

Welcome to St Timothy's

First Sunday After Christmas



December 29th, 2024

In-Person & Online Service at 10:00am

"Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening"

Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

- Robert Frost (1923)

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: What Child Is This? (Richard Purvis)
(Performed by Edward Connell)

Processional Hymn: (Please stand as you are able)

123, Once In Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

And through all his wondrous childhood
he would honour and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden
in whose gentle arms he lay:
Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as he.

For he is our childhood's pattern,
day by day like us he grew,
He was little, weak, and helpless,
tears and smiles like us he knew:
And he feeleth for our sadness,
and he shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above;
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

(Irby, vs 1, 3-5)

Opening Sentences

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

**All: to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Gloria (sung)

**All: Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**

receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

(Page 3 of The Mass of St. Timothy booklet.)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Let us pray.
Almighty God,
you have shed upon us the new light
of your incarnate Word.
May this light, enkindled in our hearts,
shine forth in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

(Please be seated)

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from the First Book of Samuel

read by Marlene Guse

But Samuel obeyed the Lord. He wore a linen holy vest. Every year Samuel's mother would make a little coat for him. She would take it to him when she went to Shiloh. She went there with her husband for the sacrifice. Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife. Eli would say, "May the Lord repay you with children through Hannah. They will take the place of the boy Hannah prayed for and gave back to the Lord." Then Elkanah and Hannah would go home. The boy Samuel kept growing. He pleased God and the people.

1 Samuel 2: 18 - 20, 26 (ICB)

Silence is kept for reflection.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148

led by Audrey Gilpin

Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord; *
for he commanded, and they were created.

He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;

Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and wingèd birds;

Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;

Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.

Let them praise the name of the Lord, *
for his name only is exalted,
his splendour is over earth and heaven.

He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!

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.

A Reading from the Letter to the Colossians

read by Andrea Gall

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3: 12 - 17 (NRSV)

Silence is kept for reflection.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand as you are able)

Christmastime Alleluia



(Adeste Fideles)

The Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Luke 2: 41 - 52 (NRSV)

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand as you are able)

Christmastime Alleluia



(Adeste Fideles)

Homily

The Rt. Rev. Ann Tottenham

Silence is kept.

(Please remain seated for the Anthem)

Duet Anthem:

Benedictus qui venit (from 'Christmas Oratorio')

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini!

Deus Dominus, et illuxit nobis.

Deus meus es tu, et confitebor tibi, et exaltabo te.

Blessed are they who come in the name of the Lord!
God is the Lord, and has enlightened us.
You are my God, and I will confess you and exalt you.
(Charles Camille Saint-Saëns)
(Singers: Allison Arends & Michael York)

The Affirmation of Faith

Celebrant: Jesus Christ said:

**All: the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.
This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

led by Jane Gardner

*(Please adopt the pose most comfortable for you - stand, sit or kneel
- and respond as indicated.)*

Leader: ... Incarnate God;

All: In your mercy, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: As members of Christ's family, we bring to God,
our Father, our own particular needs.

Silence

Rejoicing in the company of Mary, mother of our Lord, and of all the witnesses of the incarnation, we commend these prayers and all our life to you, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

**All: we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Peace

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn:

(Please stand as you are able)

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

O sing a song of Bethlehem,
of shepherds watching there,
and of the news that came to them
from angels in the air.
The light that shone on Bethlehem
fills all the world today;
of Jesus' birth and peace on earth
the angels sing always.

O sing a song of Nazareth,
of sunny days of joy,
O sing of fragrant flowers' breath,
and of the sinless Boy;
For now the flow'rs of Nazareth
in ev'ry heart may grow;
Now spreads the fame of His dear name
on all the winds that blow.

O sing a song of Galilee,
of lake and woods and hil,
of Him who walked upon the sea
and bade its waves be still;
For tho' like waves on Galilee,
dark seas of trouble roll,
when faith has heard the Master's word,
falls peace upon the soul.

O sing a song of Calvary,
its glory and dismay;
of Him who hung upon the tree
and took our sins away.
For He who died on Calvary
is risen from the grave,
and Christ, our Lord, by heav'n adored,
is mighty now to save.

(Noel 141)

If you wish to make a donation and would like to use a donation envelope, they are available at the back of the church.

All cheques should be made payable to Church of St. Timothy.

You can also donate online through Canada Helps – just open your camera app and scan this code.



If the collection plate doesn't reach you and you have a donation, please hand it to a greeter as you leave the church.

Prayer over the Gifts

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **God of light,
in the birth of your Son we see your glory.
May we who share in this mystery
grow daily in your love.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the
Lord. Amen.**

(Please adopt the pose most comfortable for you - stand, sit or kneel)

Eucharistic Prayer 3

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who in the mystery of his incarnation
was made perfect man
of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother;
in him we have seen a new and radiant vision of
your glory.
Therefore with all the angels of heaven,
we lift our voices and sing our joyful hymn of
praise
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All (sung): Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the
Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

(Page 10 of The Mass of St. Timothy booklet)

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All: we remember his death, we proclaim his
resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

**All (sung): Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

(Page 14 of The Mass of St. Timothy booklet)

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**All: God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

The Communion

Celebrant: The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei (sung by all)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Grant us peace.

(Page 16 of The Mass of St. Timothy booklet)

All persons are welcome to receive Communion or a blessing as appropriate at our services. You may choose to receive both the bread and the wine or just the bread. Gluten free wafers are available. Please ask the priest for these as you come to receive. If you choose to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest as you stand at the altar rail.

