

# Welcome to St Timothy's

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

## Morning Prayer

April 25th, 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.

# *St. Mark the Evangelist*

*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 145: 13b – 21*

The Lord is faithful in all his words,  
and gracious in all his deeds.

**The Lord upholds all who are falling,  
and raises up all who are bowed down.**

The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food in due season.

**You open your hand,  
satisfying the desire of every living thing.**

The Lord is just in all his ways,  
and kind in all his doings.

**The Lord is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.**

He fulfils the desire of all who fear him;  
he also hears their cry, and saves them.

**The Lord watches over all who love him,  
but all the wicked he will destroy.**

My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,  
and all flesh will bless his holy name for ever and ever.

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*

Then after completing their mission Barnabas and Saul returned to Jerusalem and brought with them John, whose other name was Mark.

Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, and Saul. While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.' Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

*Acts 12:25 - 13:3*

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,  
who enlightened your holy Church  
through the inspired witness of your evangelist  
Saint Mark:  
grant that we, being firmly grounded  
in the truth of the gospel,  
may be faithful to its teaching both in word and  
deed;  
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*

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.**