

ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EMBRACING ALL PEOPLE WITH THE LOVE OF JESUS

HOLY EUCHARIST
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 28, 2024 | 10 AM

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church is a house of prayer for all people. God made you, and you are welcome here, no exceptions! Join in the journey to be a diverse community focused on following Jesus. We respect the dignity of every human being, and we seek to serve Christ in all persons, regardless of race, ability, sexual orientation, or gender identity. We invite everyone to join in our sacramental life.

Children are always welcome in God's house. St. Tim's delights in their wiggles and giggles. Children's bulletins and activity bags are available at the entry. If you need to step out, please don't be shy to return. May we all offer smiles to little ones to help them feel at home.

Please silence electronic devices. To enjoy better hearing, those with T-coil enabled devices may engage.

PRELUDE

This day at thy creating word

RUSHFORD

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN 379

God is Love, let heaven adore him

The Hymnal 1982

Please rise in body or spirit and join in singing.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

THE SONG OF PRAISE

Now the Feast and Celebration

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more! _____ (to Verses)

The musical notation for the Refrain is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear cadence at the end of the phrase.

Verse

Now is the feast of the lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and u-
nit-ed us to be one great peo - ple of God. _____ to Refrain

The musical notation for the Verse is written on two staves in G major and 4/4 time. It begins with a half rest followed by a quarter note, and ends with a half rest before the Refrain.

Verse

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. to Refrain

Verse

For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of
God; to make all things new. to Refrain

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebrant prays the Collect of the Day and the People respond Amen. The People sit.

THE FIRST READING

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.

Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?”

He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22:24-30

The Book of Common Prayer

Please join in singing the refrain.



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- ²⁴ My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- ²⁵ The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!" **[Refrain]**
- ²⁶ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- ²⁷ For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations. **[Refrain]**
- ²⁸ To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- ²⁹ My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
- ³⁰ They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done. **[Refrain]**

THE SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent God's only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent God's Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and God's love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in God and God in us, because God has given us of God's Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as God is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from God is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 487 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life *The Hymnal 1982*
Please rise in body or spirit for the hymn and Gospel reading.

THE GOSPEL John 15:1-8

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON The Rev. Michael Richardson

THE NICENE CREED

Please rise in body or spirit and join in reciting this ancient confession of faith.

Celebrant We believe in one God
People **the Father, the 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Bidding God, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

Response **That we all may be one.**

Bidding We pray for those preparing for confirmation or reception, especially Jennifer, Abby,
Max, Oliver, Anya, Martin, Andrew, David, Nick, Ryan, JoAnn, Marcia, Sam, Karen,
and Rita.

Response **That they may grow in their love and devotion to you.**

Bidding Grant that every Christian may truly and humbly serve you;

Response **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Bidding We pray for all leaders of your Church;

Response **That they may be faithful witnesses of your Word and Sacraments.**

Bidding Grant safe journey to those on the Racial Healing pilgrimage.

Response **That they may return as ministers of reconciliation.**

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

Response **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

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

Response **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

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

Response **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Bidding Give to the departed eternal rest.

Response **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Bidding We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy.

Response **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

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

The Celebrant offers a closing collect and the People respond Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY


Come, Thou Almighty King
St. Tim's Glory Bells

arr. Michael Helman

We invite you to financially support St. Tim's mission and ministry. To give electronically visit StTims.net or text TIMSGIVES to 73256. If you would like to speak with clergy about your spiritual journey or learn more about this faith community, please fill out a Connect Card and place in the offering plate. Please rise in body or spirit as the ushers bring forward the gifts.


THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: People:




The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Celebrant: People:



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: People:



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues praying and the people join in singing:

It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, 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,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of po - wer and might;
Hea - ven and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. — Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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The Celebrant continues praying, and the People join at the bidding.

Celebrant Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's 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.

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

The Celebrant concludes the Eucharistic Prayer and the People of God say **Amen.**

Celebrant
People

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread, and the People observe a moment of silence.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
Lamb of God, you broke the bonds of sin and of
Lamb of God, you are the way of jus-tice and
world: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.
death:
peace:
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Celebrant Behold who you are. Become what you receive.

All who are hungry for the presence of God in their lives are invited to the altar rail. To receive a blessing, please cross your arms. To receive the bread, the body of Christ, please extend your hands. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. To receive the wine, you may drink from the common cup or the chalice minister will intinct (dip) the wafer and return it to you. We believe Christ is fully present in each element, the bread and the wine. Receiving in only one kind is receiving the entire sacramental gift.

COMMUNION

Anthem

Grace
St. Tim's Glory Bells

arr. Brenda Austin

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them, They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin - est bread I will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? _____
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? _____
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? _____

Here I am, Lord. _____ Is it I, Lord? _____ I have heard you
 call - ing in the night. _____ I will go, Lord, _____ if you lead me, _____
 _____ I will hold your peo - ple in my heart. _____

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER & BLESSING

Celebrant Let us pray.
Eternal God,
People **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 Christ's 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.**

HYMN 494

Crown him with many crowns

The Hymnal 1982

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

DIADEMATA

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UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Subscribe to the weekly Wednesday newsletter at sttims.net/connect for more complete listings.

Fulfilled In Your Hearing

Go deeper with a small group discussion on the day's texts and sermon, gathering 11:20-12 noon in the D'Zone, across from the Parish Hall. All are welcome as we seek to apply God's Word to our lives and support each other in our faith practice.

Choral Evensong: Thursday, May 9 at 6:30 pm

Join St. Tim's choir on Ascension Day for a beautiful Anglican tradition of sung evening prayer.

Next Baptism Date: Sunday, May 26

Please contact Mother Kim to schedule preparation.

First Inaugural Spring Jubilee

St. Tim's Young Professionals are hosting a party for the parish on Saturday, May 11th from 2-5pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will have board games, card games, and a Mario Kart Tournament with \$100 cash prize. All ages and skill levels are welcome! We will bring finger foods, music, and games- you just need to show up!

Registration Open for St. Timothy's Parish Retreat

Want to make new connections and deepen existing friendships in our faith community? Join St. Tim's July 5-7 for a weekend in the mountains at Cathedral Ridge, our Episcopal Camp and Retreat Center in Woodland Park. \$230 per adult, max \$500 per family. Learn more and register at sttims.net/parish-retreat.

Discerning Vocation, offered by the Episcopal Church in Colorado

Discernment is at the heart of our baptismal call. Every baptized person is called to be a minister of the Body of Christ. For some, that call is manifest in pursuing ordained ministry or a call to religious life. There will be two planned gatherings where members of various orders, the Diaconate, the Priesthood, and the Vowed Religious Life, will lead conversations about their ministry. To assist with your discernment, please register for all 3 presentations at the location that works for you.

- Saturday, May 4 – St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 7400 Tudor Rd., Colorado Springs, 80919

- Saturday, June 1– St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 2425 Colorado Ave., Boulder, CO 80302

St. Tim's Future Gatherings

At our parish annual meeting in February, the vestry outlined a three-year plan for the next chapter of ministry. This proposal emerged from a series of fall community conversations, discerning St. Tim's future. Key outcomes included identifying core values, programming priorities, and critical facility improvements that shaped the strategic plan.

During Eastertide, vestry wants to provide a progress update and continue the conversation as we move forward. The fourth and final gathering is next Sunday! For directions and to sign-up go to sttims.net/upcoming-events-2. Sign-up link will also be in the newsletter.

- Cinco De Mayo Party at the Gair house in Greenwood Village on May 5 from 5-7 PM