

# St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

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## The Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2011

11:00 a.m.

## Holy Eucharist: Rite II Confirmation and Reception

**Prelude** *Come, let us sing to the Lord* Jody Lindh  
Jubilate Choir

### The Word of God

**Entrance Hymn** *There's a voice in the wilderness crying* **Hymnal 75**  
*Please stand.*

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;  
*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People* **One God and Father of all.**

### The Collect of the Day

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

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**First Reading** **Isaiah 40:1-11**  
*Please be seated.*

“Comfort, O comfort my people,” says your God. “Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.” A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.” A voice says, “Cry out!” And I said, “What shall I cry?” All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of

*The Celebrant continues*  
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

#### *Celebrant and People*

***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

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**  
*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*We welcome all who come with faith and reverence to receive communion. If you would 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** *Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless* **Hymnal 343**

### Post Communion Prayer

*Please kneel as you are able.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

#### *Celebrant and People*

***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**

### The Dismissal

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

**Postlude** *From Heaven Above, to Earth, I Come* J.S. Bach

### The Peace

*Please stand.*

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

### Welcome & Announcements

## The Holy Communion

### The Offertory

*Celebrant* Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

**Anthem** *Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates* Mark Schweizer

**Presentation Hymn** *Prepare the way, O Zion* **Hymnal 65**  
*Please stand.*

### The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

*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 continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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** *Holy, holy, holy Lord* **Hymnal S 128**

***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.***

*Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People* ***We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;***

Judah, “Here is your God!” See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

**Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13**

*Sung by choir and congregation.*



- 1 You have been gracious to your / land, O LORD,\*  
you have restored the good for/tune of Jacob.
  
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your / people\*  
and blotted / out all their sins.
  
- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is say/ing,\*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who / turn their hearts to him.
  
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who / fear him,\*  
that his glory may / dwell in our land.
  
- 10 Mercy and truth have met to/gether,\*  
righteousness and peace have / kissed each other.
  
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the / earth,\*  
and righteousness shall look / down from heaven.
  
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant pros/perity,\*  
and our land will / yield its increase.
  
- 13 Righteousness shall go be/fore him,\*  
and peace shall be a / pathway for his feet.

**Second Reading**

**2 Peter 3:8-15a**

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish, and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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

**Sequence Hymn**

*On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*

**Hymnal 76**

*Please stand.*

**Gospel**

**Mark 1:1-8**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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

**The Sermon**

The Rt. Rev. Edwin F. Gulick  
 Assistant Bishop

*Please be seated.*

**Presentation and Examination of the Candidates**

*Bishop* The Candidates will now be presented.

*The Bishop asks the candidates*  
 Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

*Candidates* I do.

*Bishop* Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?  
*Candidates* I do, and with God’s grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

*After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying*  
 Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

*The Bishop then says*  
 Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

**The Baptismal Covenant**

*Bishop* Do you believe in God the Father?  
*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Bishop* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Bishop* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Bishop* Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God’s help.**

*Bishop* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God’s help.**

*Bishop* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God’s help.**

*Bishop* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God’s help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God’s help.**

*Bishop* Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

**Prayers for the Candidates**

*Leader* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send them into the world in witness to your love.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Then the Bishop says*  
 Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Confirmation and Reception**

*The Bishop lays hands upon each candidate, saying prayers of confirmation and reception.*

*The Bishop concludes with this prayer*  
 Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**