

Welcome to St Timothy's

The Fourth Sunday of Easter



May 11, 2025

In-Person & Online Service at 10:00am

“I Am the Door of the Sheepfold”

Not one that’s gently hinged or deftly hung,
Not like the ones you planed at Joseph’s
place,
Not like the well-oiled openings that swung
So easily for Pilate’s practiced pace,
Not like the ones that closed in Mary’s face
From house to house in brimming
Bethlehem,
Not like the one that no man may assail,
The dreadful curtain, The forbidding veil
That waits your breaking in Jerusalem.

Not one you made but one you have
become:

Load-bearing, balancing, a weighted beam
To bridge the gap, to bring us within reach
Of your high pasture. Calling us by name,
You lay your body down across the breach,
Yourself the door that opens into home.

- *by Malcolm Guite*

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: Sheep May Safely Graze

(J. S. Bach)

(Performed by Edward Connell)

Processional Hymn:

(Please stand as you are able)

521, Dear Shepherd of Your People, Hear

Dear Shepherd of your people, hear;
your presence now display;
as you have given a place for prayer,
so give us hearts to pray.

Within these walls let holy peace
and love and concord dwell;
here give the troubled conscience ease,
the wounded spirit heal.

May we in faith receive your word,
in faith present our prayers;
and in the presence of our Lord
unburden all our cares.

The hearing ear, the seeing eye,
the humbled mind bestow;
and shine upon us from on high,
to make our graces grow.

(Winchester Old 136)

Opening Sentences

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant: May his grace and peace be with you.

People: May he fill our hearts with joy.

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.**

The 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.
O God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus
Christ,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
make us perfect in every good work to do your
will,
and work in us that which is well-pleasing in
your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 Isaiah

read by Sochi Nnamdi-okafor

Who would have believed what we heard?

Who saw the Lord's power in this?

He grew up like a small plant before the Lord.

He was like a root growing in a dry land.

He had no special beauty or form to make us notice him.

There was nothing in his appearance to make us desire him.

He was hated and rejected by people.

He had much pain and suffering.

People would not even look at him.

He was hated, and we didn't even notice him.

But he took our suffering on him

and felt our pain for us.

We saw his suffering.

We thought God was punishing him.

But he was wounded for the wrong things we did.

He was crushed for the evil things we did.

The punishment, which made us well, was given to him.

And we are healed because of his wounds.

We all have wandered away like sheep.

Each of us has gone his own way.

But the Lord has put on him the punishment

for all the evil we have done.

Isaiah 53: 1 – 6 (ICB)

Silence is kept for reflection.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

led by Dennis Maplazi

The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.**

He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death,**

I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those
who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life, ***

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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 Book of Revelation

read by Janet Gordon

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Revelation 7: 9 – 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)

Blessed are the poor in spirit; all of heaven will be theirs.

Blessed are the sad and mournful;

God will wipe away their tears.

Alleluia, amen.

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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 John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my

hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

John 10: 22 – 30 (NRSV)

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Blessed, too, are those who hunger and
who thirst for what is right.

They will never seek to wander, for in you is their delight.

Alleluia, amen.

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(Please be seated)

Homily

Jonathan Kang

Silence is kept.

(Please remain seated for the Anthem)

Anthem: The Lord Is My Shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's
sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
For thou art with me:
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies.
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

(Thomas Matthews)

The Affirmation of Faith

Celebrant: Let us declare our faith and hope in God.

**All: We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

led by David Dimick

(Please adopt the pose most comfortable for you during the prayers of the people and respond as indicated.)

Leader: ... we pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal. Hear our prayers and receive them for the sake of the crucified and risen one, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All: 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)

322, All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem

and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, the heir of David's line,
whom David Lord did call,
the God incarnate, life divine,
and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, you martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
praise him whose way of pain you trod,
and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him Lord of all.

Let every tongue and every tribe,
delivered from the fall,
to Christ all majesty ascribe,
and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him Lord of all.

O that, with heaven's sacred throng,
we at his feet may fall,
lift high the universal song,
and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him Lord of all.

(Miles Lane, vs 1-3, 5-6)

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.

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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 loving care,
 you spread before us the table of life,
 and give us the cup of salvation to drink.
 Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus
 Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd. Amen.**

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

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2

Celebrant: May God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to God.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

People: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Eternal God, Source of all being,
we give you thanks and praise
for your faithful love.
You call us into friendship
with you and one another
to be your holy people,
a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us,
unfailingly you remain with us.
When we injure others,
you confront us in your love
and call us to the paths of righteousness.
You stand with the weak,
and those, broken and alone,
whom you have always welcomed home,
making the first last, and the last first.
Therefore we raise our voices
with angels and archangels,
forever praising you and singing:

**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.**

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Celebrant: Blessed are you, O Holy One.
At the right time you sent your Anointed One
to stand with the poor,

the outcast, and the oppressed.
Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed
them.

He knew the desolation of the cross
and opened the way for all humanity
into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,
gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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."

