

# **Welcome to St Timothy's**

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

## **Morning Prayer**

September 5th, 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 31: 1 – 9, 13 – 16*

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;  
do not let me ever be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me.

**Incline your ear to me;  
rescue me speedily.  
Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a strong fortress to save me.**

You are indeed my rock and my fortress;  
for your name's sake lead me and guide me,  
take me out of the net that is hidden for me,  
for you are my refuge.

**Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.**

You hate those who pay regard to worthless idols,  
but I trust in the Lord.

**I will exult and rejoice in your steadfast love,  
because you have seen my affliction;  
you have taken heed of my adversities,**

and have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy;  
you have set my feet in a broad place.

**Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;  
my eye wastes away from grief,  
my soul and body also.**

I hear the whispering of many —  
terror all around! —

as they scheme together against me,  
as they plot to take my life.

**But I trust in you, O Lord;  
I say, 'You are my God.'**

My times are in your hand;  
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

**Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.**

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*

Jeroboam son of Nebat, an Ephraimite of Zeredah, a servant of Solomon, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow, rebelled against the king. The following was the reason he rebelled against the king.

Solomon built the Millo, and closed up the gap in the wall of the city of his father David. The man Jeroboam was very able, and when Solomon saw that the young man was industrious he gave him charge over all the forced labour of

the house of Joseph. About that time, when Jeroboam was leaving Jerusalem, the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him on the road. Ahijah had clothed himself with a new garment. The two of them were alone in the open country when Ahijah laid hold of the new garment he was wearing and tore it into twelve pieces. He then said to Jeroboam: Take for yourself ten pieces; for thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'See, I am about to tear the kingdom from the hand of Solomon, and will give you ten tribes. One tribe will remain his, for the sake of my servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem, the city that I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel. This is because he has forsaken me, worshipped Astarte the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of Moab, and Milcom the god of the Ammonites, and has not walked in my ways, doing what is right in my sight and keeping my statutes and my ordinances, as his father David did. Nevertheless, I will not take the whole kingdom away from him but will make him ruler all the days of his life, for the sake of my servant David whom I chose and who did keep my commandments and my statutes; but I will take the kingdom away from his son and give it to you — that is, the ten tribes. Yet to his son I will give one tribe, so that my servant David may always have a lamp before me in Jerusalem, the city where I have chosen to put my name. I will take you, and you shall reign over all that your soul desires; you shall be king over Israel. If you will listen to all that I command you, walk in my ways, and do what is right in my sight by keeping my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did, I will be with you, and will build you an enduring house, as I built for David, and I will give

Israel to you. For this reason I will punish the descendants of David, but not for ever.'

Solomon sought therefore to kill Jeroboam; but Jeroboam promptly fled to Egypt, to King Shishak of Egypt, and remained in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, all that he did as well as his wisdom, are they not written in the Book of the Acts of Solomon? The time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years. Solomon slept with his ancestors and was buried in the city of his father David; and his son Rehoboam succeeded him.

*1 Kings 11: 26 - 43*

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: 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.**