# **St. Timothy's Episcopal Church** Holy Eucharist: Rite Two



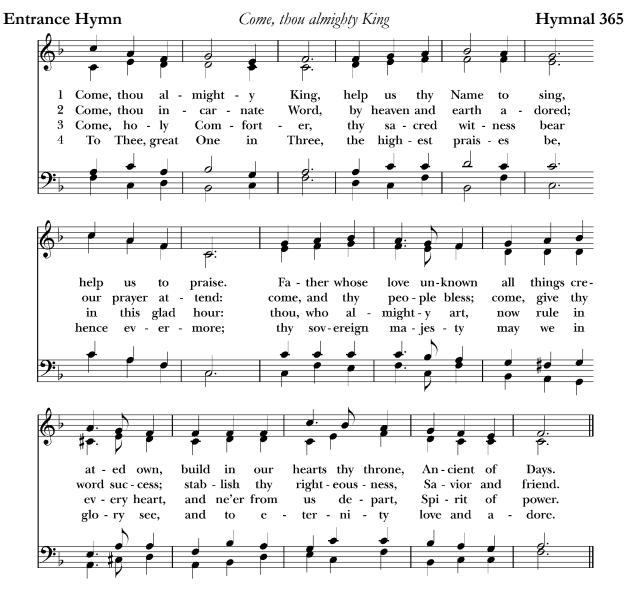
## The First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday

May 26, 2024 | 9:00

The Rev. Peter Wallace - Celebrant and Preacher

#### Prelude

Please stand as the ministers enter



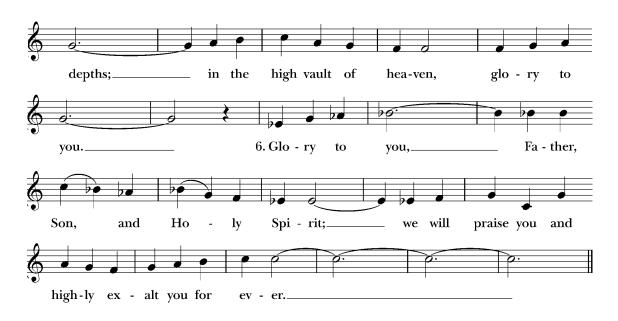
## **Opening Acclamation**

CelebrantBless the Lord who forgives all our sins;PeopleHis mercy endures for ever.

The Celebrant and the People will then say

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.





## The Collect of the Day

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

The Celebrant says the collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

## The Lessons

The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

#### A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (6:1-8)

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

After the Reading, the Reader says

PeopleThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.



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- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you *gods,* \* ascribe to the LORD glory and *strength*.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his *Name*; \* worship the LORD in the beauty of *holiness*.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory *thunders;* \* the LORD is upon the mighty *waters*.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful *voice;* \* the voice of the LORD is a voice of *splendor*.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar *trees;* \* the LORD breaks the cedars of *Lebanon;*
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a *calf,* \* and Mount Hermon like a young wild *ox*.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
  the voice of the LORD shakes the *wilderness;* \*
  the LORD shakes the wilderness of Ka*desh*.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees *writhe* \* and strips the forests *bare*.

- 9 And in the temple of the LORD \* all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the *flood*; \* the LORD sits enthroned as King for ever*more*.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his *people*; \* the LORD shall give his people the blessing of *peace*.

#### A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans (8:12-17)

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

After the Reading, the Reader says

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#### Sequence Hymn My God, how wonderful thou art Hymnal 643 Unison or harmony thy 1 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, ma - jes - ty how bright, ev - er - last - ing 2 How dread are thine e - ter - nal years, 0 Lord, 3 How won - der - ful, how beau - ti - ful, the sight of thee must be, 4 O how Ι fear thee, liv - ing God, deep - est, ten - derest fears, with 5 Yet Ι may love thee too, O Lord, al - might - y as thou art, 1 how beau - ti ful thy mer - cy in depths of burn-ing light! seat, 2 by pros-trate spi - rits day and night in - ces - sant - ly a - dored! 3 thine end - less wis - dom, bound-less power, awe - ful pur - i - ty! and 4 and wor-ship thee with trem - bling hope and pen - i - ten - tial tears! for thou hast stooped to of my poor heart. $\mathbf{5}$ ask of me the love

## The Gospel

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. (3:1-17)

#### People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

 After the Gospel, the Reader says

 The Gospel of the Lord.

