

# Welcome to St Timothy's

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

## Morning Prayer

September 2nd, 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.

# *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.**

*A Song of God's Compassion*

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

**He will not always accuse us,  
neither will he keep his anger for ever.**

He has not dealt with us according to our sins,  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

**For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.**

As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he set our sins from us.

**As a father has compassion on his children,  
so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.**

For he knows of what we are made;  
he remembers that we are but dust.

**Our days are but as grass;  
we flourish as a flower of the field;**

For as soon as the wind goes over it, it is gone,  
and its place shall know it no more.

**But the merciful goodness of the Lord is from of old  
and endures for ever on those who fear him,  
and his righteousness on children's children;**

On those who keep his covenant  
and remember his commandments to do them.

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 15*

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,  
and speak the truth from their heart;**

who do not slander with their tongue,

and do no evil to their friends,

nor take up a reproach against their neighbours;

**in whose eyes the wicked are despised,**

**but who honour those who fear the Lord;**

**who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

who do not lend money at interest,

and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

**Those who do these things shall never be moved.**

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 those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in

Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they associated with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called 'Christians'.

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

*Acts 11: 19 – 30*

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 pray together to the Lord, saying, “Lord, hear our prayer.”

Loving God, we thank you for your many gifts to us, for the love which brings us together, for the earth which provides for our needs, for the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ, (for . . .).

Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray to you for our Christian family (especially for . . .) and for grace to grow in your love.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray to you for our world, for all its cares and needs, and for all who lead us and care for us, (especially . . .).

Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray to you for those in need, for the sick and the lonely, for the hurt and the frightened, and for those who live without hope (especially . . .).

Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for those we love who have died, that you will surround them with your care and love (especially . . .)

Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for one another, asking you to bless us, our friends, and relatives. Bless the places where we work, bless our homes and our life together.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, 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*

Leader: Almighty God,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
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: 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: The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,  
and keep us in eternal life.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**