

Welcome to St Timothy's

Living our faith in Jesus Christ
with Open Arms, Open Hearts, Open Minds

Morning Prayer

June 1st, 2023 at 9:30am



Welcome to St. Timothy's! We are an Anglican church with a deep commitment to community. We seek to live our faith in a spirit of welcome for all, compassion for those in need, and a willingness to approach our faith and our culture with inquiring minds.

We are people who, together, long to welcome, serve, and understand. We hope that you will experience that welcome and, if you are a visitor, consider making us your church home.

Justin, Martyr at Rome, c.165

*Please turn off your video and mute yourself
before the service begins.*

Welcome

Opening Sentences

Presider: O Lord, open our lips,

All: and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Presider: Blessed are you, Sovereign God, creator of all,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

You founded the earth in the beginning

and the heavens are the work of your hands.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
and in these last days you have spoken to us
in your Son Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

As we rejoice in the gift of your presence among us
let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,
your Spirit ever renew our lives
and your praises ever be on our lips.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Presider: The night has passed, and the day lies open
before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

Presider: As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Psalm 31: 1 – 5

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.

**Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily.**

Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me.

**You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me,**

take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.

**Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;

**as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Reading

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.’

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

1 Corinthians 1: 18 – 25

Reader: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

All: Thanks be to God.

Thought for the Day

Silence is kept for reflection.

Prayers of Intercession

Leader: Let us pray together to the Lord, saying, “Lord, hear our prayer.”

Loving God, we thank you for your many gifts to us, for the love which brings us together, for the earth which provides for our needs, for the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ, (for . . .).

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray to you for our Christian family (especially for . . .) and for grace to grow in your love.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray to you for our world, for all its cares and needs, and for all who lead us and care for us, (especially . . .)

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray to you for those in need, for the sick and the lonely, for the hurt and the frightened, and for those who live without hope (especially . . .).

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for those we love who have died, that you will surround them with your care and love (especially . . .)

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for one another, asking you to bless us, our friends, and relatives. Bless the places where we work, bless our homes and our life together.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

All: Amen.

The Collect for the Day

Presider: God our redeemer,
who through the folly of the cross taught your martyr Justin
the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ:
remove from us every kind of error
that we, like him, may be firmly grounded in the
faith,
and make your name known to all peoples;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us,

**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 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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Dismissal

Presider: The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life.

All: Amen.

Presider: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.