Loving and Holy One,
recalling Christ's death and resurrection,
we offer you these gifts,
and proclaim our hope.

**People: Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Celebrant: Pour out your Spirit on these gifts
that through them you may sustain us
in our hunger for your peace.
We hold before you
all whose lives are marked by suffering,
our sisters and brothers.
When we are broken and cast aside,
embrace us in your love.

People: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Celebrant: Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
O Source of all life, 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.**

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The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: Now we are raised to new life.

Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

Celebrant: Live in us, that we may live in you.

The Communion

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Pascha Nostrum (sung by all)

God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us;
therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast;
forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth.

Alleluia!

(Engelberg)

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)*

520, The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

(Dominus Regit Me)

291, O Christ, the Healer

O Christ, the healer, we have come
to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored,
when reached by love that never ends?

From every ailment flesh endures
our bodies clamour to be freed;
yet in our hearts we would confess
that wholeness is our deepest need.

How strong, O Lord, are our desires,
how weak our knowledge of ourselves!
Release in us those healing truths
unconscious pride resists or shelves.

In conflicts that destroy our health,
we diagnose the world's disease;
our common life declares our ills:
is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

Grant that we all, made one in faith,
in your community may find
the wholeness that, enriching us,
shall reach the whole of humankind.

Prayer after Communion

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All: God of steadfast love,
watch over the Church redeemed by the blood
of your Son.
May we who share in these holy mysteries
come safely to your eternal kingdom,
where there is one flock and one shepherd.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the
risen 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: May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Recessional Hymn:

(Please stand as you are able)

You Servants of God

You servants of God, your Saviour proclaim,
and publish abroad that wonderful name.

The name all victorious of Jesus extol,
whose kingdom is glorious, who rules over all.

God rules from on high, almighty to save,
whose Word still is nigh, a presence we have.
The great congregation God's triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"

Let all cry aloud and honour the Son.

The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down in deep reverence and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right:
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honour and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

(Laudate Dominum)

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Our worship is over – our service begins.



Flower Memorial

The flowers in the church today are given to the Glory of God, in loving memory of Marian Fielding and Peter Fielding – “Forever and always in our hearts”, given by David and the Fielding family.

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 Alan and Frances Flint.

Gluten free options are available.

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 May 12th to 16th



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.

Ashani is on vacation from May 12th to June 4th. Please contact the wardens or Rev. Irina if your inquiry needs immediate attention.

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.**

- *A Celebration of the Life of Ophelia Wickham* on **Monday, May 12th at 11:00am.**
Visitation will take place **today, May 11th from 2:00 – 4:00pm** at Kane-Jerrett Funeral Home, 8088 Yonge Street, Thornhill.
- *ESL Reading & Career Mentoring Groups* meet on **alternate Tuesdays at 10:00am** in the Loft.
- *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.
- *Contemplative Art* every **Wednesday at 10:00am** in the Library. *All materials provided. Open to all.*
- *Mid-Week Eucharist* on **Wednesdays at 11:30am.**
- *St. Andrew's Group* meets online via Zoom **on Wednesdays at 12:00nn** for lunch and fellowship.
- **Next Sunday, May 18th – *The Fifth Sunday of Easter***
 - **8:30am:** Adult Christian Education in the Parlour
 - **10:00am:** Holy Eucharist with Children's Programming

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: Theological Education / Vocations for Ministry.

Outreach Cycle of Prayer: Pray for St. George, Allandale, its Deacon's cupboard, support of Hospice Simcoe, the David Busby Centre, Samaritan House and Grove Park seniors' home;

for St. George, Fairvalley, its support of Mariposa House Hospice, FaithWorks, and area foodbanks;

and for St. George, Grafton, its provision of affordable seniors housing through the Haldimand Court Apartments, Community Care Dinners, monthly Soup Lunch, Christmas hampers and food donations, and support of Transition House in Cobourg.

Our Area Community: Cross Community Journey with Christ Church.

Our Parish Families: Robert & Gladys McClellan, Micheline McKay, Richard, Michela & Christopher Comparey, Don & Libby McKibbin, San Dar, Win, Raikit, Roleang & Rokim Menring, Peter Miller, Sandy, Marianne, Andrew & John Miller, Kevin, Liam, Mackenzie Muscat & Elizabeth Snip, Joseph & Queen Okafor, Sommy, Sobe, Sochi & Sonna Nnamdi-okafor, Kathleen Olden-Powell, Ellen Panos.

Those Celebrating Birthdays: Callan Hendershot (11th), Jenna Fletcher (11th), Frederick Gall (11th), Vanessa Baerveldt (14th).

Those in Need: Doug Scott; Allethia Liburd; Nicholas; Myrna Robb; Jean Jones; Sarah Flint; Rosina Warton; Don Fraser; Linda Brovold; Muriel Sutherland; Liz Snip; Carol Stittle; Barbara Taylor.

Eternal Rest: Ophelia Wickham.

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Our Vision

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