

Welcome to St Timothy's

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

Morning Prayer

April 26th, 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.

The Easter Anthems

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us:
so let us celebrate the feast,

**not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:
death has no more dominion over him.

**In dying he died to sin once for all:
in living he lives to God.**

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Christ has been raised from the dead:
the first fruits of those who sleep.**

For as by man came death:

by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;

for as in Adam all die:

even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

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.

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 40

I waited patiently for the Lord;

he inclined to me and heard my cry.

He drew me up from the desolate pit,

out of the miry bog,

and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

**Happy are those who make the Lord their trust,
who do not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after false gods.**

You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts towards us;
none can compare with you.

Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be counted.

**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,
but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt-offering and sin-offering
you have not required.**

Then I said, 'Here I am;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me.
I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart.'

**I have told the glad news of deliverance
in the great congregation;
see, I have not restrained my lips,
as you know, O Lord.**

I have not hidden your saving help within my heart,
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your
faithfulness from the great congregation.

**Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me;
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness
keep me safe for ever.**

For evils have encompassed me without number;
my iniquities have overtaken me, until I cannot see;
they are more than the hairs of my head,
and my heart fails me.

**Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me;
O Lord, make haste to help me.**

Let all those be put to shame and confusion
who seek to snatch away my life;
let those be turned back and brought to dishonour
who desire my hurt.

**Let those be appalled because of their shame
who say to me, 'Aha, Aha!'**

But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who love your salvation
say continually, 'Great is the Lord!'

**As for me, I am poor and needy,
but the Lord takes thought for me.
You are my help and my deliverer;
do not delay, O my 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

Therefore when we could bear it no longer, we decided to be left alone in Athens; and we sent Timothy, our brother and co-worker for God in proclaiming the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you for the sake of your faith, so

that no one would be shaken by these persecutions. Indeed, you yourselves know that this is what we are destined for. In fact, when we were with you, we told you beforehand that we were to suffer persecution; so it turned out, as you know. For this reason, when I could bear it no longer, I sent to find out about your faith; I was afraid that somehow the tempter had tempted you and that our labour had been in vain. But Timothy has just now come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love. He has told us also that you always remember us kindly and long to see us—just as we long to see you. For this reason, brothers and sisters, during all our distress and persecution we have been encouraged about you through your faith. For we now live, if you continue to stand firm in the Lord. How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

1 Thessalonians 3: 1 – 13

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayers of Intercession

Leader: In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, "Hear us, Lord of glory!"

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader: That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader: That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader: That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader: That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader: That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader: That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

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.**