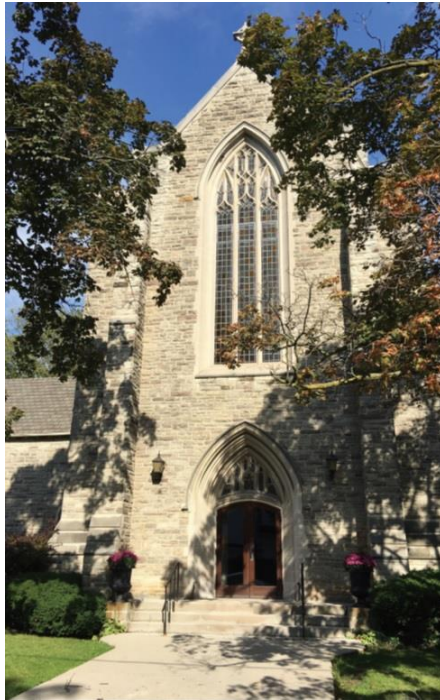


Welcome to St Timothy's

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

Morning Prayer

October 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.

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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.

A Song of God's Glorious Name

O Lord our governor,

how glorious is your name in all the world!

**Your majesty above the heavens is praised
out of the mouths of babes at the breast.**

You have founded a stronghold against your foes,
that you might still the enemy and the avenger.

**When I consider your heavens, the work of your
fingers,**

the moon and the stars that you have ordained,

What are mortals, that you should be mindful of them;
mere human beings, that you should seek them out?

**You have made them little lower than the angels
and crown them with glory and honour.**

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands

and put all things under their feet,

All sheep and oxen,

even the wild beasts of the field,

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea

and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.

O Lord our governor,

how glorious is your name in all the world!

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 109: 4, 20 – 30

In return for my love they accuse me,
even while I make prayer for them.

**May that be the reward of my accusers from the Lord,
of those who speak evil against my life.**

But you, O Lord my Lord,
act on my behalf for your name's sake;
because your steadfast love is good, deliver me.

**For I am poor and needy,
and my heart is pierced within me.**

I am gone like a shadow at evening;
I am shaken off like a locust.

**My knees are weak through fasting;
my body has become gaunt.**

I am an object of scorn to my accusers;
when they see me, they shake their heads.

Help me, O Lord my God!

Save me according to your steadfast love.

Let them know that this is your hand;
you, O Lord, have done it.

Let them curse, but you will bless.

**Let my assailants be put to shame; may your servant
be glad.**

May my accusers be clothed with dishonour;
may they be wrapped in their own shame as in a mantle.

**With my mouth I will give great thanks to the Lord;
I will praise him in the midst of the throng.**

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

After these days we got ready and started to go up to Jerusalem. Some of the disciples from Caesarea also came along and brought us to the house of Mnason of Cyprus, an early disciple, with whom we were to stay. When we arrived in Jerusalem, the brothers welcomed us warmly. The next day Paul went with us to visit James; and all the elders were present. After greeting them, he related one by one the things that God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry. When they heard it, they praised God. Then they said to him, 'You see, brother, how many thousands of believers there are among the Jews, and they are all zealous for the law. They have been told about you that you teach all the Jews living among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, and that you tell them not to circumcise their children or observe the customs. What then is to be done? They will certainly hear that you have come. So do what we tell you. We have four men who are under a vow. Join these men, go through the rite of purification with them, and pay for the shaving of their heads. Thus all will know that there is nothing in what they have been told about you, but that you yourself observe and guard the law. But as for the Gentiles who have become believers, we have sent a letter with our judgement that they should abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols and from blood and from what is strangled and from fornication.' Then Paul took the men, and the next day, having purified himself, he entered the temple with them, making public the completion of the days of purification when the sacrifice would be made for each of them.

Acts 21: 15 – 26

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 the Anglican Church of Canada especially ...
We pray also for 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 and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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.