



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

Year C

October 5, 2025

Celebrant and Preacher: Rev. John Gibson

Organist: Kara Zaharin

Greeter: Mary de Guehery (8:00), Sue Fautz (10:30); Ushers: Ed Daniel, Bob Putney (10:30)

Lay Reader: Kim Clark (8:00), Billy Hemby (10:30)

Eucharistic Ministers: Kim Clark (8:00); Bobbi Harris (L), Hugh Hussey (R), (10:30)

Acolytes: Naomi Byrum, Annika McLean, Lennox Jones

Altar Guild: Eleanor Hyde, Terri Blanton, Cindy Rhodes, Leta Williams

Counters: Melissa Rees, Bob Putney

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

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Welcome & Announcements

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

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The Prayer of Humble Access

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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Blessing

Dismissal

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II 10:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound

The Hymnal 1982 #671

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 know, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts or 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

Glory to God

The Hymnal 1982 S-280

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 234

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Lamentations 1:1-6

A reading from Lamentations.

How lonely sits the city

that once was full of people!

How like a widow she has become,

she that was great among the nations!

She that was a princess among the provinces

has become a vassal.

She weeps bitterly in the night,

with tears on her cheeks;

among all her lovers

she has no one to comfort her;

all her friends have dealt treacherously with her,

they have become her enemies.

Judah has gone into exile with suffering

and hard servitude;

she lives now among the nations,

and finds no resting place;

her pursuers have all overtaken her

in the midst of her distress.

The roads to Zion mourn,

for no one comes to the festivals;

all her gates are desolate,

her priests groan;

her young girls grieve,
 and her lot is bitter.
 Her foes have become the masters,
 her enemies prosper,
 because the Lord has made her suffer
 for the multitude of her transgressions;
 her children have gone away,
 captives before the foe.
 From daughter Zion has departed
 all her majesty.
 Her princes have become like stags
 that find no pasture;
 they fled without strength
 before the pursuer.

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

The Response: Psalm 137

Super flumina

BCP 792

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

10:30 – The Psalm is chanted in unison.



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¹ By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, *

when we remembered you, O Zion.

² As for our harps, we hung them up *
 on the trees in the midst of that land.

³ For those who led us away captive asked us for a song,
 and our oppressors called for mirth: *
 "Sing us one of the songs of Zion."

⁴ How shall we sing the Lord'S song *
 upon an alien soil.

⁵ If I forget you, O Jerusalem, *
 let my right hand forget its skill.

⁶ Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth
 if I do not remember you, *
 if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.

⁷ Remember the day of Jerusalem, O Lord,
 against the people of Edom, *

who said, "Down with it! down with it!
even to the ground!"

8 O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, *
happy the one who pays you back
for what you have done to us!

⁹ Happy shall he be who takes your little ones, *
and dashes them against the rock!

The Second Lesson

2 Timothy 1:1-14

A reading from Second Timothy.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God~ whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did~ when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*** Sequence Hymn**

O thou who camest from above

The Hymnal 1982 #704

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

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

+++ *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

Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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 Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Sam and Jennifer, our Bishops and 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 Donald our President, Josh 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:
Sharon Wethington, Cameron Shearin, Craig Jackson, Keith Byrum, Carter Grine, Robyn Camden, Jim Godfrey, Ralph and Ruth Worrell, Lamont Futrell, Phyllis Connor, Christy Mutchler, John Bohne, Dawson Noble, Pat Holloman, Grace McLean, George Weaver, Allen, Becky, and Jean Long. Peace for the people of Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia, Ethiopia, and all refugees fleeing nations mired in military conflict; the people of Syria, Turkey, Canada, Texas, and all peoples recovering from natural disasters. For those who are depressed or lonely... for the men and women serving in our armed forces at home or abroad.

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: Christine Gilmore, Lee Robbins, Randall Hornsby, Blake Boykin.

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

Awake, my soul, and with the sun

The Hymnal 1982 #11

*** The Doxology**

The Hymnal 1982 #380 v.3

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**

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

Sometimes a light surprises the Christian while he sings

The Hymnal 1982 #667

Great is thy faithfulness

LEVAS #189

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

The Hymnal 1982 #488

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. Prayers are offered in the Baptistry Chapel at the back of the church.

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
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
your Son,
And now, Father, send us out
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.



of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
that we are living members of the Body of
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
to do the work you have given us to do,

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.**

*** Dismissal**

Celebrant Go in peace, glorifying the LORD by your life.

People Thanks be to God.

*** Recessional Hymn**

O God of every nation

The Hymnal 1982 #607

Postlude

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God

In honor of

Donn Holt, on his birthday

By
Connie Holt

Announcements



10/08/2025 -Noon HE and Healing service in the chapel.

10/08/2025-Choir practice at 4:30pm.

10/08/2025-Dinner, Bible Study and Children's Choir-5:30pm

St. Tim's Lunch Bunch is going to Amy Jo's following the 10:30am service today. If you are planning on going please head to the Common Room following the service. All are invited.

Get your lobster tickets! They are \$25 each live or cooked. Please see one of the Community Outreach team members or call the church office. All proceeds are going to support the YMCA's Y-Gig after school program.

Upcoming Events: October 22nd Pumpkin Carving

October 30th Trunk or Treating

Please see Connie to sign up your car or truck for the event.

VESTRY

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

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

Class of 2027: Brandon McLean, Ray Harris, Kathryn Harrison, Scott Thompson

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 your

8:00 Prayers of the People, Holy Eucharist: Rite I

The Deacon or other person appointed says

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

After each paragraph of this prayer, the People may make an appropriate response, as directed.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Bishop Rowe, Sam and Jennifer, our bishops; and John Gibson, who is our celebrant and preacher today; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life; and we remember and give thanks especially for those members of our congregation celebrating birthdays this week: Christine Gilmore, Lee Robbins, Randall Hornsby, and Blake Boykin.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Donald, our President; Josh, our Governor; and Carlton, our Mayor; that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Sharon Wethington, Cameron Shearin, Craig Jackson, Keith Byrum, Carter Grine, Robyn Camden, Jim Godfrey, Ralph and Ruth Worrell, Lamont Futrell, Phyllis Connor, Christy Mutchler, John Bohne, Pat Holloman, Dawson Noble, Grace McLean, George Weaver, Allen, Becky, and Jean Long. 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 the lack of respect for the dignity of every person. For those who are depressed or lonely... for the men and women serving in our armed forces at home or abroad.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God; St. Timothy, our Patron; and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**