

# **Welcome to St Timothy's**

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

## **Morning Prayer**

September 18th, 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.

# *Feria*

*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.**

*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 70*

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me.

O Lord, make haste to help me!

**Let those be put to shame and confusion  
who seek my life.**

Let those be turned back and brought to dishonour  
who desire to hurt me.

**Let those who say, 'Aha, Aha!'  
turn back because of their shame.**

Let all who seek you  
rejoice and be glad in you.

**Let those who love your salvation  
say evermore, 'God is great!'**

But I am poor and needy;

hasten to me, O God!

**You are my help and my deliverer;  
O Lord, do not delay!**

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*

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are discerned spiritually. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

'For who has known the mind of the Lord  
so as to instruct him?'

But we have the mind of Christ.

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one

says, 'I belong to Paul', and another, 'I belong to Apollos', are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw — the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward. If the work is burned, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire.

*1 Corinthians 2:14 - 3:15*

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## *Thought for the Day*

*Silence is kept for reflection*

### *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: Almighty God,  
who called your Church to bear witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to  
yourself:  
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;  
through him who was lifted up on the cross,  
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.**