

Welcome to St Timothy's

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

Morning Prayer

July 30th, 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.**

A Song of God's Glorious Name

O Lord our governor,

how glorious is your name in all the world!

**Your majesty above the heavens is praised
out of the mouths of babes at the breast.**

You have founded a stronghold against your foes,
that you might still the enemy and the avenger.

**When I consider your heavens, the work of your
fingers,**

the moon and the stars that you have ordained,

What are mortals, that you should be mindful of them;
mere human beings, that you should seek them out?

**You have made them little lower than the angels
and crown them with glory and honour.**

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands

and put all things under their feet,

All sheep and oxen,

even the wild beasts of the field,

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea

and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.

O Lord our governor,

how glorious is your name in all the world!

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 72: 1 – 19

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.

**May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.**

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.

**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.**

May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

**May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.**

In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

**May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.**

May his foes bow down before him,
and his enemies lick the dust.

**May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles
render him tribute,
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.**

May all kings fall down before him,
all nations give him service.

**For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.**

He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.

**From oppression and violence he redeems their life;
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

Long may he live!

May gold of Sheba be given to him.

May prayer be made for him continually,
and blessings invoked for him all day long.

**May there be abundance of grain in the land;
may it wave on the tops of the mountains;
may its fruit be like Lebanon;
and may people blossom in the cities
like the grass of the field.**

May his name endure for ever,

his fame continue as long as the sun.

May all nations be blessed in him;

may they pronounce him happy.

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.**

Blessed be his glorious name for ever;

may his glory fill the whole earth.

Amen and Amen.

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

Just then the servants of David arrived with Joab from a raid, bringing much spoil with them. But Abner was not with David at Hebron, for David had dismissed him, and he had gone away in peace. When Joab and all the army that was with him came, it was told Joab, 'Abner son of Ner came to

the king, and he has dismissed him, and he has gone away in peace.' Then Joab went to the king and said, 'What have you done? Abner came to you; why did you dismiss him, so that he got away? You know that Abner son of Ner came to deceive you, and to learn your comings and goings and to learn all that you are doing.'

When Joab came out from David's presence, he sent messengers after Abner, and they brought him back from the cistern of Sirah; but David did not know about it. When Abner returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside in the gateway to speak with him privately, and there he stabbed him in the stomach. So he died for shedding the blood of Asahel, Joab's brother. Afterwards, when David heard of it, he said, 'I and my kingdom are for ever guiltless before the Lord for the blood of Abner son of Ner. May the guilt fall on the head of Joab, and on all his father's house; and may the house of Joab never be without one who has a discharge, or who is leprous, or who holds a spindle, or who falls by the sword, or who lacks food!' So Joab and his brother Abishai murdered Abner because he had killed their brother Asahel in the battle at Gibeon.

Then David said to Joab and to all the people who were with him, 'Tear your clothes, and put on sackcloth, and mourn over Abner.' And King David followed the bier. They buried Abner at Hebron. The king lifted up his voice and wept at the grave of Abner, and all the people wept. The king lamented for Abner, saying,

'Should Abner die as a fool dies?

Your hands were not bound,
your feet were not fettered;

as one falls before the wicked
you have fallen.'

And all the people wept over him again. Then all the people came to persuade David to eat something while it was still day; but David swore, saying, 'So may God do to me, and more, if I taste bread or anything else before the sun goes down!' All the people took notice of it, and it pleased them; just as everything the king did pleased all the people. So all the people and all Israel understood that day that the king had no part in the killing of Abner son of Ner. And the king said to his servants, 'Do you not know that a prince and a great man has fallen this day in Israel? Today I am powerless, even though anointed king; these men, the sons of Zeruiah, are too violent for me. The Lord pay back the one who does wickedly in accordance with his wickedness!'

2 Samuel 3: 22 – 39

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: 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.