



**ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL**  
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Sunday, December 8, 2024

*Second Sunday of Advent*

10 am



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### Weekly Services

Sunday, 8:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I, spoken
Sunday, 10:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II with Choir (Godly Play for ages 3–8, Sunday School for ages 9-12)
Sábado, 7:00 pm	La Santa Misa, 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 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

*Freu dich sehr*

arr. Kenneth Kosche

*At the tolling of the bell, all stand*

### Opening Hymn (67)

*Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

Psalm 42

### Opening Acclamation (BCP 355)

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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 (S 100)

*Holy God*

David Hurd

### Opening Collect (BCP 211) - *Children may head downstairs after this reading.*

Celebrant: Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### A Reading from Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory."

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Canticle 16/Luke 1: 68-79

Robert Knox Kennedy

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



Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior; \*  
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies; \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham; \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear; \*  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

### **A Reading from Philippians 1:3-11**

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Sequence Hymn (72)**

*Hark! The Glad Sound!*

Richmond

### **Holy Gospel: Luke 3:1-6**

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

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made

low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Sermon**

The Reverend 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 I (BCP 383)**

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this town of Herndon, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of St. Timothy and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**To you, O Lord our God.**

*Silence.*

*Celebrant will add 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 and forgive 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 and Announcements**

### **Offertory Sentence**

### **The Offering**

**Choral Anthem**

*“My Soul Gives Glory to My God”*

Dare  
arr. Michael Burkhardt

My soul gives glory to my God. My heart pours out its praise.  
God lifted up my lowliness in many marvelous ways.

My God has done great things for me: yes, holy is God’s Name.  
All people will declare me blessed, and blessings they shall claim.

From age to age, to all who fear, Such mercy love imparts,  
Dispensing justice far and near, dismissing selfish hearts.

Love casts the mighty from their thrones, promotes the insecure,  
Leaves hungry spirits satisfied, the rich seem suddenly poor.

Praise God, whose loving covenant supports those in distress,  
Remembering past promises with present faithfulness.

-Luke 1: 46-55

*Please stand as able.*

**Presentation Hymn**

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Veni Emmanuel

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings 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!



## 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 (S 124)

*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.

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 (S 154)**

*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 (56)**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

*Please stand or kneel, as you are 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 this 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 he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn (65)

*Prepare the Way, O Zion*

Bereden väg för Herran

## Dismissal (BCP 366)

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

J.S. Bach

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## PRAYER LIST:

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

**Health:** Eric Barr (hip replacement), Julia & Jay Gartrell, Geoff Bloomfield (car accident), 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 (cancer)

## ST. TIM'S CHRISTMAS VILLAGE MARKET – Today!

Get some Christmas shopping done December 7<sup>th</sup> after the 7 pm service and December 8<sup>th</sup> with shops open from 9:00-10:00 am, reopening at 11:30-1:00 pm with pictures with Saint Nicholas. Contact Janet Dopsovic:

[jgdops@gmail.com](mailto:jgdops@gmail.com) with your question.

## THIS WEEK at ST. TIMOTHY'S

### Sunday, December 8

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 Christmas Village Market – Henry Hall

### Monday, December 9

12:15 PM Step Into Recovery AA  
7:00 PM Hope For Today Al Anon  
7:00 PM Service Ministry Christmas Gathering – Offsite  
8:30 PM Monday Night Milkshake Group AA

### Tuesday, December 10

9:15 AM Staff Meeting – Conference Room  
4:00 PM DanceWorx – Narthex  
6:30 PM Scouts Troop 159

### Wednesday, December 11

12:15 PM Advent Healing Eucharist – Sanctuary  
4:00 PM DanceWorx – Narthex  
7:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting – Zoom  
7:30 PM SA Meeting

### Thursday, December 12

2:00 PM Preschool Board Meeting – Zoom  
7:00 PM Debtors Anonymous  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal – Music Room

### Friday, December 13

6:00 PM Winter Revels

### Saturday, December 14

9:00 AM Altar Guild Set-Up – Sanctuary  
7:00 PM La Santa Misa – Sanctuary

## WEDNESDAY HEALING EUCHARIST - (12/11, 12/18)

St. Timothy's has begun its Advent Wednesday Healing Eucharists at **12:15 pm in the Sanctuary (please note the adjusted time)**. Come celebrate this liturgical season with a moment of meditation and prayer amidst the busy month of December.

## STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN REPORT

Thanks to all those who have pledged already for 2025. As of 12/5, we have received 123 pledges for \$522,745. This includes 21 new pledges along with 102 returning pledges. Last year, we ended the campaign with 109 pledges and our goal for this year is around 120.

Please do return your pledge card, either in person or email to [office@saint-timothys.org](mailto:office@saint-timothys.org).

## WINTER REVELS – December 13<sup>th</sup>

Please join your church family on Friday, **December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm for an informal evening of fellowship and entertainment (with beanies and weenies and s'mores around a warm crackling fire) in the Chapel Garden area.** Please consider contributing something, such as a song, a poem, a reading, a joke, or a skit. If you have a contribution, please let Joe Weeden ([joeweeden99@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:joeweeden99@yahoo.co.uk)) know in advance. If it is raining, we will move indoors.

## HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS!

Come All Ye Parishioners: Everyone is invited to help decorate the sanctuary after the **10 am. service on December 22nd.** Poinsettia's need to be bagged, candles and sconces need to be placed on the wall, the creche needs to be displayed, and countless other decorating needs to be done in time for Christmas Eve. Lunch will be served for those helping.