

Welcome to St Timothy's

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

Morning Prayer

June 2nd, 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.

The Martyrs of Lyons *Blandina and her Companions, 177*

*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.

The Venite – A Song of Triumph

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving
and be glad in him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God

and a great king above all gods.

**In his hand are the depths of the earth
and the heights of the mountains are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it,

and his hands have moulded the dry land.

**Come, let us worship and bow down
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

For he is our God;
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

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.**

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 61: 1 – 5

Hear my cry, O God;
listen to my prayer.
From the end of the earth I call to you,
when my heart is faint.

**Lead me to the rock
that is higher than I;
for you are my refuge,
a strong tower against the enemy.**

Let me abide in your tent for ever,
find refuge under the shelter of your wings.

**For you, O God, have heard my vows;
you have given me the heritage of those who fear
your name.**

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

It happened also that seven brothers and their mother were arrested and were being compelled by the king, under torture with whips and thongs, to partake of unlawful swine's flesh. One of them, acting as their spokesman, said, 'What do you intend to ask and learn from us? For we are ready to die rather than transgress the laws of our ancestors.' The king fell into a rage, and gave orders to have pans and cauldrons heated. These were heated immediately, and he commanded that the tongue of their spokesman be cut out and that they scalp him and cut off his hands and feet, while the rest of the brothers and the mother looked on. When he was utterly helpless, the king ordered them to take him to the fire, still breathing, and to fry him in a pan. The smoke from the pan spread widely, but the brothers and their mother encouraged one another to die nobly, saying, 'The Lord God is watching over us and in truth has compassion on us, as Moses declared in his song that bore witness against the people to their faces, when he said, "And he will have compassion on his servants."' "

After the first brother had died in this way, they brought forward the second for their sport. They tore off the skin of his head with the hair, and asked him, 'Will you eat rather than have your body punished limb by limb?' He replied in the language of his ancestors and said to them, 'No.'

Therefore he in turn underwent tortures as the first brother had done. And when he was at his last breath, he said, 'You accursed wretch, you dismiss us from this present life, but the King of the universe will raise us up to an everlasting renewal of life, because we have died for his laws.'

After him, the third was the victim of their sport. When it was demanded, he quickly put out his tongue and courageously stretched forth his hands, and said nobly, 'I got these from Heaven, and because of his laws I disdain them, and from him I hope to get them back again.' As a result the king himself and those with him were astonished at the young man's spirit, for he regarded his sufferings as nothing.

After he too had died, they maltreated and tortured the fourth in the same way. When he was near death, he said, 'One cannot but choose to die at the hands of mortals and to cherish the hope God gives of being raised again by him. But for you there will be no resurrection to life!'

2 Maccabees 7: 1 – 14

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: Lord God, through your grace we are your people: through your Son you have redeemed us; in your Spirit you have made us your own.

That this day may be holy, good and joyful:
Lord, receive our praise,

All: and hear our prayer.

Leader: That we may offer to you our worship and our work and that you will keep us this day without sin:

Lord, receive our praise,

All: and hear our prayer.

Leader: That we may strive for the well-being of all creation and that we may walk before you in the paths of righteousness and peace:

Lord, receive our praise,

All: and hear our prayer.

Leader: That you will bless your people and lift them up for ever especially ... (the sick and those in need). That in the pleasures and pains of life, we may know the love of Christ and be thankful:

Lord, receive our praise,

All: and hear our prayer.

Leader: That you will guide and protect us by your Holy Spirit and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting:
Lord, receive our praise,
All: and 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: O God, our Hope and Strength,
by your gracious power
the holy martyr Blandina and her companions
so gloried in the name and truth of Christ
that they gladly suffered at the hands of his
enemies.
Grant that we who keep their feast
may be so rooted in the ground of your love
that we may bear the wondrous fruit of
redemption
upon the only Tree of Life, your Son Jesus Christ
our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you and 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.