

# **Welcome to St Timothy's**

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

## **Morning Prayer**

September 1st, 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 25 (selected verses)*

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.  
O my God, in you I trust;  
do not let me be put to shame;  
do not let my enemies exult over me.

**Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;  
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;  
teach me your paths.

**Lead me in your truth, and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all day long.**

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast  
love,  
for they have been from of old.

**Do not remember the sins of my youth or my  
transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for your goodness' sake, O Lord!**

Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

**He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.**

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

**For your name's sake, O Lord,  
pardon my guilt, for it is great.**

Who are they that fear the Lord?

He will teach them the way that they should choose.

**They will abide in prosperity,  
and their children shall possess the land.**

Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
for I am lonely and afflicted.

**Relieve the troubles of my heart,  
and bring me out of my distress.**

Consider my affliction and my trouble,  
and forgive all my sins.

**Consider how many are my foes,  
and with what violent hatred they hate me.**

O guard my life, and deliver me;

do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

**May integrity and uprightness preserve me,  
for I wait for you.**

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*

Thus all the work that King Solomon did on the house of the Lord was finished. Solomon brought in the things that his father David had dedicated, the silver, the gold, and the vessels, and stored them in the treasuries of the house of the Lord.

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion. So they brought up the ark of the Lord, the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the tent. There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone that Moses had placed there at Horeb, where the Lord made a covenant with the Israelites, when they came out of the land of Egypt. And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.

Then Solomon said,

‘The Lord has said that he would dwell in thick darkness.  
I have built you an exalted house,  
a place for you to dwell in for ever.’

Then the king turned round and blessed all the assembly of Israel. He said, ‘Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who with his hand has fulfilled what he promised with his mouth to my father David, saying, “Since the day that I brought my people Israel out of Egypt, I have not chosen a city from any of the tribes of Israel in which to build a house, that my name might be there; but I chose David to be over my people Israel.” My father David had it in mind to build a house for

the name of the Lord, the God of Israel. But the Lord said to my father David, “You did well to consider building a house for my name; nevertheless, you shall not build the house, but your son who shall be born to you shall build the house for my name.” Now the Lord has upheld the promise that he made; for I have risen in the place of my father David; I sit on the throne of Israel, as the Lord promised, and have built the house for the name of the Lord, the God of Israel.

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, ‘O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him.

But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant’s prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, “My name shall be there”, that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive.’

*1 Kings 7:51 - 8:30 (selected verses)*

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

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

## *Prayers of Intercession*

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world,  
and let us thank God for his goodness.

That this day may be holy, good and joyful ...  
let us pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord, send your Spirit.**

Leader: For the unity of the Church in witness and  
proclamation of the Gospel ...  
let us pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord, send your Spirit.**

Leader: For the peace and stability of all peoples and for  
the leaders of the nations ...  
let us pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord, send your Spirit.**

Leader: That we may strive for the well-being of all  
creation ...  
let us pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord, send your Spirit.**

Leader: For places of work, education and leisure ...  
For a blessing on our homes; for our relations and  
friends and all whom we love ...  
let us pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord, send your Spirit.**

Leader: For the sick and suffering and all who minister to  
their needs ...

let us pray to the Lord:  
**All: Lord, send your Spirit.**

Leader: For those who have died (especially ...)  
let us pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord, send your Spirit.**

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: O God, you declare your almighty power  
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:  
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your  
grace,  
that we, running the way of your  
commandments,  
may receive your gracious promises,  
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;  
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.**