Creed (BCP 358)**

People:     **We believe in one God,  
                  the Father 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.**

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

**The Prayers of the People, Form II (BCP 385)**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people Pray for the church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the families of the departed. Pray for the families of who have died.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

### **Confession of Sin (BCP 360)**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All: 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 your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

### **Absolution (BCP 360)**

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

*Please stand.*

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

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

**People: And also with you.**

## Welcome/Announcements

### Offertory Sentence

### The Offering

#### Choral Anthem

*If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee*

arr. Jody Lindh

1. If thou but suffer God to guide thee,  
And hope in Him through all thy ways,  
He'll give thee strength, what e'er betide thee,  
And bear thee through the evil days;  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love  
Builds on the Rock that naught can move.

2. Only be still and wait His leisure  
In cheerful hope, with heart content  
To take what'er thy Father's pleasure  
And all discerning love hath sent;  
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known.  
To Him who chose us for His own.

3. Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving;  
In all thy labor faithful be,  
And trust His Word, though undeserving,  
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee;  
God never yet forsook in need.  
The soul that trusts in Him indeed.

-Georg Neumark

*Please stand as able.*

#### Presentation Hymn

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Veni Emmanuel

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

## Holy Communion – Eucharistic Prayer D (BCP 372)

### 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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

### Sanctus (S124)

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

David Hurd

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

Celebrant: We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**All:                We praise you, we bless you,  
                         we give thanks to you,  
                         and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Celebrant:        Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Timothy and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past.

We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and 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 and  
ever. Amen.**

**Fraction Anthem (S154)**

*Christ our Passover*

David Hurd

**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 (LEVAS 14)

*Soon and Very Soon*

Andrae Crouch



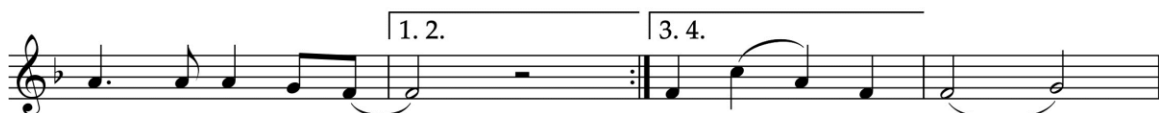
1. Soon and ver - y soon\_\_ we are goin' to see the King,\_\_  
 2. No more cry - in' there\_\_ we are goin' to see the King,\_\_  
 3. No more dy - in' there\_\_ we are goin' to see the King,\_\_  
 4. Soon and ver - y soon\_\_ we are goin' to see the King,\_\_



Soon and ver-y soon\_\_ we are goin' to see the King,\_\_      Soon and ver-y soon  
 No more cry-in' there\_\_ we are goin' to see the King,\_\_      No more cry-in' there  
 No more dy-in' there\_\_ we are goin' to see the King,\_\_      No more dy-in' there  
 Soon and ver-y soon\_\_ we are goin' to see the King,\_\_      Soon and ver-y soon



— we are goin' to see the King,\_\_      Hal-le - lu - jah, - Hal-le - lu - jah, - we're  
 — we are goin' to see the King,\_\_  
 — we are goin' to see the King,\_\_  
 — we are goin' to see the King,\_\_



goin' to see the King!\_      Hal - le - lu - -



jah, Hal - le - lu - - jah, Hal - le - lu - - - jah.

## 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

## Blessing

Celebrant: May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. Amen.

Closing Hymn (72)

*Hark the Glad Sound!*

Richmond

**Dismissal (BCP 366)**

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

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

**Postlude**

*Prelude & Fugue in G*

J. S. Bach

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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:** David Hixon, Shannon Dailey (Ted Mankin's sister-in-law)

**Health:** Mark Thompson, Florita Tildon, Laura Ferguson, Jack Hamm (Andy Hamm's brother, heart surgery), Norma Fernandez (stroke)

**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, hip pain), Brian Law, Jane Perry, Caroline Arlington (stroke), AG Miamee (Parkinson's disease & Alzheimers), Jerry Vandenberg, Fred McBride

**THIS WEEK at ST. TIMOTHY'S**

**Sunday, December 17**

- 8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist - Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Adult Forum - Gospel of Mark, Room C1
- 9:15 AM Adult Choir Warm-up - Music Room
- 10:00 AM Rite II Holy Eucharist - Sanctuary/Livestream
- 11:00 AM Coffee Hour – Henry Hall
- 7:30 PM Serenity Seekers Al Anon - Virtual

**Monday, December 18**

- 12:15 PM Step Into Recovery - AA
- 7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal – Music Room
- 7:00 PM Hope For Today Al Anon
- 8:30 PM Monday Night Milkshake Group AA

**Tuesday, December 19**

- 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting – Room C1
- 7:00 PM Scouts Troop 159 – Henry Hall

**Wednesday, December 20**

- 12:00 PM Advent Healing Eucharist
- 7:30 PM Latino Ministry Prayer - Offsite
- 7:30 PM SA Meeting
- 8:00 PM New Hopefuls AA

**Thursday, December 21**

- 6:00 PM Scouts Troop 159 – Toddler Room
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Music Room
- 7:00 PM Debtors Anonymous

**Friday, December 22**

- 10:00 AM Friday Gratitude AA

**Saturday, December 23**

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

## **FAITH FORMATION – Today**

**(Join us in the Conference Room at 9 am)**

This Sunday is our final session discussing the “Second Gospel” – the shorter and oft-forgotten Gospel of Mark, which will be devoted to discussion and answering of questions of how the Gospel touches us in our lives today.

## **ANGEL TREE HATS, GLOVES, AND SCARVES COLLECTION**

We had a tremendously successful season for Angel Tree Gift Cards! We originally committed to sponsoring 25 children and five senior citizens but since we exceeded our donation goal, we have increased our commitment, and we are excited to be able to give that news to Cornerstones! Thank you, St. Timothy’s, for your generosity and for putting your faith to work in support of those in need in our community!

**Our focus now turns to collecting hats, gloves, scarves and clean, lightly used winter coats for all ages.** The items should be resilient to damp and cold, so function is more important than fashion! You may bring these items to Henry Hall before Christmas and place them in the bin near the Christmas Tree. We continue to hear that the Northern Virginia area is in for a cold and snowy winter so consider dropping off a pair of gloves or a warm hat. Service Ministry will distribute to those in need.

**Questions: contact [service@saint-timothys.org](mailto:service@saint-timothys.org) and Thank YOU!**

## **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

Would you like to donate for a poinsettia plant to be displayed in our sanctuary during our Christmas services? **If you wish, you may dedicate the plant to a friend or loved one.** Please contact the church at [office@saint-timothys.org](mailto:office@saint-timothys.org) by **December 18th** with your special dedication. **Mark your check, "Poinsettia".**

## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**Advent 4 Services – December 24<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM and 10 AM.** Magnificat (Song of Mary) sung by the choir and guest musicians at 10 AM.

**Christmas Eve Family Service - December 24th at 5 PM.** No-rehearsal Christmas Pageant for kids, families, and all ages. Kids come at 4:30 – 4:45 pm to pick out costumes in Henry Hall.

**Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist - December 24th, at 7:30 PM.** Special choral, handbell, and instrumental music, with pre-service music beginning at 7:15.

**Lessons & Carols - December 31st at 10 AM.** All the Carols you missed in the holiday rush!