

# Welcome to St Timothy's

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

## Morning Prayer

December 30th, 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.

# *Christmas Feria*

*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 21*

In your strength the king rejoices, O Lord,  
and in your help how greatly he exults!

**You have given him his heart's desire,  
and have not withheld the request of his lips.**

For you meet him with rich blessings;  
you set a crown of fine gold on his head.

**He asked you for life; you gave it to him—  
length of days for ever and ever.**

His glory is great through your help;  
splendour and majesty you bestow on him.

**You bestow on him blessings for ever;  
you make him glad with the joy of your presence.**

For the king trusts in the Lord,  
and through the steadfast love of the Most High he shall not be moved.

**Your hand will find out all your enemies;  
your right hand will find out those who hate you.**

You will make them like a fiery furnace  
when you appear.

**The Lord will swallow them up in his wrath,  
and fire will consume them.**

You will destroy their offspring from the earth,  
and their children from among humankind.

**If they plan evil against you,  
if they devise mischief, they will not succeed.**

For you will put them to flight;  
you will aim at their faces with your bows.

**Be exalted, O Lord, in your strength!  
We will sing and praise your power.**

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*

Then each of them went home, while Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them, they said to him, 'Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?' They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, 'Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.' And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus straightened up and said to her, 'Woman,

where are they? Has no one condemned you?' She said, 'No one, sir.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.'

*John 7:53 - 8:11*

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.**