

# Welcome to St Timothy's

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

## Morning Prayer

April 23rd, 2024 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.

# *Easter FERIA*

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

*Welcome*

## *Opening Sentences*

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

**All: and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Leader: In your resurrection, O Christ,

**All: let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.**

Leader: Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.

As once you ransomed your people from Egypt  
and led them to freedom in the promised land,  
so now you have delivered us from the dominion  
of darkness

and brought us into the kingdom of your risen Son.

May we, the first fruits of your new creation,  
rejoice in this new day you have made,  
and praise you for your mighty acts.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All: Blessed be God for ever.**

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

*Silence is kept.*

Leader: 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 47*

Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,  
a great king over all the earth.**

He subdued peoples under us,  
and nations under our feet.

**He chose our heritage for us,  
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

God has gone up with a shout,  
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

**Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

For God is the king of all the earth;  
sing praises with a psalm.

**God is king over the nations;  
God sits on his holy throne.**

The princes of the peoples gather  
as the people of the God of Abraham.

**For the shields of the earth belong to God;  
he is highly exalted.**

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*

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,  
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the  
Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.  
We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention  
you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God  
and Father your work of faith and labour of love and  
steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know,  
brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you,  
because our message of the gospel came to you not in word  
only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full  
conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved  
to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of  
us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received  
the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you  
became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in  
Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from  
you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place  
where your faith in God has become known, so that we have  
no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions  
report about us what kind of welcome we had among you,  
and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and

true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

*1 Thessalonians 1: 1 – 10*

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: On this day that the Lord has made, let us pray for the people he has redeemed.

That we may live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross:

Lord, receive our praise

**All: and hear our prayer.**

Leader: That all people may receive the good news of his victory:

Lord, receive our praise

**All: and hear our prayer.**

Leader: That those born to new life in the waters of baptism may know the power of his resurrection:

Lord, receive our praise

**All: and hear our prayer.**

Leader: That those who suffer pain and anguish may find healing and peace in the wounds of Christ:

Lord, receive our praise

**All: and hear our prayer.**

Leader: That in the undying love of Christ we may be united with all who have died in the faith of Christ:

Lord, receive our praise

**All: and hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us commend the world, in which Christ rose from the dead to the mercy and protection of God.

**All: Amen.**

### *The Collect for the Day*

Leader: Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:

raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

### *The Lord's Prayer*

Leader: Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
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*

Leader: May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal  
life.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia.

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**