

# **Welcome to St Timothy's**

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

## **Morning Prayer**

August 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.

# *The Beheading of John the Baptist*

*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.**

*The Venite – A Song of Triumph*

O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving  
and be glad in him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God  
and a great king above all gods.

**In his hand are the depths of the earth  
and the heights of the mountains are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have moulded the dry land.

**Come, let us worship and bow down  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

For he is our God;  
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

**O that today you would listen to his voice:  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
on that day at Massah in the wilderness,  
'When your forebears tested me, and put me to the proof,  
though they had seen my works.  
'Forty years long I detested that generation and said,  
"This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do not know my ways."  
'So I swore in my wrath,  
"They shall not enter into my rest."'**

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 102: 1 – 17*

Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
let my cry come to you.

**Do not hide your face from me  
on the day of my distress.**

**Incline your ear to me;  
answer me speedily on the day when I call.**

For my days pass away like smoke,  
and my bones burn like a furnace.

**My heart is stricken and withered like grass;  
I am too wasted to eat my bread.**

Because of my loud groaning  
my bones cling to my skin.

**I am like an owl of the wilderness,  
like a little owl of the waste places.**

I lie awake;

I am like a lonely bird on the housetop.

**All day long my enemies taunt me;  
those who deride me use my name for a curse.**

For I eat ashes like bread,  
and mingle tears with my drink,  
because of your indignation and anger;  
for you have lifted me up and thrown me aside.

**My days are like an evening shadow;  
I wither away like grass.**

But you, O Lord, are enthroned for ever;  
your name endures to all generations.

**You will rise up and have compassion on Zion,  
for it is time to favour it;  
the appointed time has come.**

For your servants hold its stones dear,  
and have pity on its dust.

**The nations will fear the name of the Lord,  
and all the kings of the earth your glory.**

For the Lord will build up Zion;  
he will appear in his glory.

**He will regard the prayer of the destitute,  
and will not despise their prayer.**

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*

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.  
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

*Revelation 7: 13 – 17*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### *Prayers of Intercession*

Leader: Let us by prayer and intercession with  
thanksgiving make our requests to God.

Gracious God,  
we pray for peace, justice and reconciliation  
throughout the world.  
We pray for the honouring of human rights,  
and for the relief of the oppressed.  
We give thanks for all that is gracious in the lives  
of men, women and children.  
Lord in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for the renewal of the Church in faith,  
love and service.

We pray for ... in the Anglican Church of Canada  
and for ... and all those who contribute to the life  
of this parish & community.

We give thanks for the gift of your word,

the grace of the sacraments  
and the fellowship of your people.  
Lord in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for this local community  
and for all people in their daily life and work.  
We pray for the young and the elderly,  
for families, and all who are alone.  
We give thanks for human skill and creativity  
and all that reveals your loveliness.  
Lord in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for those who are in need;  
for the sick & sorrowful and the bereaved,  
especially ... (and the families of ...).  
We pray for all who bring comfort, care and  
healing.

We give thanks for human love and friendship  
and for all that enriches our daily lives.  
Lord in your mercy,

**All: 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,  
who called your servant John the Baptist  
to be the forerunner of your Son in birth and  
death:  
strengthen us by your grace  
that, as he suffered for the truth,  
so we may boldly resist corruption and vice  
and receive with him the unfading crown of  
glory;  
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.**