 People
 Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon

The Rev. Peter Wallace

A moment of silent reflection follows the sermon.

### Nicene Creed

The Celebrant and People then say the Nicene Creed together, all standing.

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.

## The Prayers of the People

### **Trinity Sunday**

In the silence that follows each bidding, intercessions may be offered silently, or aloud.

*Celebrant* Sisters and brothers, we have been baptized into a holy mystery. As Christians, let us pray to God, saying, "Unity in Trinity, bend your ear. Trinity in Unity, hear our prayer."

*Leader* Glory to you, Lord God of our forebears. Guide your Church into all truth by your Holy Spirit. Fill our hearts with hope so that we may fulfill the ministries to which we have been called with faith and boldness. *Silence* 

Leader Unity in Trinity, bend your ear. People Trinity in Unity, hear our prayer.

Glory to you, Lord God. You delight in the human race. And so we trust that your heart breaks with the brokenhearted. Comfort all those who suffer.

Unity in Trinity, bend your ear. Trinity in Unity, hear our prayer.

Glory to you, Lord God. You established the heavens and marked out the foundations of the earth. Let all of creation praise you forever. *The congregation is invited to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.* 

Unity in Trinity, bend your ear. Trinity in Unity, hear our prayer.

Glory to you, Lord God. By endurance you bring forth character in your people. We remember before you, O God, all those who have died in service to the people of this nation. For their courage and care, we give you thanks. *Silence* 

Unity in Trinity, bend your ear. Trinity in Unity, hear our prayer.

Glory to you, Lord God. We pray for our loved ones because our hope is placed in you, and hope placed in you, O God, does not disappoint. Bless and heal those for whom we pray. *The congregation is invited to add their petitions, followed by silence.* 

Unity in Trinity, bend your ear. Trinity in Unity, hear our prayer.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory. *Silence* 

Unity in Trinity, bend your ear. Trinity in Unity, hear our prayer.

## (Special intentions of the congregation, the diocese, and the Anglican Communion may be added here or before the formal intercessions.)

#### The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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.

## The Confession

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution

## The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

PeopleThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

#### Prayers for special occasions

#### Graduation prayer:

#### Loving God,

God of our journeys, endings, and new beginnings, through the highs and lows, the twists and turns this class has faced along the way, we have faith that your love has guided them from the moment they began through their graduation day, and that you will continue to guide them on their paths ahead.

We give you thanks and praise for the goodness that shines in the relationships they have formed, the knowledge they have learned, and the memories they have made in their schools.

Bless the body, mind, and soul of every graduate, that they may celebrate your glory in themselves and in all creation, and use their education to build your kingdom of peace and love.

Through Christ we pray, Amen.

[Adapted from a prayer by Rev. Timothy J. S. Seamans]

**Birthday prayer**: Watch over thy *child*, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever *he* may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* fall; and in *his* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Anniversary prayer**: Most gracious God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, pour out the abundance of your blessing upon this couple. Defend them from every enemy. Lead them into all peace. Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts, a mantle about their shoulders, and a crown upon their foreheads. Bless them in their work and in the companionship; in their sleeping and in their waking; in their joys and in their sorrows; and in their life and in their death. Amen.

## Announcements

## The Offertory Sentence

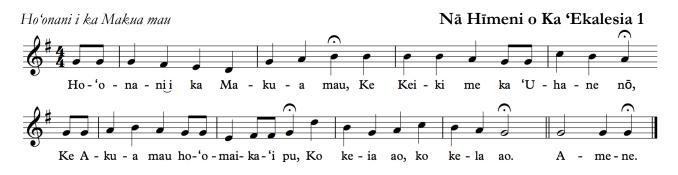
The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2* 

## The Holy Communion



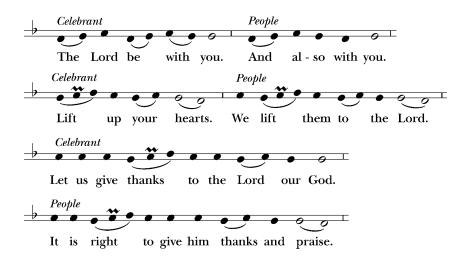
Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar. Once the altar is prepared the following Doxology may be sung.



