

Welcome to St Timothy's

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

Morning Prayer

July 7th, 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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before the service begins.*

Welcome

Opening Sentences

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

All: and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Leader: Blessed are you, Sovereign God, creator of all,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

You founded the earth in the beginning

and the heavens are the work of your hands.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image,

and in these last days you have spoken to us

in your Son Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

As we rejoice in the gift of your presence among
us

let the light of your love always shine in our
hearts,

your Spirit ever renew our lives

and your praises ever be on our lips.

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 2

Why do the nations conspire,
and the peoples plot in vain?

**The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the Lord and his anointed, saying,**

‘Let us burst their bonds asunder,
and cast their cords from us.’

**He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord has them in derision.**

Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
‘I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill.’

**I will tell of the decree of the Lord:
He said to me, ‘You are my son;
today I have begotten you.**

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.

**You shall break them with a rod of iron,
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.’**

Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
Serve the Lord with fear,
with trembling kiss his feet,
**or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way;
for his wrath is quickly kindled.**
Happy are all who take refuge in him.

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

Samuel said to Saul, 'The Lord sent me to anoint you king over his people Israel; now therefore listen to the words of the Lord. Thus says the Lord of hosts, "I will punish the Amalekites for what they did in opposing the Israelites when they came up out of Egypt. Now go and attack Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have; do not spare them, but kill both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.'"

Saul defeated the Amalekites, from Havilah as far as Shur, which is east of Egypt. He took King Agag of the Amalekites alive, but utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep and of the cattle and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was valuable, and would not utterly destroy them; all that was despised and worthless they utterly destroyed.

The word of the Lord came to Samuel: 'I regret that I made Saul king, for he has turned back from following me, and has not carried out my commands.' Samuel was angry; and he cried out to the Lord all night. Samuel rose early in the morning to meet Saul, and Samuel was told, 'Saul went to Carmel, where he set up a monument for himself, and on returning he passed on down to Gilgal.' When Samuel came to Saul, Saul said to him, 'May you be blessed by the Lord; I have carried out the command of the Lord.' But Samuel said, 'What then is this bleating of sheep in my ears, and the lowing of cattle that I hear?' Saul said, 'They have brought them from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and the cattle, to sacrifice to the Lord your God; but the rest we have utterly destroyed.' Then Samuel said to Saul, 'Stop! I will tell you what the Lord said to me last night.' He replied, 'Speak.'

Samuel said, 'Though you are little in your own eyes, are you not the head of the tribes of Israel? The Lord anointed you king over Israel. And the Lord sent you on a mission, and said, "Go, utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed." Why then did you not obey the voice of the Lord? Why did you swoop down on the spoil, and do what was evil in the sight of the Lord?' Saul said to Samuel, 'I have obeyed the voice of the Lord, I have gone on the mission on which the Lord sent me, I have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. But from the spoil the people took sheep and cattle, the best of the things devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to the Lord your God in Gilgal.' And Samuel said,

'Has the Lord as great delight in burnt-offerings and sacrifices,

as in obedience to the voice of the Lord?

Surely, to obey is better than sacrifice,

and to heed than the fat of rams.

For rebellion is no less a sin than divination,

and stubbornness is like iniquity and idolatry.

Because you have rejected the word of the Lord,

he has also rejected you from being king.'

1 Samuel 15: 1 – 3, 7 – 23

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Prayers of Intercession

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world,
and let us thank God for his goodness.

That this day may be holy, good and joyful ...
let us pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, send your Spirit.

Leader: For the unity of the Church in witness and
proclamation of the Gospel ...

let us pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, send your Spirit.

Leader: For the peace and stability of all peoples and for
the leaders of the nations ...

let us pray to the Lord:
All: Lord, send your Spirit.

Leader: That we may strive for the well-being of all
creation ...

let us pray to the Lord:
All: Lord, send your Spirit.

Leader: For places of work, education and leisure ...
For a blessing on our homes; for our relations and
friends and all whom we love ...

let us pray to the Lord:
All: Lord, send your Spirit.

Leader: For the sick and suffering and all who minister to
their needs ...

let us pray to the Lord:
All: Lord, send your Spirit.

Leader: For those who have died (especially ...)
let us pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, send your Spirit.

Leader: Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we
pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

All: Amen.

The Collect for the Day

Leader: Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our
hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your
service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
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: 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: The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life.

All: **Amen.**

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**