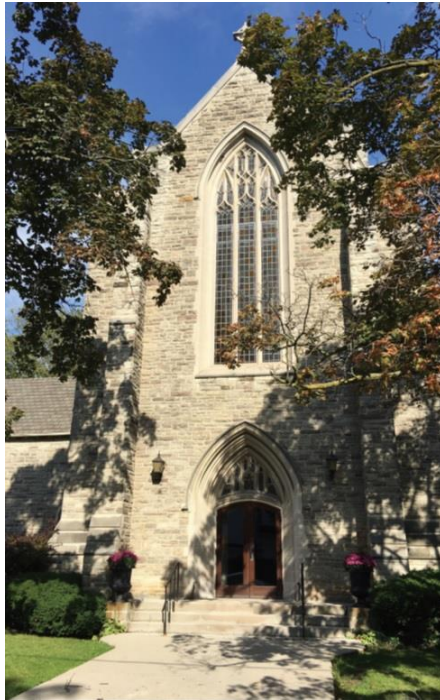


# Welcome to St Timothy's

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

## Morning Prayer

November 20th, 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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*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.**

Leader: Your faithful servants bless you.

**All: They make known the glory of your kingdom.**

Leader: Blessed are you, Sovereign God,

ruler and judge of all,

to you be praise and glory for ever.

In the darkness of this age that is passing away

may the light of your presence which the saints

enjoy

surround our steps as we journey on.

May we reflect your glory this day

and so be made ready to see your face

in the heavenly city where night shall be no more.

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 101*

I will sing of loyalty and of justice;  
to you, O Lord, I will sing.  
I will study the way that is blameless.  
When shall I attain it?

**I will walk with integrity of heart  
within my house;  
I will not set before my eyes  
anything that is base.**

I hate the work of those who fall away;  
it shall not cling to me.  
Perverseness of heart shall be far from me;  
I will know nothing of evil.

**One who secretly slanders a neighbour I will destroy.  
A haughty look and an arrogant heart  
I will not tolerate.**

I will look with favour on the faithful in the land,  
so that they may live with me;  
whoever walks in the way that is blameless  
shall minister to me.

**No one who practises deceit  
shall remain in my house;  
no one who utters lies  
shall continue in my presence.**

Morning by morning I will destroy  
all the wicked in the land,  
cutting off all evildoers  
from the city of 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*

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so

you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Adulterers! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. Or do you suppose that it is for nothing that the scripture says, 'God yearns jealously for the spirit that he has made to dwell in us'? But he gives all the more grace; therefore it says,

'God opposes the proud,  
but gives grace to the humble.'

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy into dejection. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Do not speak evil against one another, brothers and sisters. Whoever speaks evil against another or judges another, speaks evil against the law and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. There is one lawgiver and judge who is able to save and to destroy. So who, then, are you to judge your neighbour?

*James 3:13 - 4:12*

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: In every age you have raised up holy men and women to reflect the light of Christ and to teach us the way of holiness.

We thank you for those who have been shepherds of your people: give a pastoral heart to deacons, priests and bishops, especially ... in the Anglican Church of Canada and the needful gifts to all your people in their ministry within the life of this parish & community especially ....  
Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: We thank you for those who have been Christian rulers in the world, and for those who carried the good news to lands where it had not been before: give wisdom to all who have power and influence among the nations, and establish God's sovereignty among people of every race ...  
Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: We thank you for those whom you have called to live in community:

establish mutual love among those drawn into  
fellowship in your service,  
and bless with Christ's presence all the  
communities to which we relate ...

Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: We thank you for those who have lived out their  
vocation in the care of others: give your grace to  
all who care for the young and the aged, and  
enfold in your love all your children ...

Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: We thank you for those who have brought  
wholeness through the medicine of the gospel:  
give skill to all who minister healing and  
reconciliation in your name, and comfort all who  
cry out to you from any sort of distress especially  
.... Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: We thank you for the noble army of martyrs  
by the shedding of whose blood the Church has  
been enriched:

keep under your protection those who are  
persecuted for the cause of Christ, and  
acknowledge, we pray, those who have passed  
through death trusting your promises ....

Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: Hasten, Lord, the day when people will come  
from east and west,  
from north and south,  
and sit at table in your kingdom,  
and we shall see your Son in his glory.

**All: Amen.**

*The Collect for the Day*

Leader: Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son was revealed  
to destroy the works of the devil  
and to make us the children of God and heirs of  
eternal life:  
grant that we, having this hope,  
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;  
that when he shall appear in power and great  
glory  
we may be made like him in his eternal and  
glorious kingdom;  
where he 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: Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven, 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: May Christ, who has opened the kingdom of heaven, bring us to reign with him in glory.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**