

# **Welcome to St Timothy's**

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

## **Morning Prayer**

**July 10th, 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.

# *Feria*

*Please turn off your video and mute yourself  
before the service begins.*

*Welcome*

*Opening Sentences*

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

All: **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*A Song of God's Blessing*

God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,

**That your way may be known upon earth,  
your saving power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

**O let the nations rejoice and be glad,  
for you will judge the peoples righteously  
and govern the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

**Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,  
and God, our own God, will bless us.**

God will bless us,  
and all the ends of the earth shall fear 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.**

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 18: 1 – 20*

I love you, O Lord, my strength.  
The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer,  
my God, my rock in whom I take refuge,  
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

**I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised;  
so I shall be saved from my enemies.**

The cords of death encompassed me;  
the torrents of perdition assailed me;  
the cords of Sheol entangled me;  
the snares of death confronted me.

**In my distress I called upon the Lord;  
to my God I cried for help.  
From his temple he heard my voice,  
and my cry to him reached his ears.**

Then the earth reeled and rocked;  
the foundations also of the mountains trembled  
and quaked, because he was angry.

**Smoke went up from his nostrils,  
and devouring fire from his mouth;  
glowing coals flamed forth from him.**

He bowed the heavens, and came down;  
thick darkness was under his feet.

**He rode on a cherub, and flew;  
he came swiftly upon the wings of the wind.**

He made darkness his covering around him,  
his canopy thick clouds dark with water.

**Out of the brightness before him  
there broke through his clouds  
hailstones and coals of fire.**

The Lord also thundered in the heavens,  
and the Most High uttered his voice.

**And he sent out his arrows, and scattered them;  
he flashed forth lightnings, and routed them.**

Then the channels of the sea were seen,  
and the foundations of the world were laid bare  
at your rebuke, O Lord,  
at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.

**He reached down from on high, he took me;  
he drew me out of mighty waters.**

He delivered me from my strong enemy,  
and from those who hated me;  
for they were too mighty for me.

**They confronted me in the day of my calamity;  
but the Lord was my support.**

He brought me out into a broad place;  
he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

**The Lord rewarded me according to my  
righteousness;  
according to the cleanness of my hands he  
recompensed me.**

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*

Now the spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord tormented him. And Saul's servants said to him, 'See now, an evil spirit from God is tormenting you. Let our lord now command the servants who attend you to look for someone who is skilful in playing the lyre; and when the evil spirit from God is upon you, he will play it, and you will feel better.' So Saul said to his servants, 'Provide for me someone who can play well, and bring him to me.' One of the young men answered, 'I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite who is skilful in playing, a man of valour, a warrior, prudent in speech, and a man of good presence; and the Lord is with him.' So Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and

said, 'Send me your son David who is with the sheep.' Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a skin of wine, and a kid, and sent them by his son David to Saul. And David came to Saul, and entered his service. Saul loved him greatly, and he became his armour-bearer. Saul sent to Jesse, saying, 'Let David remain in my service, for he has found favour in my sight.' And whenever the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, David took the lyre and played it with his hand, and Saul would be relieved and feel better, and the evil spirit would depart from him.

Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle; they were gathered at Socoh, which belongs to Judah, and encamped between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephes-dammim. Saul and the Israelites gathered and encamped in the valley of Elah, and formed ranks against the Philistines. The Philistines stood on the mountain on one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side, with a valley between them. And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armoured with a coat of mail; the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. He had greaves of bronze on his legs and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron; and his shield-bearer went before him. He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, 'Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants; but if I prevail against him

and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us.’  
And the Philistine said, ‘Today I defy the ranks of Israel!  
Give me a man, that we may fight together.’ When Saul and  
all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were  
dismayed and greatly afraid.

*1 Samuel 16:14 - 17:11*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### *Prayers of Intercession*

Leader: Let us pray together to the Lord, saying, “Lord,  
hear our prayer.”

Loving God, we thank you for your many gifts to  
us, for the love which brings us together, for the  
earth which provides for our needs, for the new  
life you have given us in Jesus Christ, (for . . .).

Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray to you for our Christian family  
(especially for . . .) and for grace to grow in your  
love. Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray to you for our world, for all its cares and  
needs, and for all who lead us and care for us,  
(especially . . .)

Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray to you for those in need, for the sick and the lonely, for the hurt and the frightened, and for those who live without hope (especially . . .).  
Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for those we love who have died, that you will surround them with your care and love (especially . . .)  
Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for one another, asking you to bless us, our friends, and relatives. Bless the places where we work, bless our homes and our life together.  
Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, 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.**