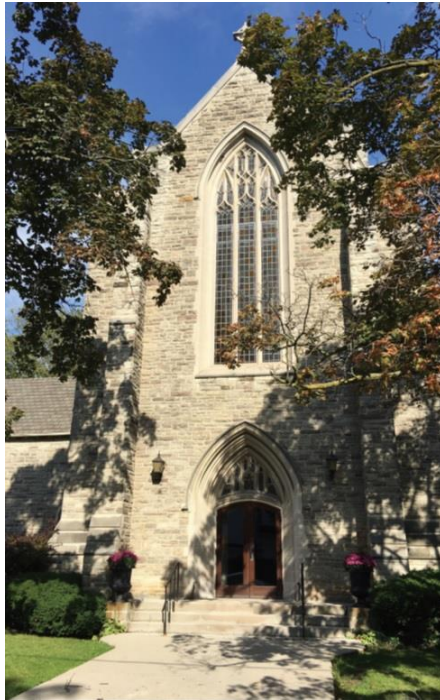


# Welcome to St Timothy's

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

## Morning Prayer

September 30th, 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.

# *National Day for Truth and Reconciliation*

*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.

*The Gathering Prayer*

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Creator, we give you thanks for all that you are  
and all that you bring to us  
within your creation.**

**In Jesus, you placed the Gospel  
in the Center of this Sacred Circle  
through which all creation is related.**

**You show us the way to live  
a generous and compassionate life.  
Give us your strength to live together  
with respect and commitment  
as we grow in your spirit,  
for you are God now and forever. Amen**

## *A Song of Trust in God*

As the deer longs for the water brooks,  
so longs my soul for you, O God.

**My soul is athirst for God, even for the living God;  
when shall I come before the presence of God?**

My tears have been my bread day and night,  
while all day long they say to me, 'Where is now your God?'

**Now when I think on these things, I pour out my  
soul:**

**how I went with the multitude  
and led the procession to the house of God,**

With the voice of praise and thanksgiving,  
among those who kept holy day.

**Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul,  
and why are you so disquieted within me?**

O put your trust in God;  
for I will yet give him thanks,  
who is the help of my countenance, and 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.**

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 89: 1 – 6*

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, for ever;  
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

**I declare that your steadfast love is established for ever;**

**your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

You said, 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
I have sworn to my servant David:

**"I will establish your descendants for ever,  
and build your throne for all generations."**

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord,  
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.

**For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord?  
Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord.**

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*

From Miletus he sent a message to Ephesus, asking the elders of the church to meet him. When they came to him, he said to them:

'You yourselves know how I lived among you the entire time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears, enduring the trials that came to me through the plots of the Jews. I did not shrink from doing anything helpful, proclaiming the message to you and teaching you publicly and from house to house, as I testified to both Jews and Greeks about repentance towards God and faith towards our Lord Jesus. And now, as a captive to the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and persecutions are waiting for me. But I do not count my life of any value to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the good news of God's grace.

*Acts 20: 17 – 24*

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 for the Church and for the world,  
and let us thank God for his goodness.

As we acknowledge this day of National Truth  
and Reconciliation, we ask that this day may be  
holy, good and joyful.

Let us pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord, send your Spirit.**

Leader: Merciful God, you call us to loving relationship  
with one another. Be with us now as we seek to  
heal old wounds and find joy again in the  
relationship with our Indigenous sisters and  
brothers. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts  
of flesh. Give us the gifts of honesty and openness  
and fill us with your healing power and grace.

Let us pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord, send your Spirit.**

Leader: For the unity of the Church in witness and  
proclamation of the Gospel ...

let us pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord, send your Spirit.**

Leader: For the peace and stability of all peoples and for  
the leaders of the nations ...

let us pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord, send your Spirit.**

Leader: That we may strive for the well-being of all creation ...

let us pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord, send your Spirit.**

Leader: For places of work, education and leisure ...

let us pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord, send your Spirit.**

Leader: For a blessing on our homes; for our relations and friends and all whom we love ...

let us pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord, send your Spirit.**

Leader: For the sick and suffering and all who minister to their needs ...

let us pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord, send your Spirit.**

Leader: For those who have died (especially ...). Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

let us pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord, send your Spirit.**

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: Creator God, Sunkwiyatisu and Gitchi Manitou,  
of peace, justice, and concord;  
open our ears, our eyes, our lungs, and our hearts,  
give us the spirit of condolence.  
Instill in us the Good Mind.  
Let us seek your justice in a broken world,  
let us search for understanding in your Creation.  
Help us to be reconciled to you and to each other.  
In the self-giving ethic of the Cross,  
let us be emptied of hatred and apathy,  
greed and selfishness.  
Fill us with the wideness and wildness of your  
Spirit,  
in the name of your First Son, Jesus Christ,  
we ask all this.

**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.**