

MERRY CHRISTMAS and WELCOME to ST. TIMOTHY's

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I welcome you all to St. Timothy's Episcopal Church during this Christmas Season. Together, we celebrate God's Incarnation by welcoming the Christ Child into our hearts and souls. Whether you are returning to church after a time away or are new to the faith; whether you are looking for a new church home or simply seeking a place to experience community; we are glad you are here with us at St. Timothy's.

If you are new or visiting us, I 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.

Our regular weekend worship services are Saturday, 7:00 pm (Spanish Speaking), Sundays at 8:00 am (Holy Eucharist I, spoken) and 10:00 am (Holy Eucharist II, with music and is also available by livestream). During our 10:00 am service, we offer Godly Play for those ages 3-9 downstairs (simply follow the children 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. God be with you during this holy season and beyond!

Blessings, CHARLES+ priest@saint-timothys.org

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Organ Voluntary String Quintet "In dulci jubilo"

Organ Concerto in F

Johann Michael Bach G.F. Handel

(Ellen Grace Burke & Christopher Sexton, violin, Matthew Kim, viola, Lily Burke & Elise Ha, cello)

Handbell Choir

He is Born (Il Est Né)

arr. Sondra Tucker

Duet

I Wonder As I Wonder

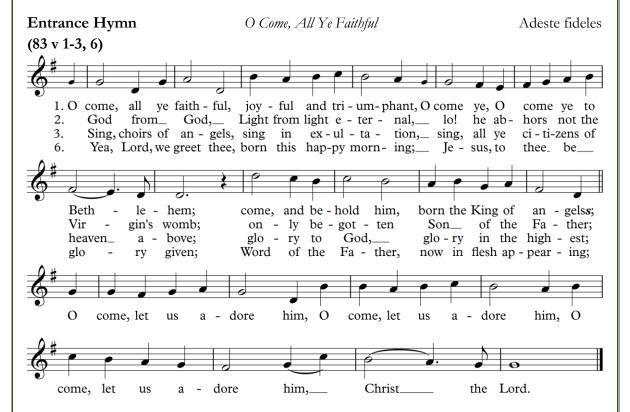
Traditional/arr. J.K. West

(Joe Weeden & Glenn Rudolph, tenors)

HOLY EUCHARIST

The Word of God

At the tolling of the bell, all stand.

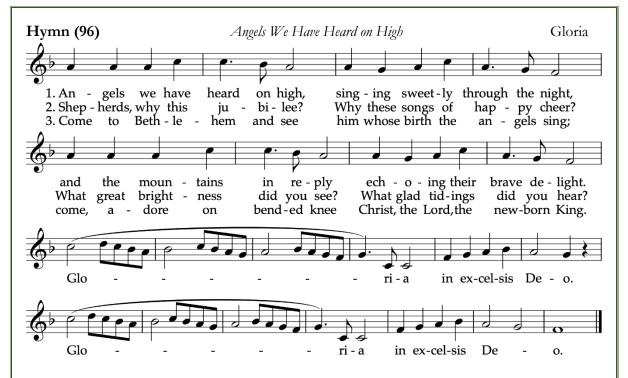


Opening Acclamations

Celebrant: Grace and peace to you from God. In the name of the Christ child, whose birth gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, welcome.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



The Collect for the Day (BCP 212)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen**

The Lessons

A Reading from Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be

endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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

Psalm 96 Vom Himmel hoch

Antiphon: Choir first, then congregation



- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; * sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; * proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations * and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
 he is more to be feared than all gods. **Sing Antiphon**
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; * but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! * Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; * ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; * bring offerings and come into his courts. [Antiphon]
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! *
 he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
 he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; * let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, * when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness * and the peoples with his truth. [Antiphon]

A Reading from Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Holy Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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Sermon

The Rev. Charles R. Cowherd

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 III (BCP 387)

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence.

Celebrant will add a concluding collect.

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

Gesu Bambino

Pietro Yon/Frederick Martens

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows upon a winter night Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of Love and Light. The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced; And at His blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced.

O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night
That gave the world its Christmas Rose, its King of Love and Light.
Let ev'ry voice acclaim His name, the grateful chorus swell.
From paradise to earth He came that we with Him might dwell.
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Please stand as you are able.