## The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says



#### 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.

#### Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed. Trinity Sunday

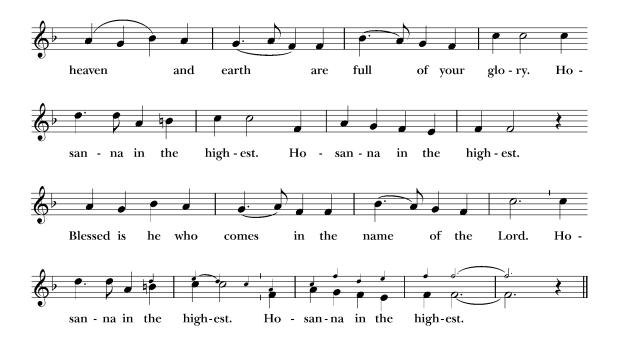
For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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:

Celebrant and People then sing the Sanctus

Hymnal S 125





#### The people stand or kneel. 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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.

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.

Celebrant and People then sing the Amen

Hymnal S 143



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

#### People and Celebrant

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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

#### 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.

## Ministration of Communion

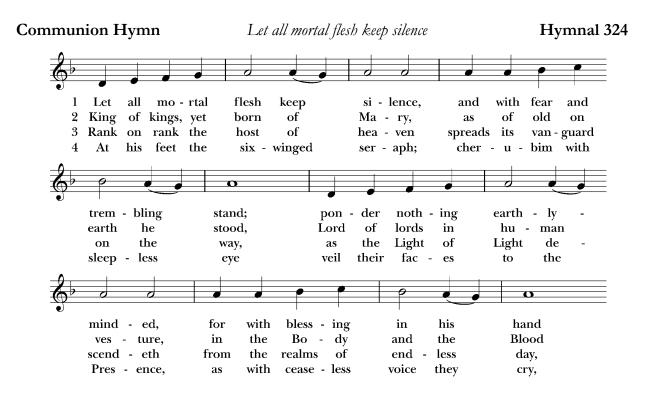
In The Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion regardless of age or Christian tradition. Anglicans believe in the "Real Presence" of Christ; in the Bread and Wine, Christ is made "real" and "present" to us. By this grace Christ is received even if only one of the elements is received if you so wish.

As you come forward, you may receive the Bread from the priest, then you may go to the chalice on your left (facing the altar) to intinct the bread ("DIP"), or to your right to drink from the cup ("SIP"). Please refrain if you are not feeling well. Those who are not baptized or prefer not to take communion may receive a blessing from the priest; please indicate your request by crossing your arms over your heart.

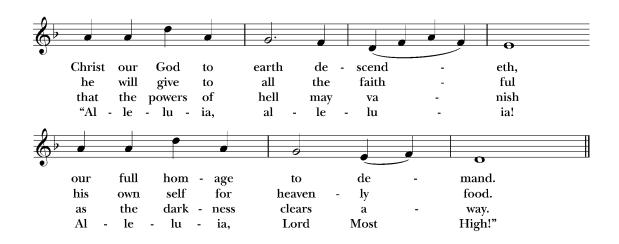
#### A Prayer for Those Participating from Home

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive Communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. *Amen.* 

Faith @ Home: Prayer/Act of Reception for those who cannot receive the Sacrament (from St. Augustine's Prayer Book, Order of the Holy Cross)



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#### **Postcommunion Prayer**

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 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, 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. Celebrant blesses the people

Lord, open unto us...

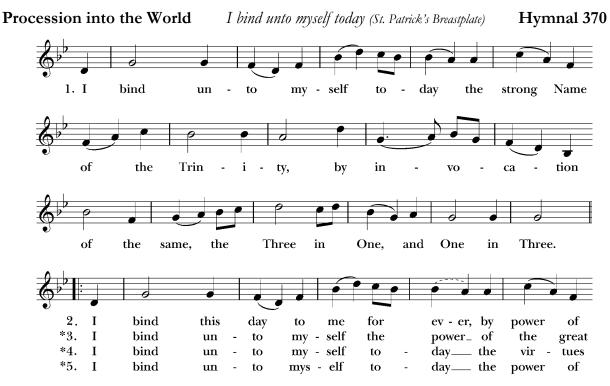
#### Open unto us

---light for our darkness.
---courage for our fear.
---hope for our despair.
---peace for our turmoil.
---joy for our sorrow.
---strength for our weakness.
---wisdom for our confusion.
---forgiveness for our sins.
---love for our hates.

Lord, open unto us---thy Self for myself. Lord, Lord, open unto us.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you now and remain with you forever. Amen.

-Adapted from Howard Thurman, Meditations from the Heart (1953).



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The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses with these words

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

#### Postlude

People

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