

Welcome to St Timothy's

The Third Sunday After Epiphany



January 26th, 2025

In-Person & Online Service at 10:00am

Winter-Time

Late lies the wintry sun a-bed,
A frosty, fiery sleepy-head;
Blinks but an hour or two; and then,
A blood-red orange, sets again.

Before the stars have left the skies,
At morning in the dark I rise;
And shivering in my nakedness,
By the cold candle, bathe and dress.

Close by the jolly fire I sit
To warm my frozen bones a bit;
Or with a reindeer-sled, explore
The colder countries round the door.

When to go out, my nurse doth wrap
Me in my comforter and cap;
The cold wind burns my face, and blows
Its frosty pepper up my nose.

Black are my steps on silver sod;
Thick blows my frosty breath abroad;
And tree and house, and hill and lake,
Are frosted like a wedding cake.

- *Robert Louis Stevenson*

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: Sonata No. 7

(Benedetto Marcello)

(Performed by Edward Connell)

Processional Hymn:

(Please stand as you are able)

God Is Here! As We, His People

God is here! As we, your people,
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.

Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the Word has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal
God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.

Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's celebration,
all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

- Fred Pratt Green (*Hymn to Joy*)

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,
 by grace alone you call us
 and accept us in your service.
 Strengthen us by your Spirit,
 and make us worthy of your call;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,**

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

(Please be seated)

(The children will come up to the front for the message)

Children's Message

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from the Book of Nehemiah

read by Jayden Ukomadu

Ezra the priest brought out the Teachings for the crowd. This was on the first day of the seventh month. Men, women and all who could listen and understand had gathered. Ezra read the Teachings out loud. He read from early morning until noon.

They read the Book of the Teachings of God. They read so the people could understand. And they explained what it meant. Then the people understood what was being read. Then Nehemiah the governor and Ezra the priest and teacher spoke up. And the Levites who were teaching spoke up. They said to all the people, "This is a holy day to the Lord your God. Don't be sad or cry." All the people had been crying as they listened to the words of the Teachings.

Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy good food and sweet drinks. Send some to people who have none. Today is a holy day to the Lord. Don't be sad. The joy of the Lord will make you strong."

Nehemiah 8: 2 – 3a, 8 – 10 (ICB)

Silence is kept for reflection.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19 (selected verses)

led by Jonathan Ferreira

The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

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 Corinthians

read by David Dimick

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.

If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

1 Corinthians 12: 12 – 18, 26 – 27 (NRSV)

Silence is kept for reflection.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation #4

(Please stand as you are able)

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world;

who so ever follows me shall never walk in the dark,

but will have the light of life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

(Page 9 of The Mass of St. Timothy booklet)

The Gospel

(Please remain standing as you are able)

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.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'
And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and
sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.
Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been
fulfilled in your hearing.'

Luke 4: 14 – 21 (NRSV)

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Homily

Jonathan Kang

Silence is kept.

Questions to Consider

1. What are the ways in which you listen to or read Scripture? Do you read on your own, listen to an audio bible, or mainly interact with it during Sunday services?
2. What do you think is the meaning and significance of reading Scripture in community? When you hear Scripture read in church, is your experience different from when you read it on your own?
3. What, if anything, do you think is happening when Scripture is read? What happened when Ezra read the law to all the people, and when Jesus read the scroll of Isaiah in the synagogue at Nazareth?

(Please remain seated for the Anthem)

Anthem:

Psalm 19

The heavens declare God's glory,
The earth sings praises to his name.
The hills and valleys sing his praise,
In songs of joy they praise his name.
All heaven and earth sing praise unto God's name.
The day shows forth his majesty,
The night sings praise eternally,
All nature sings.
Let all creation lift its voice,
Let all of humankind rejoice.
Their voice is sounding praise to him.

The heavens declare God's glory,
The earth sings praises to his name.
Sing praises unto God.

(Benedetto Marcello, arr. Connell)

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 George Goodwin

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

Leader: ... Lord, in your mercy;

All: hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Loving God, we come as your beloved children,
presenting the needs and concerns of our hearts.

Listen to our prayers, and lead us in your pathways, for we come to you through your Son, 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)

98, Hark the Glad Sound! The Saviour Comes

Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long:
let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song.

He comes, the prisoners to release
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst;
the iron fetters yield.

He comes, the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace
to bless the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
your welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring
with your beloved name.

(Richmond 306)

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: Loving God,
before the world began you called us.
Make holy all we offer you this day,
and strengthen us in that calling.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the
Lord. Amen.**

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

Eucharistic Prayer 1

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: It is indeed right that we should praise you,
gracious God,
for you created all things.

You formed us in your own image:

male and female you created us.

When we turned away from you in sin,
you did not cease to care for us,

but opened a path of salvation for all people.

You made a covenant with Israel,

and through your servants Abraham and Sarah
gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.

Through Moses you led your people
from bondage into freedom;

through the prophets

you renewed your promise of salvation.