Presentation Hymn (380 v 3) Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

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Holy Communion- Eucharistic Prayer A

The Great Thanksgiving (BCP 361)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

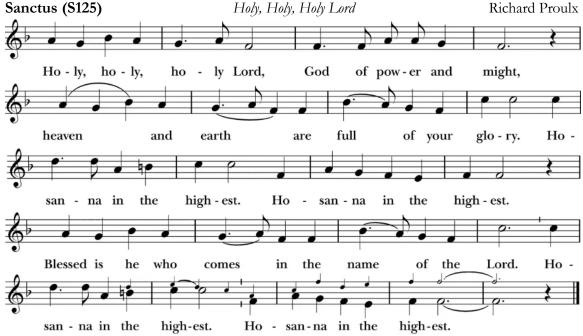
People: We lift them to the Lord.

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. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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:



Music: From A Community Mass; Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1971, 1977 GIA Publications, Inc.

Please stand or kneel, as you are able.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with Timothy and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 and ever. Amen.



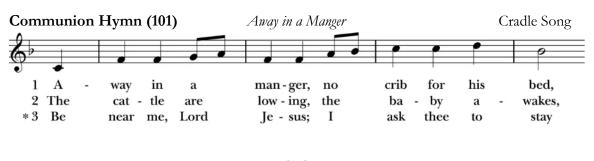


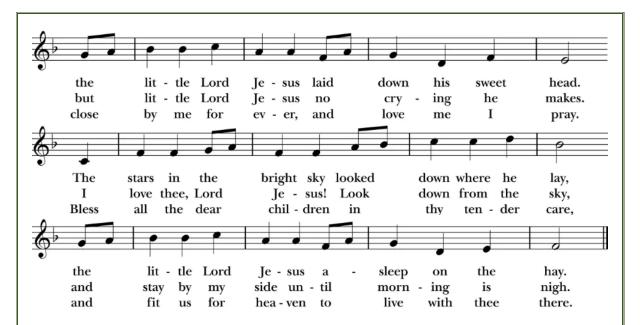
The Invitation (BCP 364)

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.

Please be seated.

Administration of Communion





Choral Anthem

Gentle Mary

Margaret Sandresky

Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger; There he lay, the undefiled, to the world a stranger. Such a babe in such a place, can he be the Saviour? Ask the saved of all the race who have found his favour.

Angels sang about his birth; wise men sought and found him; Heaven's star shone brightly forth, glory all around him. Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, heard the angels singing; All the plains were lit that night, all the hills were ringing.

Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger; He is still the undefiled, but no more a stranger. Son of God, of humble birth, beautiful the story; Praise his name in all the earth, hail the King of glory!



Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893). Music: Forest Green, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

Please stand as you are able.

***Lights will dim. An usher will come to each pew to light the first candle.

To receive, tilt your unlit candle over the flame of a lit candle which is held upright.***

Post Communion Hymn (111)

Silent Night

Stille Nacht



Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885). Music: Stille Nacht, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910).

Postcommunion Prayer (BCP 365)

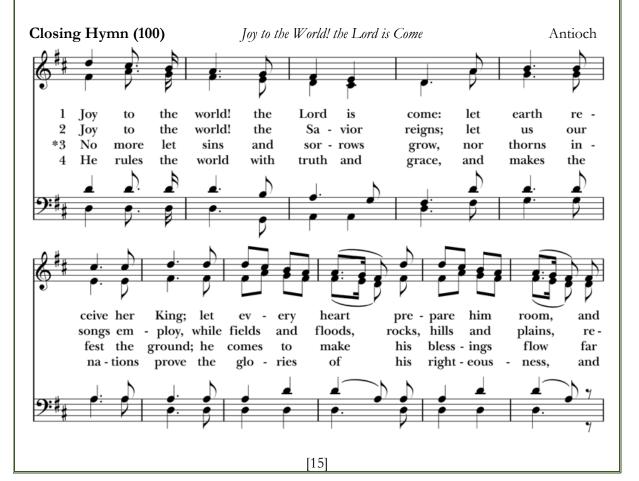
Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.

Carefully extinguish your candle. As you depart the sanctuary, please place the unlit candle in the baskets provided.

