

ST. TIMOTHY ANGLICAN CHURCH

Meeting on the Traditional Territories of the
Musqueam, Squamish, & Tsleil Waututh Nations

MAY 29, 2022 – ASCENSION SUNDAY



10:00 am – Holy Communion

ORDER OF SERVICE – HOLY COMMUNION

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Welcome

Processional: **“Rise Up, O Saints of God”** CP # 586

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Presider: May his grace and peace be with you

People: **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Gloria: **“Glory to God”** CP # 702

Refrain: **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.**

1. **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God, and Father,
we worship you; we give you thanks; we praise you for your glory. Refrain**
2. **Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. Refrain**
3. **For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most-High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Refrain**

The Collect:

Presider: God unheld by word or wall: lift us from dullness and cynical contempt; make us ready for your Spirit of transforming power; and turn our hearts to the mending of the world, through Jesus Christ, the name above all names.

All: **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: **Acts 1.1-11** Vern Seel

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to

wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church,
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 47

by George Black

Refrain:



Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a cry of joy. For the Most High is to be feared; the Ruler of all the earth. ***Refrain***

Who subdues the people under us, and the nations under our feet. Who chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob beloved of God. ***Refrain***

God has gone up with a shout, the Most High with the sound of the ram's-horn. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our Sovereign sing praises. ***Refrain***

For God rules over all the earth; sing praises with all your skill. God reigns over the nations; God sits upon the highest throne. ***Refrain***

The nobles of the peoples have gathered together with the people of the God of Abraham. The rulers of the earth belong to God, to the One who is highly exalted. ***Refrain***

Second Reading: Ephesians 1.15-23

Bev Robertson

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church,

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual: "Alleluia No. 1" – Vs. 1-2

CP # 405

The Holy Gospel: Luke 24.44-53

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple blessing God."

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual: “Alleluia No. 1” – *Vs. 3-4*

CP # 405

Sermon:

The Rev. James Duckett

Opportunity for Contemplation with Musical Interlude

Erica Buchignani

The Nicene Creed:

Presider: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All: 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. With the Father and the Son, (s)he is worshipped and glorified. (S)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:

Angeline Seel

Leader: Let us pray in faith to God our Father, to his Son Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, saying, “*Hear us, Lord of glory!*”

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader: That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader: That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader: That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader: That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader: That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader: That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Confession and Absolution:

Presider: Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God. Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Merciful God,

All: We have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done, and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

Presider: Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on us, pardon us, and set us free. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in life eternal.

All: Amen

The Peace:

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

CP # 486

Prayer over the Gifts:

Presider: Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew us in his transfigured life; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Sursum Corda:

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Eucharistic Prayer EP # 3

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his glorious resurrection appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. Therefore, we praise you with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus: "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" CP # 719
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Presider: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore. You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water.

You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes,

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again

Presider: With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

All: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Presider: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

All: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Presider: Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

SGP # 12

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All: 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 Breaking of the Bread:

Presider: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: Now we are raised to new life.

Presider: We were buried in your tomb.
All: Now we share in your resurrection.
Presider: Live in us, that we may live in you.

Agnus Dei: "Lamb of God" CP # 690
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Presider: Come to this table not because you must - but because you may. Come not because you have all faith, but because you have some faith and would like to grow. Come because you love the Lord and would like to love more. Come because all is ready and because you are his body.

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

All seekers of Christ are welcome at this table. If you would like to receive Communion, please form/ join the line across the front of the chancel step. Intinction is not permitted in this Diocese. You are invited to sip the wine; touch, bow, or otherwise acknowledge the chalice of wine; or pass it by as you prefer. To bring Communion to your seat, please ask a Sidesperson or Greeter. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please come forward with your arms folded across your chest. If you are joining us online or otherwise not receiving communion at this time, you may wish to say the following prayer:

"In union, O God, with all your faithful people gathered wherever the Eucharist is celebrated this day, I offer you praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption given to us through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, and for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I pray you come into my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you. May I serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your promised reign of justice and peace; through Christ and in the unity of the Spirit. Amen."

Hymn: "O Christ, the Great Foundation" CP # 524

Prayer after Communion:

Presider: Eternal Giver of love and power,
All: your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Doxology:

Presider: Glory to God

All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

The Blessing

May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and brighten your hearts with holiness; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Recessional: “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

CP # 374

Dismissal:

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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SANCTUARY FLOWERS for today's service are given to the Glory of God,
by Liz McEwan in loving memory of family & friends.

COFFEE HOUR: Following worship today, please come and join us for some refreshments and fellowship in the Hall downstairs. Thank-you goes out to our volunteers for providing the tea & coffee service today.

If you would like to help host Coffee Hour, please let Pat Henderson know.

FLOWER DEDICATIONS: Please send your flower dedications for this month into the office (604-299-6816) as soon as you are able to assure they get into the bulletin.

Not sure if you've signed up for flowers this month? Then please check the Flower Chart hanging near the front doors in the Narthex.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

FOR OUR CHURCH LEADERS: We pray for Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, Primate of Canada Linda Nicholls, National Lutheran Bishop Susan Johnson, Interim National Indigenous Anglican Bishop Sidney Black, Lutheran Synod of BC Bishop Kathy Martin, Anglican Bishop John Stephens. We also offer our continual prayers for our companion diocese, The Episcopal Diocese of the Northern Philippines, and its Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Brent Alawas & for Padi (Rev.) Cyril Santong of our companion parish, St. Timothy, Dantay.

IN THE WORLD: We pray for all who have been affected by COVID virus: those who are ill, treating the sick, mourning the losses, or working to ensure the safety of all. We pray for peace in Ukraine and an end to the senseless violence.

IN OUR DIOCESE: We pray for Holy Trinity, Vancouver - The Rev. Karl Przywala; Church of the Holy Trinity, White Rock – The Rev. Joe Dirbas, The Rev. Wesley Hills, The Rev. Paul Richards; Holy Trinity Cathedral, New Westminster - The Ven. Richard Leggett, The Rev. Carole Neilson, The Rev. Monte Tugwete.

IN OUR PARISH: We pray for the needs of those in the Parish of St. Timothy, particularly: Brenda & the Symonds family, Peggy, Lilian, Lourdes & family, Judith, Vivian, Jeannette, Stacey & the Walsh-Lewington family, Mary Lou, Pat, Ted & the Rattenberry family, June & the Kaiser family, Loy L., Lizz L.

If you would like your name or that of your loved one on the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office with an update.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday Evening Compline

COMPLINE

*Ongoing
Thursdays*

Come & join St. Stephen's with St. Timothy's on **Thursdays** from **8:30-9:00 PM**, for Compline Prayers offered via Zoom. Join us for a short (*under 30 minutes*) prayer developed by monks & nuns to be said as their last prayers before bedtime.

Our Zoom-based worship is simple, meditative, and quiet.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82048536733?pwd=WDA1dG5nV1VqTnZmTUtmBXJoczFZQT09>

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The Parish of St. Timothy is an open and affirming community of Christians that welcomes *all* to worship, pray, learn, grow, share life's journeys, and to show the world God's love.

Currently, we are offering Sunday Worship service at **10:00 AM**, in person as well as online. **N.B.**– *Social distancing and masks are recommended. Masks and hand sanitizer will be available.*

To learn more about the activities of the Parish and how you might become involved, please visit our website, find us on Facebook, join our email list, or contact the Parish Office at (604-299-6816).

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