## St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

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The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 7, 2012, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

## Prelude

## The Word of God

At the tolling of the bell, all stand.

Entrance Hymn

Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve

Hymnal 546

## The Opening Acclamation (standing)

CelebrantBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Collect for Purity

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.* 

Hymn of Praise	Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this race	WLP 819
	(At the 9:30 service, the children may follow the cross to Godly Play.)	

## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And also with you.
Celebrant:	Let us pray.

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.* 

## **First Reading**

The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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

#### Psalm 8

1

O LORD our Governor, \* how exalted is your Name in all the world!

#### 2

Out of the mouths of infants and children \* your majesty is praised above the heavens.

3

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, \* to quell the enemy and the avenger.

#### 4

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \* the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

#### 5

What is man that you should be mindful of him? \* the son of man that you should seek him out?

#### 6

You have made him but little lower than the angels; \* you adorn him with glory and honor;

#### 7

You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \* you put all things under his feet:

#### 8

All sheep and oxen, \* even the wild beasts of the field, 9

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \* and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

10

O LORD our Governor, \* how exalted is your Name in all the world!

## Second Reading

## Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not vet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saving, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

All stand.

#### The Sequence Hymn

Spirit divine, attend our prayers

Hymnal 509

All stand.

## Holy Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

# CelebrantThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no

longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Celebrant	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### The Sermon

The Rev. Bradford A. Rundlett, Rector

#### Nicene Creed

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 for the Season of Pentecost

Leader: Dear people of God, let us pray.

#### (Pause)

*Leader:* Great Creator, hear our prayers for your creation. Renew our awe and appreciation for the world you have made. Make us good stewards. *Help us cherish the earth, and preserve all life.* 

#### (Pause)

Leader: Spirit of God, hear our prayers for humanity. Turn our wars into peace, our cruelty into compassion, greed into generosity, poverty and oppression into prosperity. *Grant us the courage and grace to reconcile and restore the human family.* 

#### (Pause)

Leader: Divine Majesty, hear our prayers for this nation. Bless and direct all of our elected officials. Guide your public servants as they struggle with the challenges of these times. Help us work together for the good of all.

#### (Pause)

*Leader*: Merciful Savior, hear our prayers for the victims of human violence, disease, and natural disasters; for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We commend them to your loving care and ask you to heal their infirmities and change their sorrow into joy. *Give us the knowledge, wisdom, and compassion to mend the wounds of your people.* 

#### (Pause)

*Leader:* Sovereign Christ, bless forever all who have died and those who are dying now. Give us faith to see in death the gate to eternal life, your arms extended in welcome, and all the saints rejoicing. *Confirm our faith and strengthen our hope.* 

#### (Pause)

*Leader:* Spirit of life, hear our prayers for your Church throughout the world, for the Anglican Communion, the Episcopal Church, the Diocese of Virginia, our Bishops Shannon Sherwood Johnston, Edwin F. Gulick, and Susan Goff; and for St. Timothy's. Perfect our faith, ignite our passion to accomplish your good will, make us agents of grace. *Help us spread faith, hope, love, and joy, throughout your world.* 

#### (Pause)

*Leader:* God of abundance and providence, you made us, named us, love us, and bless us beyond all accounting. *We thank you, and we praise you.* 

#### (Pause)

Leader: Gracious God, all we are and all we have is a gift from you. We offer ourselves to your service. Give us grace, we pray, to be faithful, wise, just, and generous in all we do. Amen.

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People: And also with you.* 

#### Welcome & Announcements

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

## The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem	Jacob's Ladder	Arr. Daniel Kallman
Presentation Hymn	Fight the good fight with all thy might	Hymnal 552

## The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

#### 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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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:

#### Sanctus

Celebrant and People 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. WLP 857

#### The people stand or kneel.

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.

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*.

## The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

CelebrantAlleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.PeopleTherefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Fraction Anthem

Eat this bread

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*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## Holy Communion

(We welcome all who come with faith and reverence to receive communion. If you'd like to come forward for a blessing, please kneel placing your arms across your chest and the priest will bless you. Receive the bread in the palm of your hand and eat the bread or wait until the cup comes and dip the bread in the wine. If you prefer to drink the wine from the cup, please guide the cup to your lips.)

## **Communion Hymn**

Where cross the crowded ways of life

Hymnal 609

## **Postcommunion Prayer**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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 his 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.

## The Blessing

Closing Hymn	Gracious Spirit, give your servants	WLP 782
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## Dismissal

Celebrant:	Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People:	Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

#### Postlude