Communion Hymns: *(Congregational singing while seated)*

137, What Child Is This

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain

**This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.**

Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear: for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.

Refrain

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.

Refrain

(Greensleeves)

Jesus' Parents Left the Temple

Jesus' parents left the Temple with a traveling caravan.
They were sure their son was with them
as they left Jerusalem.
Soon they cried, "We cannot find him!"
He was somehow left behind them,
so they went to search for him,
so they went to search for him.

They went back and finally found him
with the teachers of the Law.
What they witnessed was astounding!
What a wondrous sight they saw.
For the questions he was raising
showed his knowledge was amazing;
all who heard him were in awe,
all who heard him were in awe.

Still his mother had to scold him,
for she'd known a parent's fear.
"We were worried" Mary told him,
"when we could not find you near!"
Jesus answered Mary, saying,
"Did you not know I'd be staying
in my Father's house, right here,
in my Father's house, right here?"

God of love, with earthly parents,
Jesus listened, learned, and grew.
In the Temple, in your presence,
he knew he was home with you.
We're reminded of his wisdom;
he already knew his mission
and the work that he would do,
and the work that he would do.

(W Zlobie Lezy (Infant Holy))

Prayer after Communion

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All: Source of truth and joy,
may we who have received the gift of divine
life
always follow the way of your Son.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the
Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant: The peace of God which passes all understanding
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and
love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the
Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and
remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Community Notices

Recessional Hymn:

(Please stand as you are able)

Joy to the World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
let earth receive the King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns:
let us glad songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove

the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

(Antioch, vs 1, 2, 4)

The Dismissal

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Toccata on 'Il est né' (Denis Bedard)

(Performed by Edward Connell)

**Our worship is over –
our service begins.**

Week of December 30th to January 3rd



The Office is closed for in-person drop ins.

Please call ahead and **make an appointment** if you wish to meet with a specific member of the clergy or staff.

This Week at St. Timothy's

- *Morning Prayer with a Thought for the Day* will be broadcast online via Zoom every morning, **Monday to Friday at 9:30am.**
 - *All regular weekday programming resumes on Monday, January 6th.*
 - **Next Sunday, January 5th – *The Feast of Epiphany***
 - **10:00am:** Holy Eucharist with Children's Programming
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Coffee Hour

A warm welcome is extended especially to all visitors and newcomers. Please join us for refreshments in Soward Hall.

Your host today will be Audrey Gilpin & Linda Gilpin.

Gluten free options are available.

Children's Programming

Children ages 12 and up, as well as their parents, are invited to the dedicated **Catechesis Class** running every Sunday alongside the services. Those who desire to receive the sacrament of Confirmation will use this time to prepare for the rite; however, all children and youth of the appropriate age and maturity level are welcome to attend the classes.

Each class will be taught by one of the ministers, Rev. Irina, Rev. Carol, or Jonathan Kang.

New to St. Tim's?

Are you new to St. Tim's?

Welcome! We are glad you have chosen to join us.

Please consider completing a **Newcomer Information Card** (*ask a member of the Welcome Team*) or contact Ashani directly 416-488-0079 or office@sttimothy.ca so that we can accurately record your information in the parish directory and ensure you are kept up to date with news and events.

Prayer List:

Please pray with us this morning and throughout this week for the following:

The Anglican Church of Canada: Anne, our Metropolitan & acting Primate; Chris, our National Indigenous Archbishop; Andrew, Riscylla and Kevin, our college of bishops; Irina, our Incumbent; Carol, our Asst. Curate; Ann, our Honorary Assistant; Jonathan, our Lay Pastoral Associate.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Staff of the Synod Office.

Outreach Cycle of Prayer: Pray for Christ Church, Brampton, its support of local outreach ministries, including

Regeneration, Knights' Table, Coldest Night of the Year, and the Ste. Louise Outreach Centre;

for Christ Church, Deer Park, its support of the Churches-on-the-Hill Food Bank, its refugee sponsorships, Saturday morning breakfast program, Let Your Lights Shine outreach donation program, and the Deer Park Skills Institute in Uganda;

and for Christ Church, Holland Landing, its community lunch, Christmas meal at the local seniors' centre, support of the Helping Hand food bank, Inn From the Cold, meal and snack programs at local schools, Crosslinks, Women's Shelter of York Region, and other local agencies.

Our Area Community: Korean Onnuri United Church.

Our Parish Families: Beverley Kent; Linda Kirmiziyan; John & Mary Kirton; Paul, Crystal, Daphne & Clara Kraft; Moira, Kevin, Jack & Andy Krempulec; Lanadee Lampman; Sydney & June Liburd; Elizabeth Loach; Carol Logan; Susan London McNab.

Those Celebrating Birthdays: Robert Tays (Dec 29th); Mary Springer (Dec 30th); Christopher Johnson (Jan 1st); John Miller (Jan 1st); Moira Krempulec (Jan 2nd); Daphne Kraft (Jan 4th); Olivia Fernandes (Jan 4th).

Those in Need: Doug Scott; Allethia Liburd; Julia Cuppini; Roger Seymour; Nicholas; Myrna Robb; Barbara Brown; Jean Jones; Patricia Vicari; Bob & Gladys McClellan; Naomi Baker; Sarah Flint; Ophelia Wickham; Mark & Andrew Huang; Rosina Warton; Patrick French; Don Fraser.

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Our Vision

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