

# ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Sharing the Gospel and God's love through praise, worship and service to others.*



ASH WEDNESDAY

MARCH 2, 2022

6:00PM

# ASH WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### SALUTATION

*Priest* Let us pray.

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

*see insert or click [HERE](#)*

### FIRST READING

**JOEL 2:1-2, 12-17**

*(see insert or click [HERE](#))*

*Lector:* A reading from Joel

*After the reading*

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* Thanks be to God.

### PSALM 103

*see insert or click [HERE](#)*

*Lector:* Let us say Psalm 103 in unison.

### SECOND READING

**2 CORINTHIANS 5:20b-6:10**

*(see insert or click [HERE](#))*

*Lector:* A reading from Second Corinthians

*After the reading*

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

### THE GOSPEL

**MATTHEW 6:1-6, 16-21**

*(see insert or click [HERE](#))*

*The people stand.*

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

*After the reading*

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

*The Rev. Alice Marie Mills*

### INVITATION TO A HOLY LENT

*The people stand.*

*Priest* Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faith were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

*Silence is kept, all kneeling.*

### BLESSING OF ASHES

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

### IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*The people come forward to the altar rail*

*Priest* Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

**PSALM 51** (*said in unison*)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgment.

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb.

For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy Spirit for me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

I shall teach your ways to the wicked, and sinners shall return to you.

Deliver me from death, O God, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,  
O God of my salvation

Open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice; but you take no delight in burnt offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

**LITANY OF PENITENCE**

*All kneel and say together*

Most holy and merciful Father: we confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our

own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

*The Deacon continues*

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven. *Have mercy on us, Lord.*

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit. *Have mercy on us, Lord.*

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness; the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives, *We confess to you, Lord.*

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, *We confess to you, Lord.*

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves, *We confess to you, Lord.*

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work, *We confess to you, Lord.*

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us, *We confess to you, Lord.*

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, *Accept our repentance, Lord.*

For all false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, *Accept our repentance, Lord.*

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, *Accept our repentance, Lord.*

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us; *Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.*

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation, *That we may show forth your glory in the world.*

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord, *Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.*

*Priest stands facing the people and says*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **THE PEACE**

*Priest*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*            *And with thy spirit.*

## **OFFERTORY**

*Priest* But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13: 15, 16*

*The people bring forward their offerings.*

*The liturgy emphasizes the offering of one's entire self to God in the form of prayer, service, and treasure. Many use alternative ways to offer treasure, thereby losing the opportunity to partake in a physical way during worship. To affirm your intentions this week, consider making a*

*tangible offering to be blessed on the altar using the anonymous form found in the pew or click [HERE](#) for the virtual form.*

*Monetary offerings may be placed in the plate, made electronically through your bank, mailed to the church, and made on the church website.*

### **DOXOLOGY** *(said)*

*Priest* All things come of thee, O Lord.

*People* And of thine own have we given thee.

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

#### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I**

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And with thy spirit.*

*Priest* Lift up your hearts.

*People* *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

*Priest* Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

*People* *It is meet and right so to do.*

*the Priest continues*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**SANCTUS** (*said*)

*Priest and People*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Priest continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.



And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The Priest breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Priest* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

## **AGNUS DEI** *(said)*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

## **PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*For those worshipping at home.*

Lord Jesus Christ, present in the Most Blessed Sacrament which we cannot physically receive, we embrace your spiritual presence within where we remain forever united. Amen.

## **PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

*Priest and People*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he is us. Amen.

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*Priest* 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.

*Ushers guide nine parishioners at a time to the altar rail.*

*Please observe three-foot distance by kneeling or standing at a blue X.*

*Communion is offered in both kinds.*

*After the bread is placed in your hands by the priest, the Lay Eucharistic Minister will hold the chalice low for you to intinct your bread in the wine.*

*If you would like to be anointed with oil and receive healing prayer, indicate your desire by touching your forehead prior to receiving the bread.*

*Priest*            The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Priest*            Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

### **THE BLESSING**

The peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

### **THE DISMISSAL**

### **St. Timothy's Vestry**

Senior Warden: *Janis Leaphart*

Junior Warden: *Janice Nepita*

Class of 2022: *Janis Leaphart, Diane Carr*

Class of 2023: *Janice Nepita*

Class of 2024: *Lauren Larmon, Dale Lowder, Joanne Moody*

Clerk of the Vestry: *Katelyn Kenney*

Parish Treasurer: *Dale Lowder*

### **St. Timothy's Staff**

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### **Clergy Hours/Sabbath Days**

**Alice's** regular schedule is Sunday – Wednesday, observing Friday as her sabbath, while remaining on call for pastoral emergencies.

**Margaret's** regular schedule is half-days Wednesdays and Sundays, observing Monday as her sabbath, while remaining available for committee work/consultation

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