

Welcome to St Timothy's

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

Morning Prayer

January 1st, 2025 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.

New Year's Day

The Naming of Jesus

*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: You laid the foundation of the earth

All: and the heavens are the work of your hands.

Leader: Blessed are you, sovereign God,

creator of heaven and earth,

to you be praise and glory for ever.

As your living Word, eternal in heaven,

assumed the frailty of our mortal flesh,

may the light of your love be born in us

to fill our hearts with joy as we sing:

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 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—**

who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

**who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**The Lord works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

**The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

**He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;

**as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.**

As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

**For he knows how we were made;
he remembers that we are dust.**

As for mortals, their days are like grass;
they flourish like a flower of the field;

**for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.**

But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to
everlasting on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,

**to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.**

The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.

**Bless the Lord, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
obedient to his spoken word.**

Bless the Lord, all his hosts,
his ministers that do his will.

**Bless the Lord, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

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

Jesus said, 'Very truly, I tell you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.

I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures, but will tell you plainly of the Father. On that day you will ask in my name. I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world and am going to the Father.'

His disciples said, 'Yes, now you are speaking plainly, not in any figure of speech! Now we know that you know all things, and do not need to have anyone question you; by this we believe that you came from God.'

John 16: 23b - 30

Reader: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayers of Intercession

Leader: To us a child is born, to us a son is given; let us pray for the people he came to save.

Wonderful Counsellor,
you order all things with your wisdom:

help the Church, especially ..., to reveal the
mystery of your love and fill her with the Spirit of
truth:

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: Mighty God,
the government is on your shoulders:
guide the leaders of the nations
and bring in your kingdom of justice and
righteousness:

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: Everlasting Father,
you call us to live together in unity:
protect by your mercy all your children,
bless our families and renew our communities,
especially ...:

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: Prince of Peace,
you bring reconciliation through the cross:
by your healing power give to all who suffer,
especially ...,
your gift of wholeness and peace:

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: Let us commend the world, to which Christ came,
to the mercy and protection of God.

All: Lord, graciously hear us. Amen.

The Collect for the Day

Leader: Almighty God,
whose blessed Son was circumcised
in obedience to the law for our sake
and given the Name that is above every name:
give us grace faithfully to bear his Name,
to worship him in the freedom of the Spirit,
and to proclaim him as the Saviour of the world;
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: Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
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 God, who has called us out of darkness
into his marvellous light,
bless us and fill us with peace.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.