

Welcome to St Timothy's

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

Morning Prayer

September 3rd, 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.

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before the service begins.*

Welcome

Opening Sentences

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

All: and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Leader: Blessed are you, creator of all,
to you be praise and glory for ever.

As your dawn renews the face of the earth
bringing light and life to all creation,
may we rejoice in this day you have made;
as we wake refreshed from the depths of sleep,
open our eyes to behold your presence
and strengthen our hands to do your will,
that the world may rejoice and give you praise.
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 39: 1 – 12a

I said, 'I will guard my ways
that I may not sin with my tongue;
I will keep a muzzle on my mouth
as long as the wicked are in my presence.'

**I was silent and still;
I held my peace to no avail;
my distress grew worse,
my heart became hot within me.**

While I mused, the fire burned;
then I spoke with my tongue:

**'Lord, let me know my end,
and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting my life is.**

You have made my days a few handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight.

Surely everyone stands as a mere breath.

**Surely everyone goes about like a shadow.
Surely for nothing they are in turmoil;
they heap up, and do not know who will gather.**

'And now, O Lord, what do I wait for?

My hope is in you.

**Deliver me from all my transgressions.
Do not make me the scorn of the fool.**

I am silent; I do not open my mouth,
for it is you who have done it.

Remove your stroke from me;

I am worn down by the blows of your hand.

'You chastise mortals
in punishment for sin,
consuming like a moth what is dear to them;
surely everyone is a mere breath.

'Hear my prayer, O Lord,

and give ear to my cry;

do not hold your peace at my tears.

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

The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the

second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

As soon as he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many had gathered and were praying. When he knocked at the outer gate, a maid named Rhoda came to answer. On recognizing Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed that, instead of opening the gate, she ran in and announced that Peter was standing at the gate. They said to her, 'You are out of your mind!' But she insisted that it was so. They said, 'It is his angel.' Meanwhile, Peter continued knocking; and when they opened the gate, they saw him and were amazed. He motioned to them with his hand to be silent, and described for them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he added, 'Tell this to James and to the believers.' Then he left and went to another place.

Acts 12: 6 – 17

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 by prayer and intercession with
thanksgiving make our requests to God.

Gracious God,
we pray for peace, justice and reconciliation
throughout the world.
We pray for the honouring of human rights,
and for the relief of the oppressed.
We give thanks for all that is gracious in the lives
of men, women and children.
Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for the renewal of the Church in faith,
love and service.
We pray for ... in the Anglican Church of Canada
and for ...
and all those who contribute to the life of this
parish & community.
We give thanks for the gift of your word,
the grace of the sacraments
and the fellowship of your people.
Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for this local community
and for all people in their daily life and work.
We pray for the young and the elderly,
for families, and all who are alone.
We give thanks for human skill and creativity

and all that reveals your loveliness.

Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: We give thanks for human love and friendship
and for all that enriches our daily lives.

We pray for those who are in need;

for the sick & sorrowful and the bereaved,
especially ... (and the families of ...).

We pray for all who bring comfort, care and healing.

Lord in your mercy,

All: 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.