

Dear St. Timothy Folk,

We are now fully into the Season after Pentecost, which is generally understood as a season of learning about being a disciple of Christ, and growing further into being the Church.

We start this month with a backward jump to almost 250 years ago. Our service on July 6<sup>th</sup> will be taken from the 1662 English Book of Common Prayer, which would have been what was in use in colonial churches. The liturgy of Morning Prayer followed by the Communion Service would normally have lasted about two hours. We have shortened the liturgy somewhat by leaving out some parts of the Litany, leaving out the second reading of the Lord's Prayer and a second confession, and dropping some other bits.

There will be some anachronisms – starting with having a woman priest! The lessons are those appointed in the Revised Common Lectionary for this Sunday. It would have also been the practice for much of the service to be said responsively by the priest saying a line which the congregation would then repeat. Sometimes this was done because of few prayer books being available, and sometimes because not everyone was able to read. It would also be common for the priest to read almost everything. We will make use of a Lector and a Lay Eucharistic Minister.

The Communion service may seem unfamiliar, even to those who love Rite I. That is because the soon to be formed Episcopal Church adopted the format of the Scottish Episcopal Church Communion service as part of the arrangement for their consecration of Bishop Samuel Seabury.

While not a service used annually, this service is a long-standing tradition at St. Timothy's. Several members will help us celebrate this Sunday by coming in colonial costume. We hope you enjoy this look back at our early roots.

Blessings,

Rev. Linda+