

Welcome to St Timothy's

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

Morning Prayer

May 09th, 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.

The Ascension of the Lord

*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: Your throne has been established from of old;

All: you are from everlasting. Alleluia.

A Song of the King's Glory

The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it,
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.

**For he has founded it upon the seas
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.**

'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord,
or who can rise up in his holy place?'

**'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,
nor sworn an oath to a lie;**

'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord,
a just reward from the God of their salvation.'

**Such is the company of those who seek him,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

**'Who is the King of glory?'
'The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord who is mighty in battle.'**

Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

**'Who is this King of glory?'
'The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory.'**

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 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

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

‘What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honour,
subjecting all things under their feet.’

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

‘I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.’

And again,

‘I will put my trust in him.’

And again,

‘Here am I and the children whom God has given me.’

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held

in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hebrews 2: 5 – 18

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 turn to the risen Lord, who gives us the Spirit to make all things new, saying: Lord, renew us in your love.

O Word of life, one God with the Father and the Spirit: Lord,

All: renew us in your love.

Leader: O eternal Light, who through the working of the Holy Spirit received from the Virgin our human nature: Lord,

All: renew us in your love.

Leader: O crucified Redeemer, by the eternal Spirit you offered yourself to the Father for us: Lord,

All: renew us in your love.

Leader: You breathed on the apostles the Spirit of your love, that sinners might come to know the mercy of God: Lord,

All: renew us in your love.

Leader: You are seated at the right hand of the Father, from whom we receive the gifts of the Spirit: Lord,

All: renew us in your love.

Leader: Through the power of the Holy Spirit you wash away our sins in the waters of baptism and open our hearts to the guiding hand of the Father: Lord,

All: renew us in your love.

The Collect for the Day

Leader: Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that as we believe your only-begotten Son our
Lord Jesus Christ
to have ascended into the heavens,
so we in heart and mind may also ascend
and with him continually dwell;
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: Looking for the coming of his kingdom, 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 Christ, who has opened the kingdom of heaven, bring us to reign with him in glory.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.