

Welcome to St Timothy's

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

Morning Prayer

September 4th, 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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Welcome

Opening Sentences

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

All: and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

A Song of God's Blessing

God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,

**That your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

**O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
for you will judge the peoples righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

**Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,
and God, our own God, will bless us.**

God will bless us,
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

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 37: 1 - 17

Do not fret because of the wicked;
do not be envious of wrongdoers,
for they will soon fade like the grass,
and wither like the green herb.

**Trust in the Lord, and do good;
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.**

Take delight in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

**Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him, and he will act.**

He will make your vindication shine like the light,
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

**Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him;
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,
over those who carry out evil devices.**

Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.

Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

**For the wicked shall be cut off,
but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.**

Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;
though you look diligently for their place, they will not be
there.

**But the meek shall inherit the land,
and delight in abundant prosperity.**

The wicked plot against the righteous,
and gnash their teeth at them;
but the Lord laughs at the wicked,
for he sees that their day is coming.

**The wicked draw the sword and bend their bows
to bring down the poor and needy,
to kill those who walk uprightly;
their sword shall enter their own heart,
and their bows shall be broken.**

Better is a little that the righteous person has
than the abundance of many wicked.

**For the arms of the wicked shall be broken,
but the Lord upholds the righteous.**

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

King Solomon loved many foreign women along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women, from the nations concerning which the Lord had said to the Israelites, 'You shall not enter into marriage with them, neither shall they with you; for they will surely incline your heart to follow their gods;' Solomon clung to these in love.

When Solomon was old, his wives turned away his heart after other gods; and his heart was not true to the Lord his God, as was the heart of his father David. So Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, and did not completely follow the Lord, as his father David had done.

Then the Lord was angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned away from the Lord, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice, and had commanded him concerning this matter, that he should not follow other gods; but he did not observe what the Lord commanded. Therefore the Lord said to Solomon, 'Since this has been your mind and you have not kept my covenant and my statutes that I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you and give it to your servant. Yet for the sake of your father David I will not do it in your lifetime; I will tear it out of the hand of your son. I will not, however, tear away the entire kingdom; I will give one tribe to your son, for the sake of my servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem, which I have chosen.'

1 Kings 11: 1 – 13 (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 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: 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.