Blessing

Celebrant: May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**





Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: Antioch, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

Dismissal (BCP 366)

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia. Let us bless the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude *Joy to the World* arr. Aaron Shows

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Matt Schumann (2027) Midori Yanagihara (2026)

Jr. Warden – Rick Wilson (2027)

Rob Huizar (2027)

John McGrath (alternate)

Trustees

Tom McLenigan Keith Sinclair Deke Smith

PRAYER LIST:

(Please email <u>careteam@saint-timothys.org</u> with any prayer concerns.)

Repose of the Soul: Mike Dropik (friend of Wanda Rixon)

Health: Katherine (pain), Valerie R., Dick Joyce, Beth Hwoshinsky

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, Jerry Vandenberg, Chris Connelly (Barb Kimmel's brother, severe depression), Barb Benson (friend of Bob Kimmel, Parkinson's), Susan Kruchten, Elizabeth Martinson, Ted Grivetti, Will LaWalt, Cecelia Kimble (Shon Beury's mother), David Caines

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Christmas Services

Christmas Eve Family Service – December 24th at 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist – December 24th at 7:30 PM Lessons and Carols – December 29st at 10:00 AM

POINSETTIA FLOWERS

Thank you for all who contributed to beautify the sanctuary with Christmas Poinsettias. Please feel free to come to the church after the January 5th service to pick up your plant.

2025 VESTRY MEMBERS ELECTIONS

In January we will be electing 4 new vestry members and 1 alternate. This is a great way to get more involved and help our church! Each vestry member is a liaison to a ministry and the vestry meets once a month. Questions? Please ask a member of the Vestry Nominating Committee which, per our Bylaws, consists of Carolyn Hamm, Betsy Bosworth, Maria LaWalt and Kristie Rudolph (departing vestry members), as well as Dave Dopsovich and Tom Davis (non-vestry members).

ST. TIMOTHY'S 2025 ANNUAL MEETING – January 26 at 11 AM

Please join us in Henry Hall for our Annual Meeting. We will celebrate our outgoing and incoming Vestry, hear about Church Ministry Reports, take a look at the 2025 Budget, and much more. The January 16th eNews will have a link to the reports that you may review prior to the meeting. Lunch will be provided

MINISTRY LEADERS:

Please submit any outstanding vouchers for 2024 to the church office. This is important because it allows our bookkeeper to close the books out for this year!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed between Christmas and New Year's. If you have an urgent matter, please email the church office at <u>office@saint-timothys.org</u> and someone will get back to you.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Belinda Collins – In memory of Henry & Sara Lowenhaupt, Malcolm & Muriel Lowenhaupt, and Anthony & Dorothy Collins.

Linda, Tara, Jenna & Madi – In memory of Michael Cook.

The Cozza Family – In celebration of our Cozza family.

Dorothy Fonow – In memory of Dorothy Boswell who would have been 104 on December 18th.

Kathy, Ashley, & Courtney Froemming – In memory of Richard Froemming and in thanksgiving for all of life's blessings.

Annie Katz – In memory of Robert and Marcelle Foley.

Bob & Barb Kimmel – In memory of Clift & Virginia Kimmel and Bill & Dolores Connelly.

The LaWalt Family - In memory of Bland & Leonard Johnson, and Horace LaWalt, Sr.

The Mankin Family – In memory of Shannon Dailey.

Kent & Diane Miller – In thanksgiving for our family and the gift of Jesus' birth.

Wanda Rixon – In memory of Gina & Ernie Rixon.

Julie Gray-Roller – In memory of Rex Roller.

The Sinclair Family – In memory of Ken & Sylvia Poekert and Jeff & Nan Sinclair.

Deke & Pat Smith - In memory of Nancy, William, Mary Gay, Kevin, William, and Adelene.

Deke & Pat Smith – Thanksgiving for Sandy, Riley, Rowen, Megan, Josh, Wyatt, Mason, Scott, Joanie, and Cal.

Emma Spence – In memory of William Spence.

Midori Yanagihara – In memory of Anna Beckett, Ron Bucknam and Michele Tanaka.

Carol Yanagihara – In memory of Peter Sadajiro & Katsumi Yanagihara and Hikaru Yanagihara.

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