

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church January 23rd, 2022 - 10AM

Prelude Rawsthorne – Aria

Welcome The Rev. Bruce Bramlett

Opening Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #657

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Presider: 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.

People: Amen.

Gloria Will Watkins

Glory be to God on high; peace to his people on earth! Glory be to God on high; peace to his people on earth! We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we give you thanks; bless you, worship you, praise you for your glory. Glory be to God on high; peace to his people on earth!

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, take away our sins, receive our prayer. For you alone are holy, you alone are the Lord, you alone are most high, Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father, Amen!

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray. Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 62:1-5

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads

and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

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

Psalm 19



The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork. One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another. Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard. Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world. In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course. It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat. The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent. The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward. Who can tell how often he offends? cleanse me from my secret faults. Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound and innocent of a great offense. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

The New Testament 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

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

Song One Body

The Gospel Luke 4:14-21

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

The Sermon The Rev. Bruce Bramlett

The Nicene Creed

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 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 BCP, Form III

Reader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

 $\label{thm:church may truly and humbly serve you;} Reader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;}$

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people. Reader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments. Reader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth. Reader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Reader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Reader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Reader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Reader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

(prayers from the Bulletin and the Candle Table are read)

Presider: 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.

The Confession

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

All: 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

The Absolution

Presider: 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

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

People: And also with you.

Announcements, Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthday Prayer: O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as he/she/they begin(s) another year. Grant that he/she/they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his/her/their trust in your goodness all the days of his/her/their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Music	Dwell
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The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

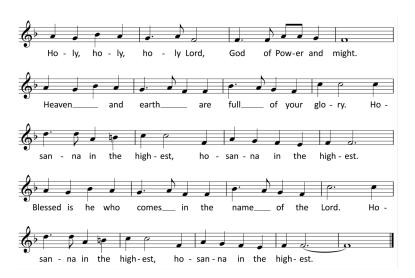
People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider: 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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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



Presider: 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**

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

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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 tresspasses, 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.



Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Music:

Maxwell-Davies: Farewell to Stromness

Post-communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

All: 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 Song Come To Know The One

Dismissal

Presider: Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Postlude Bach: Prelude in Cm

Announcements

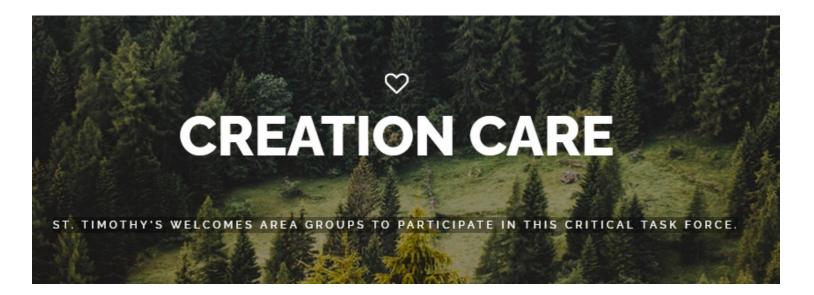


Live! January Sunday Services @ 10 a.m.

Sunday 23 January: The Rev. Bruce Bramlett Sunday 30 January: The Rev. Nancy Ross

Socially distanced in the Nave & the Courtyard, and online at: www.sttims.org/services.

January 30th, attend in person or online



A Christian Beginners' Guide to Creation Care

Have you ever wondered why Christians care about creation care and climate change? There is so much information about what is happening and what the causes of change are, it can be overwhelming. The Earth Care Team at St Benedict's Episcopal Church in Los Osos has created a five-week course that strives to answer these questions and guide us to a Christian response. The first session focuses on what is happening to the planet and how this fits in our faith story. The second session talks about how Christians have talked about creation care in the past and how we are called to act now. The last three sessions talk about ways to work as individuals, Christian congregations, and faithful advocates to avert the most dire effects of our changing climate.

St. Timothy's Creation Care Team will present this course virtually during Epiphany on five Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 pm from January 19 through February 16. Each session consists of Bible reflection, a video from a guest presenter, and a group discussion.

Creation Care Tip of the Week

City of Palo Alto and Valley Water Purified Water Project: Find the link in the Wednesday Weekly email to learn how water is being

conserved to drought-proof our local community.

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For more information about Creation Care or to register for A Beginners' Guide to Creation Care, contact Bill Shreve:



Our Altar Guild welcomes flower donations; in loving memory of someone, in honor of someone or an occasion. Please email admin@sttims.org or speak to anyone in the Altar Guild.



Our faith inspires us to pray for each other! Please send your prayer requests for inclusion in our Sunday worship services to Anne Wilde at AnneAerobic@aol.com.

Giving





Please contact the office to learn more about ways to give: admin@sttims.org (650) 967-4724

Small Groups and Family Resources

Small Groups are meeting via Zoom All groups love to welcome new people. Groups generally use a simple Bible study format called a Look Book Took that requires no preparation.

Men's Group meets Tuesdays 7- 8:45pm.
Contact Will at Will.Watkins@gilead.com.
Women's Group meets Wednesdays 1-2pm.
Contact Anne at AnneAerobic@aol.com.
Mixed Group meets Wednesday at 7-8:30pm.
Contact Sue-Ellen at suejhsn@comcast.net.
Family Group meets Thursday nights at 6:15pm.
Contact Ed Stedman at edstedman@gmail.com.



The Rt. Rev. Lucinda Ashby, Bishop The Rev. Bruce Bramlett, Supply Priest Steve Peters, Senior Warden Ed Stegman, Junior Warden Peter Sammel, Music Director



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