



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Wilson, NC  
**The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Year B

**September 1, 2024**

Celebrant and Preacher: Rev. John Gibson

Organist: Kara Zaharin

Greeter: Pam Armstrong (8:00), Mary Lynn Barnes(10:30); Ushers: Cliff Blanton, Ben Skinner (10:30)

Lay Reader: Beth Sallenger (8:00), Matthew Garrett (10:30)

Eucharistic Ministers: Beth Sallenger (8:00); Bobbi Harris (L), Kenan Rand (R), (10:30)

Altar Guild: Eleanor Hyde, Terri Blanton, Cindy Rhodes, Christy Mutchler

Counters: Ginger Gliarmis, Catherine Walston

*Let us remember that the nave is a place of prayer and worship. Please enter reverently, keeping conversation to a whisper and to a minimum as your brothers and sisters in Christ may be trying to pray in preparation for the Holy Eucharist. We hope you will stay and visit with each other after the service. Appropriate devotional prayers for Sundays, before and after worship, and before and after receiving Holy Communion can be found on Pages 833-835 of the Book of Common Prayer. In addition, there are appropriate Psalms that can be prayed in preparation for worship, such as Psalms 84, 85, 86, 116, and 130. The Psalter can be found from Pages 585-808 in the Book of Common Prayer.*

**HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I 8:00 AM**

*The 10:30 AM Rite II service begins on Page 2 of this bulletin.*

**Welcome & Announcements**

*The people stand as they are able as the Sacred Ministers process in silence.*

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*We believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, the consecrated bread and wine. Communion in the Episcopal Church is open to all baptized Christians and they are invited at this time to the altar rail to receive Christ's Body and Blood. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please inform the Priest and one will be provided for you. Please let an usher know if you need Communion brought to your seat for any reason. If you wish to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest to signify that to the Priest.*

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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II 10:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

The Hymnal 1982 #423

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant prays the Collect for Purity

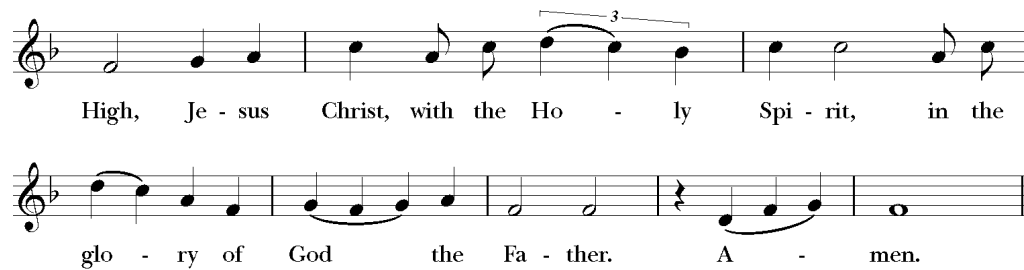
BCP 355

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.

The Gloria is sung

The Hymnal 1982 S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



*After the Gloria, the Celebrant faces the People and says,*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect of the Day.*

**BCP 232**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The children are dismissed to children's church.*

### **The First Lesson**

**Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9**

A reading from Deuteronomy.

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

8:00 – The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse.

10:30 – The Psalm is chanted in unison



<sup>1</sup> Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup> Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
who speaks the truth from his heart.

<sup>3</sup> There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

<sup>4</sup> In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
but he honors those who fear the Lord.

<sup>5</sup> He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.

<sup>6</sup> He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

<sup>7</sup> Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

## The Second Lesson

James 1:17-27

A reading from the James.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**\* Sequence Hymn**

*Praise to the living God!*

**The Hymnal 1982 #372**

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

**+++** *For some it is customary at this time to use our thumbs to trace three small crosses upon our foreheads, lips, and chests to signify keeping the Gospel in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.*

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

**\* The Gospel**

**Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

*Reader*      The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. John Gibson**

**Nicene Creed**

**BCP 358**

*Please stand as you are able*

**We believe in one God,**

**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:  
 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.

\* Prayers of the People, Form III

BCP 387

*Reader* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

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

*Reader* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; we pray especially for our sister Episcopal churches St. Mark's and La Guadalupana.

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

*Reader* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sam and Jennifer, our Bishops, The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe newly elected 28th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, and Rev. John Gibson, who is our celebrant and preacher today.

