

Welcome to St Timothy's

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

Morning Prayer

August 26th, 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.

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 5

Give ear to my words, O Lord;
give heed to my sighing.

**Listen to the sound of my cry,
my King and my God,
for to you I pray.**

O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice;
in the morning I plead my case to you, and watch.

**For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;
evil will not sojourn with you.**

The boastful will not stand before your eyes;
you hate all evildoers.

**You destroy those who speak lies;
the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful.**

But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love,
will enter your house,

I will bow down towards your holy temple
in awe of you.

**Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness
because of my enemies;
make your way straight before me.**

For there is no truth in their mouths;
their hearts are destruction;
their throats are open graves;
they flatter with their tongues.

**Make them bear their guilt, O God;
let them fall by their own counsels;
because of their many transgressions cast them out,
for they have rebelled against you.**

But let all who take refuge in you rejoice;
let them ever sing for joy.

Spread your protection over them,
so that those who love your name may exult in you.

**For you bless the righteous, O Lord;
you cover them with favour as with a shield.**

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

So the priest Zadok, the prophet Nathan, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites, went down and had Solomon ride on King David's mule, and led him to Gihon. There the priest Zadok took the horn of oil from the tent and anointed Solomon. Then they blew the trumpet, and all the people said, 'Long live King Solomon!' And all the people went up following him, playing on pipes and rejoicing with great joy, so that the earth quaked at their noise.

Adonijah and all the guests who were with him heard it as they finished feasting. When Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, 'Why is the city in an uproar?' While he was still speaking, Jonathan son of the priest Abiathar arrived. Adonijah said, 'Come in, for you are a worthy man and surely you bring good news.' Jonathan answered Adonijah, 'No, for our lord King David has made Solomon king; the king has sent with him the priest Zadok, the prophet Nathan, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and they had him ride on the king's mule; the priest Zadok and the prophet Nathan have anointed him king at Gihon; and they have gone up from there rejoicing, so that the city is in an uproar. This is the noise that you heard. Solomon now sits on the royal throne. Moreover, the king's servants came to congratulate our lord King David, saying, "May God make the name of Solomon more famous than yours, and make his throne greater than your throne." The king bowed in worship on the bed and went on to pray thus, "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who today has granted one of my offspring to sit on my throne and permitted me to witness it."'

Then all the guests of Adonijah got up trembling and went their own ways. Adonijah, fearing Solomon, got up and went to grasp the horns of the altar. Solomon was informed, 'Adonijah is afraid of King Solomon; see, he has laid hold of the horns of the altar, saying, "Let King Solomon swear to me first that he will not kill his servant with the sword."' So Solomon responded, 'If he proves to be a worthy man, not one of his hairs shall fall to the ground; but if wickedness is found in him, he shall die.' Then King Solomon sent to have

him brought down from the altar. He came to do obeisance to King Solomon; and Solomon said to him, 'Go home.'

When David's time to die drew near, he charged his son Solomon, saying: 'I am about to go the way of all the earth. Be strong, be courageous, and keep the charge of the Lord your God, walking in his ways and keeping his statutes, his commandments, his ordinances, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, so that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn. Then the Lord will establish his word that he spoke concerning me: "If your heirs take heed to their way, to walk before me in faithfulness with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail you a successor on the throne of Israel."

1 Kings 1:38 - 2:4

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: Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
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.