

Welcome to St Timothy's

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

Morning Prayer

January 3rd, 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.

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 68: 1 – 10, 19 – 20, 32 – 35

Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered;
let those who hate him flee before him.

**As smoke is driven away, so drive them away;
as wax melts before the fire,
let the wicked perish before God.**

But let the righteous be joyful;
let them exult before God;
let them be jubilant with joy.

**Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds—
his name is the Lord—
be exultant before him.**

Father of orphans and protector of widows
is God in his holy habitation.

**God gives the desolate a home to live in;
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,
but the rebellious live in a parched land.**

O God, when you went out before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,

**the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad;
you restored your heritage when it languished;
your flock found a dwelling in it;
in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

**Blessed be the Lord,
who daily bears us up;
God is our salvation.**

Our God is a God of salvation,
and to God, the Lord, belongs escape from death.

**Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord,
O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens;
listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.**

Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel;
and whose power is in the skies.

**Awesome is God in his sanctuary,
the God of Israel;
he gives power and strength to his people.
Blessed be 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.**

Reading

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son, of whom he had been told, 'It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named after you.' He considered the fact that God is able even to raise someone from the dead — and figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. By faith Isaac invoked blessings for the future on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, 'bowing in worship over the top of his staff.' By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave instructions about his burial.

Hebrews 11: 13 – 22

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.**