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

*Reader* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; especially Joe our President, Roy our Governor, and Carlton our Mayor.

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

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

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

*Reader* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially:

Rudy Knight, Sharon Wethington, Vernon Hodges, Harvey Ruffin, Kim Perry, Jean Bisette, Paige Quinn Barnhill, Hope Currie, Ezra Currie, George A. Ruff, Joanna Powell, Joe Noulles, Jim Powers, Kreshaun Brewington, David Ballard, Phyllis Connor, Dwight Batts, Tyler Turner, Harrison Barnett, Stephanie Moore, Allison Parker, James Batts, Jimmy Thompson, Charlotte Bridgers, Linda Sheen, Henry Coleman, Lee Wilhelm, Bill Robinette, Betty Jean Gauss, Anna Jane Ruffin, Kayla Thomas, Kris Hing, Jean Webb, Lenore Smith, Nathan Toms, Harris Holland, Beth Fogleman, Jane Lyon, Carter Grine, Jim Thomas, Joseph, Jeannie, Lynn Kyle, Nancy Taylor, Kristie Bailey, Susan Fielding, the Allen family, the Ellis

Family, the Malin family, David Hales and family, Bailey Sparrow, Danny Strickland, Colton Edmundson, Pete Schoenberg, Pat Hollman, Rick Phillips, Emily Bain, Lamont Futrell, Jean Walston, Cameron Shearin, peace for the people of Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia, Ethiopia, and all refugees fleeing nations mired in military conflict; all peoples recovering from natural disasters; those affected by Covid-19; and those affected by the lack of respect for the dignity of every person.

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

*Reader* Give to the †departed eternal rest;

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

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

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

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

*Silence*

*Reader* For God's blessing upon our parishioners who are celebrating birthdays this week: Jo Rhodes, Kathryn Harrison, Ann Barnes, Sandra Homes, David Taylor, Royce Poythress.

*The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect to which the People respond, Amen.*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

*The Celebrant says the following sentence of Scripture and bids the faithful to Confession.*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these. *Mark 12:29-31*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

*Minister and People*

**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.**

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

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.**

### **\* The Peace**

**BCP 360**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory Sentence

The Offertory begins with the following words. The people are seated while the altar is prepared.

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

### Offertory Hymn

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

The Hymnal 1982 # 436

The Hymnal 1982 #380

### \* The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Celebrant All things come of Thee, O Lord;

People And of Thine own have we given Thee.

### \* Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. 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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

### The Sanctus and Benedictus

Holy, holy, holy Lord

The Hymnal 1982 S-124

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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 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,

**The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 364**

**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

BCP 364

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread†. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

## The Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

The Hymnal 1982 S-161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

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.

## Hymns at Communion

*Surely it is God who saves me*

The Hymnal 1982 #678

*Take my life and let it be*

The Hymnal 1982#707

*We plow the fields and scatter*

The Hymnal 1982#291

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## Post Communion Prayer

BCP 366

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out**

to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

*Lay Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth by all, saying:* We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us one bread and one cup, the communion of Christ's body and blood.

### **Blessing**

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the +Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### \* **Recessional Hymn**

*Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing*

**The Hymnal 1982 #344**

### \* **Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Go in peace and serve the Lord!

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **Postlude**



The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God

In loving memory

By

His son and daughter-in-law

Sammy and Christine



#### VESTRY 2024

Class of 2024: Evelyn Baskervill, Ginger Gliarmis, Donn Holt, Catherine Walston

Class of 2025: Ann Barnes, Melba Martin, Bob Putney, Melissa Rees

Class of 2026: Linda Connor, Parker Garrett, Lee Stephenson, Sammy Gilmore

Welcome to St. Timothy's Episcopal Church! We are a welcoming, inclusive, and affirming church guided by scripture, tradition, and reason. We invite you to experience a relationship with Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit, by participating in the liturgy, engaging with the scriptures, and abiding in this Christian community of faith. In baptism, we covenant with God and each other striving for justice and peace, seeking Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves, and respecting the dignity of every human being. We believe God loves you, just as you are, and so do we! So, whoever you are and wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you will be welcomed, loved, and affirmed at St. Timothy's. Everybody needs a place. We invite you to make this place yours!