

# **Welcome to St Timothy's**

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

## **Morning Prayer**

**July 29th, 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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*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.**

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 62*

For God alone my soul waits in silence;  
from him comes my salvation.

**He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress; I shall never be shaken.**

How long will you assail a person,  
will you batter your victim, all of you,  
as you would a leaning wall, a tottering fence?

**Their only plan is to bring down a person of  
prominence.**

**They take pleasure in falsehood;  
they bless with their mouths,  
but inwardly they curse.**

For God alone my soul waits in silence,  
for my hope is from him.

**He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

On God rests my deliverance and my honour;  
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

**Trust in him at all times, O people;  
pour out your heart before him;  
God is a refuge for us.**

Those of low estate are but a breath,  
those of high estate are a delusion;  
in the balances they go up;  
they are together lighter than a breath.

**Put no confidence in extortion,  
and set no vain hopes on robbery;  
if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.**

Once God has spoken;  
twice have I heard this:  
that power belongs to God,  
and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.

**For you repay to all  
according to their work.**

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*

While there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David, Abner was making himself strong in the house of Saul. Now Saul had a concubine whose name was Rizpah daughter of Aiah. And Ishbaal said to Abner, 'Why have you gone in to my father's concubine?' The words of Ishbaal made Abner very angry; he said, 'Am I a dog's head for Judah? Today I keep showing loyalty to the house of your father Saul, to his brothers, and to his friends, and have not given you into the hand of David; and yet you charge me now with a crime concerning this woman. So may God do to

Abner and so may he add to it! For just what the Lord has sworn to David, that will I accomplish for him, to transfer the kingdom from the house of Saul, and set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan to Beer-sheba.' And Ishbaal could not answer Abner another word, because he feared him.

Abner sent messengers to David at Hebron, saying, 'To whom does the land belong? Make your covenant with me, and I will give you my support to bring all Israel over to you.' He said, 'Good; I will make a covenant with you. But one thing I require of you: you shall never appear in my presence unless you bring Saul's daughter Michal when you come to see me.' Then David sent messengers to Saul's son Ishbaal, saying, 'Give me my wife Michal, to whom I became engaged at the price of one hundred foreskins of the Philistines.' Ishbaal sent and took her from her husband Paltiel the son of Laish. But her husband went with her, weeping as he walked behind her all the way to Bahurim. Then Abner said to him, 'Go back home!' So he went back.

Abner sent word to the elders of Israel, saying, 'For some time past you have been seeking David as king over you. Now then bring it about; for the Lord has promised David: Through my servant David I will save my people Israel from the hand of the Philistines, and from all their enemies.' Abner also spoke directly to the Benjaminites; then Abner went to tell David at Hebron all that Israel and the whole house of Benjamin were ready to do.

When Abner came with twenty men to David at Hebron, David made a feast for Abner and the men who were with him. Abner said to David, 'Let me go and rally all Israel to

my lord the king, in order that they may make a covenant with you, and that you may reign over all that your heart desires.' So David dismissed Abner, and he went away in peace.

*2 Samuel 3: 6 – 21*

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.

We pray for ... (the Church)  
Make our hearts respond to your love.  
Lord, receive our praise,

**All: and hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for ... (the world)  
Make our lives bear witness to your glory in the world.  
Lord, receive our praise,

**All: and hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for ... (the sick and those in need)  
Make our wills eager to obey, and our hands ready to heal.  
Lord, receive our praise,

**All: and hear our prayer.**

Leader: We give you thanks for ... (those who have died)  
Make our voices one with all your people in  
heaven and on earth.

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: Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love toward you  
that we, loving you in all things and above all  
things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
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.**