

Welcome to St Timothy's

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

Morning Prayer

August 28th, 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 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

Later, two women who were prostitutes came to the king and stood before him. One woman said, 'Please, my lord, this woman and I live in the same house; and I gave birth while she was in the house. Then on the third day after I gave birth, this woman also gave birth. We were together; there was no one else with us in the house, only the two of us were in the house. Then this woman's son died in the night, because she lay on him. She got up in the middle of the night and took my son from beside me while your servant slept. She laid him at her breast, and laid her dead son at my breast. When I rose in the morning to nurse my son, I saw that he was dead; but when I looked at him closely in the morning, clearly it was not the son I had borne.' But the other woman said, 'No, the living son is mine, and the dead son is yours.' The first said, 'No, the dead son is yours, and the living son is mine.' So they argued before the king.

Then the king said, 'One says, "This is my son that is alive, and your son is dead"; while the other says, "Not so! Your son is dead, and my son is the living one."' So the king said, 'Bring me a sword', and they brought a sword before the king. The king said, 'Divide the living boy in two; then give half to one, and half to the other.' But the woman whose son was alive said to the king—because compassion for her son burned within her—'Please, my lord, give her the living boy; certainly do not kill him!' The other said, 'It shall be neither mine nor yours; divide it.' Then the king responded: 'Give the first woman the living boy; do not kill him. She is his mother.' All Israel heard of the judgement that the king had rendered; and they stood in awe of the king, because they

perceived that the wisdom of God was in him, to execute justice.

1 Kings 3: 16 – 28

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: 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.