

Welcome to St Timothy's

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

Morning Prayer

October 4th, 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.

The Venite – A Song of Triumph

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving
and be glad in him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.

**In his hand are the depths of the earth
and the heights of the mountains are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have moulded the dry land.

**Come, let us worship and bow down
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

For he is our God;
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice:

**'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
on that day at Massah in the wilderness,**

'When your forebears tested me, and put me to the proof,
though they had seen my works.

**'Forty years long I detested that generation and said,
"This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways."**

'So I swore in my wrath,

"They shall not enter into my rest."

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 102: 18 – 22

Let this be recorded for a generation to come,
so that a people yet unborn may praise the Lord:

**that he looked down from his holy height,
from heaven the Lord looked at the earth,**

to hear the groans of the prisoners,
to set free those who were doomed to die;

**so that the name of the Lord may be declared in Zion,
and his praise in Jerusalem,**

when peoples gather together,
and kingdoms, to worship 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

Just as Paul was about to be brought into the barracks, he said to the tribune, 'May I say something to you?' The tribune replied, 'Do you know Greek? Then you are not the Egyptian who recently stirred up a revolt and led the four thousand assassins out into the wilderness?' Paul replied, 'I am a Jew, from Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of an important city; I beg you, let me speak to the people.' When he had given him permission, Paul stood on the steps and motioned to the people for silence; and when there was a great hush, he addressed them in the Hebrew language, saying:

‘Brothers and fathers, listen to the defence that I now make before you.’

When they heard him addressing them in Hebrew, they became even more quiet. Then he said:

‘I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, educated strictly according to our ancestral law, being zealous for God, just as all of you are today. I persecuted this Way up to the point of death by binding both men and women and putting them in prison, as the high priest and the whole council of elders can testify about me. From them I also received letters to the brothers in Damascus, and I went there in order to bind those who were there and to bring them back to Jerusalem for punishment. While I was on my way and approaching Damascus, about noon a great light from heaven suddenly shone about me. I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” I answered, “Who are you, Lord?” Then he said to me, “I am Jesus of Nazareth whom you are persecuting.” Now those who were with me saw the light but did not hear the voice of the one who was speaking to me. I asked, “What am I to do, Lord?” The Lord said to me, “Get up and go to Damascus; there you will be told everything that has been assigned to you to do.” Since I could not see because of the brightness of that light, those who were with me took my hand and led me to Damascus. A certain Ananias, who was a devout man according to the law and well spoken of by all the Jews living there, came to me; and standing beside me, he said, “Brother Saul, regain your sight!” In that very hour I regained my sight and saw him. Then he said, “The God of our ancestors has chosen you to know his will, to see the Righteous One and to hear his

own voice; for you will be his witness to all the world of what you have seen and heard. And now why do you delay? Get up, be baptized, and have your sins washed away, calling on his name.”

Acts 21:37 - 22:16

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: Lord God, through your grace we are your people; through your Son you have redeemed us; in your Spirit you have made us your own.

We pray for ... (the Church)
Make our hearts respond to your love.
Merciful Lord,

All: receive our prayer.

Leader: We pray for ... (the world)
Make our lives bear witness to your glory in the world.
Merciful Lord,

All: receive our prayer.

Leader: We pray for ... (the sick and those in need)
Make our wills eager to obey, and our hands
ready to heal.
Merciful Lord,
All: receive our prayer.

Leader: We give you thanks for ... (those who have died)
Make our voices one with all your people in
heaven and on earth.
Merciful Lord,
All: receive 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.