

Welcome to St Timothy's

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

Morning Prayer

July 9th, 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, creator of all,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As your dawn renews the face of the earth
bringing light and life to all creation,
may we rejoice in this day you have made;
as we wake refreshed from the depths of sleep,
open our eyes to behold your presence
and strengthen our hands to do your will,
that the world may rejoice and give you praise.
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 119: 1 – 24

Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord.

**Happy are those who keep his decrees,
who seek him with their whole heart,
who also do no wrong,
but walk in his ways.**

You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.

**O that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!**

Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

**I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous ordinances.**

I will observe your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.

**How can young people keep their way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.**

With my whole heart I seek you;
do not let me stray from your commandments.

**I treasure your word in my heart,
so that I may not sin against you.**

Blessed are you, O Lord;
teach me your statutes.

**With my lips I declare
all the ordinances of your mouth.**

I delight in the way of your decrees
as much as in all riches.

**I will meditate on your precepts,
and fix my eyes on your ways.**

I will delight in your statutes;

I will not forget your word.

**Deal bountifully with your servant,
so that I may live and observe your word.**

Open my eyes, so that I may behold
wondrous things out of your law.

**I live as an alien in the land;
do not hide your commandments from me.**

My soul is consumed with longing
for your ordinances at all times.

**You rebuke the insolent, accursed ones,
who wander from your commandments;
take away from me their scorn and contempt,
for I have kept your decrees.**

Even though princes sit plotting against me,
your servant will meditate on your statutes.

**Your decrees are my delight,
they are my counsellors.**

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

The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord.' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in. Now he

was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

1 Samuel 16: 1 – 13

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Prayers of Intercession

Leader: Lord God, through your grace we are your people:
through your Son you have redeemed us;
in your Spirit you have made us your own.

That this day may be holy, good and joyful:

Lord, receive our praise,

All: and hear our prayer.

Leader: In the Anglican Church of Canada, we pray for
.... In our parish community we uphold in prayer
.... That we may offer to you our worship and our
work and that you will keep us this day without
sin:

Lord, receive our praise,

All: and hear our prayer.

Leader: That we may strive for the well-being of all creation and that we may walk before you in the paths of righteousness and peace:

Lord, receive our praise,

All: and hear our prayer.

Leader: That you will bless your people and lift them up for ever especially ... (the sick and those in need). That in the pleasures and pains of life, we may know the love of Christ and be thankful:

Lord, receive our praise,

All: and hear our prayer.

Leader: That you will guide and protect us by your Holy Spirit and bring us, (...) and all those who have died with your saints to glory everlasting:

Lord, receive our praise,

All: and hear our prayer.

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.