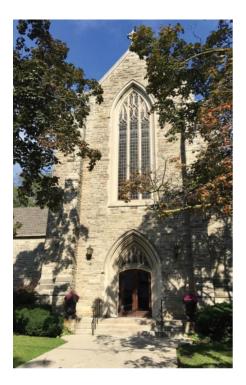
Welcome to St Timothy's

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

Morning Prayer

May 14th, 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.

St. Matthias the Apostle

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Welcome

Opening Sentences

Leader:	O Lord, open our lips,
All:	and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Leader:	In your resurrection, O Christ,
All:	let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.
Leader:	Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
	to you be praise and glory for ever.
	As once you ransomed your people from Egypt
	and led them to freedom in the promised land,
	so now you have delivered us from the dominion
	of darkness
	and brought us into the kingdom of your risen Son.
	May we, the first fruits of your new creation,
	rejoice in this new day you have made,
	and praise you for your mighty acts.
	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 15

O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill? **Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;** who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbours; **in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honour those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;** who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent. **Those who do these things shall never be moved.**

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

Jesus said, 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower.

Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.

John 15: 1, 6 – 16

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:	In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, "Hear us, Lord of glory!"
	That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.
All:	Hear us, Lord of glory!
Leader:	That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.
All:	Hear us, Lord of glory!
Leader:	That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.
All:	Hear us, Lord of glory!
Leader:	That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.
All:	Hear us, Lord of glory!
Leader:	That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.
All:	Hear us, Lord of glory!

- Leader: That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.All: Hear us, Lord of glory!
- Leader: That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.
- All: Hear us, Lord of glory! Amen.

The Collect for the Day

Leader: Almighty God, who in the place of the traitor Judas chose your faithful servant Matthias to be of the number of the Twelve: preserve your Church from false apostles and, by the ministry of faithful pastors and teachers, keep us steadfast in your truth; 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: Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us, Our Father, who art in heaven, A11: 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 the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.
- All: Amen.
- Leader: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!