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints
who have served you in every age,

we give thanks and raise our voices
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 the One 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: Holy God, source of life and goodness,
all creation rightly gives you praise.
In the fullness of time,
you sent your Son Jesus Christ,
to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.
He healed the sick
and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;
he opened the eyes of the blind
and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom
to the poor and to those in need.
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.
On the night he freely gave himself to death,
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."
Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice
destroys the power of sin and death;
by raising him to life
you give us life for evermore.
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**People: Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: Recalling his death,
proclaiming his resurrection,
and looking for his coming again in glory,
we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts,
that all who eat and drink at this table
may be one body and one holy people,
a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

People: 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 this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**All: We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread**

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)*

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

God, who stretched the spangled heavens,
infinite in time and place,
flung the suns in burning radiance
through the silent fields of space;
we, your children in your likeness,
share inventive pow'rs with you.
Great creator still creating,
show us what we yet may do.

We have ventured worlds undreamed of
since the childhood of our race,
known the ecstasy of winging
through untraveled realms of space,
probed the secrets of the atom,
yielding unimagined pow'r,
facing us with life's destruction
or our most triumphant hour.

As each far horizon beckons,
may it challenge us anew,
children of creative purpose
serving others, honouring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise,
each endeavor well begun.
Great creator, give us guidance
till our goals and yours are one.

(Holy Manna)

73, One Bread, One Body

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man no more.
One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.
One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all.
One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

(One Bread, One Body)

Prayer after Communion

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All: Gracious God,
our hands have taken holy things;
our lives have been nourished by the body of
your Son.
May we who have eaten at this holy table
be strengthened for service in your world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the
Lord. Amen.**

Doxology

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. 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)

We Are All One in Mission

We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission compels us from above
To plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different, our purpose is the same:

To touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace
So every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

We all behold one vision, a stark reality:
The author of salvation was nailed upon a tree.
Yet resurrected Justice gives rise that we may share
Free reconciliation and hope amid despair.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

(Aurelia 525)

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Sonata No. 7

(Benedetto Marcello)

(Performed by Edward Connell)

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



Flower Memorial

The flowers in the church today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my parents, Ruth and Rod Gordon, and with thanks for the many joys in life, given by Janet Gordon.

Coffee Hour



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

Your hosts today will be Cynthia Majewski and Ginny Lyon.

Gluten free options are available.

Children's Programming

The children will be doing a group sculpting project representing Noah's Ark and The Nativity. This program is facilitated by Melanie Bilark.

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.



Week of January 27th to 31st

The Office is open for in-person drop ins on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday this week from 10:00am – 3:00pm.

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.**

- **ESL Conversation and Practice** every **Tuesday at 11:00am** in Soward Hall.
- **Open Church Hour** every week on **Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 2:00-3:00pm**. *The church will be open for drop-in quiet prayer, and if desired, pastoral care and time with the clergy. Jonathan on Tuesday, Irina on Wednesday, and Carol on Thursday.*
- **Contemplative Art** every **Wednesday at 10:00am** in the Library. *All materials provided. Open to all.*
- **Mid-Week Eucharist** every **Wednesday at 11:30am**.
- **St. Andrew's Group** meets online via Zoom on **Wednesdays at 12:00nn** for lunch and fellowship.
- **Looking for Hope Group** meets every **Thursday at 12:00nn** in the Parlour. *A sharing group for people who are seeking mutual and pastoral support in challenging circumstances.*
- **Friday, January 31st to Sunday, February 2nd - Breakaway Parish Retreat at Fair Havens, Beaverton**
- **Next Sunday, February 2nd – The Presentation of Our Lord**
 - **8:30am:** Adult Christian Education in the Parlour
 - **10:00am:** Holy Eucharist with Children's Programming
 - **Immediately following the service:** Lunch and Lecture on Artificial Intelligence

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 Cast the Net strategic vision for the Diocese of Toronto.

Outreach Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Parish of Fenelon Falls, its community gardens, community kitchen, cooking classes, and support of the Good Food Box;

for the Parish of Georgina, its Summer Outreach Chaplaincy, parish food voucher distribution, prayer shawl ministry, outreach to the homeless, and support of the Georgina Community Food Pantry;

and for Grace Church-on-the-Hill, its support of the Churches-on-the-Hill food bank, provision of meals for Out of the Cold programs, refugee resettlement work, and support of Indigenous ministries, international emergency response and development, prison ministry, and food security organizations.

Our Area Community: Blessed Sacrament Church.

Our Parish Families: Dale Scott; Geoffrey, Verity & Graydon Scott; Roger & Anne Seymour; Shirley Shannon; Gloria Shaw; Michael, Joan, Alec, Brendan & Callum Shaw; Carol Shih; Bogdan, Christina & Teodor Simion; Siobhan, Dan, Etaoin & Ciara Sinclair; Sylvia Skippen.

Those Celebrating Birthdays: Mary Kirton (31st).

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

Eternal Rest: Patricia Vicari.

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Our Vision

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