

Welcome to St Timothy's

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

Morning Prayer

January 2nd, 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.

Christmas Feria

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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.

Leader: You laid the foundation of the earth

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

A Song of the Bride

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my soul shall exult in my God;

**Who has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
and has covered me with the cloak of integrity,**

As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

**For as the earth puts forth her blossom,
and as seeds in the garden spring up,**

So shall God make righteousness and praise
blossom before all the nations.

**For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest**

Until her deliverance shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation as a burning torch.

**The nations shall see your deliverance,
and all rulers shall see your glory;**

Then you shall be called by a new name
which the mouth of God will give.

**You shall be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord,
a royal diadem in the hand of your 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 34

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.**

O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together.

**I sought the Lord, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.**

Look to him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.

**This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,
and was saved from every trouble.**

The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

**O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.**

O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,
for those who fear him have no want.

**The young lions suffer want and hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**

Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

**Which of you desires life,
and covets many days to enjoy good?**

Keep your tongue from evil,
and your lips from speaking deceit.

**Depart from evil, and do good;
seek peace, and pursue it.**

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their cry.

**The face of the Lord is against evildoers,
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.**

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears,
and rescues them from all their troubles.

**The Lord is near to the broken-hearted,
and saves the crushed in spirit.**

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the Lord rescues them from them all.

**He keeps all their bones;
not one of them will be broken.**

Evil brings death to the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

**The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be
condemned.**

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

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain's. Through this he received approval as righteous, God himself giving approval to his gifts; he died, but through his

faith he still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken so that he did not experience death; and 'he was not found, because God had taken him.' For it was attested before he was taken away that 'he had pleased God.' And without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. By faith Noah, warned by God about events as yet unseen, respected the warning and built an ark to save his household; by this he condemned the world and became an heir to the righteousness that is in accordance with faith. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

Hebrews 11: 1 – 12

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,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
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.