

# Welcome to St Timothy's

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

## Morning Prayer

January 27th, 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.

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*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: Your light springs up for the righteous

**All: and all the peoples have seen your glory.**

Leader: Blessed are you, Sovereign God,

king of the nations,

to you be praise and glory for ever.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

your name is proclaimed in all the world.

As the Sun of Righteousness dawns in our hearts

anoint our lips with the seal of your Spirit

that we may witness to your gospel

and sing your praise in all the earth.

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 52*

Why do you boast, O mighty one,  
of mischief done against the godly?

**All day long you are plotting destruction.**

**Your tongue is like a sharp razor,  
you worker of treachery.**

You love evil more than good,  
and lying more than speaking the truth.

**You love all words that devour,  
O deceitful tongue.**

But God will break you down for ever;  
he will snatch and tear you from your tent;  
he will uproot you from the land of the living.

**The righteous will see, and fear,  
and will laugh at the evildoer, saying,**

‘See the one who would not take  
refuge in God,  
but trusted in abundant riches,  
and sought refuge in wealth!’

**But I am like a green olive tree  
in the house of God.  
I trust in the steadfast love of God  
for ever and ever.**

I will thank you for ever,  
because of what you have done.

**In the presence of the faithful  
I will proclaim your name, for it is good.**

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*

Paul an apostle—sent neither by human commission nor from human authorities, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—and all the members of God’s family who are with me,  
To the churches of Galatia:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.  
I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—not that there is another gospel, but there are some who are confusing you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should proclaim to you a gospel contrary to what we

proclaimed to you, let that one be accursed! As we have said before, so now I repeat, if anyone proclaims to you a gospel contrary to what you received, let that one be accursed!

Am I now seeking human approval, or God's approval? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still pleasing people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

*Galatians 1: 1 – 17*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Thought for the Day*

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

## *Prayers of Intercession*

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting, let us pray  
to the Lord saying Lord, hear our prayer.

That the people of God in all the world  
may worship in spirit and in truth,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

Leader: That the Church may discover again that unity  
which is the Father's will,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

Leader: That the nations of the earth may seek after the  
ways that make for peace,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

Leader: That the whole creation, groaning in travail, may  
be set free to enjoy the glorious liberty of the  
children of God,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

Leader: That all who with Christ have entered the shadow  
of death may rest in peace and rise in glory,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

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

**All: Amen.**

### *The Collect for the Day*

Leader: Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
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: Believing the promises of God,  
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 Christ, who sends us to the nations,  
give us the power of his Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**