

Welcome to St Timothy's

Holy Cross Sunday



"Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life" John 3:14

September 14th, 2025
In-Person & Online Service at 10:00am

I See His Blood

I see his blood upon the rose
And in the stars the glory of his eyes,
His body gleams amid eternal snows,
His tears fall from the skies.

I see his face in every flower;
The thunder and the singing of the birds
Are but his voice—and carved by his power
Rocks are his written words.

All pathways by his feet are worn,
His strong heart stirs the ever-beating sea,
His crown of thorns is twined with every thorn,
His cross is every tree.

- *by Joseph Plunkett*

Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge with gratitude that we worship on lands that have formed part of the traditional territories, at various times, of the Wendat, Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nations. The territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. This land was included in the Treaty referred to as the "Toronto Purchase". We give thanks for the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples on this land.

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: Pange lingua gloriosi corporis mysterium: Recit
(Nicholas de Grigny)
(Performed by Edward Connell)

Processional Hymn: (Please stand as you are able)

602, Lift High the Cross

Refrain

**Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!**

Come, Christian people, sing your praises, shout!
If we are silent, even stones cry out.

Refrain

Jesus, you wept to see our human strife;
teach us compassion for each human life.

Refrain

Peace was your plea, and peace your loving theme;
let peace be our passport, peace a living dream.

Refrain

Great is the cost of walking on this road,
to follow and suffer with the Son of God.

Refrain

(Crucifer, vs 1-4)

The Penitential Rite

Leader: The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit:
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not
despise. *(Psalm 51.18)*

Let us confess our sins against God and our
neighbour.

Silence is kept.

**All: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Leader: Almighty God have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Opening Responses

Leader: Lord, open our lips,

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Leader: O God, make speed to save us.

People: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!**

(Please be seated)

The Invitatory

Venite (Ps 95:1-7)

Refrain: Choir (1st time); All (2nd time)

O come and sing unto the Lord.

Shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.

Come before his presence with thanksgiving in your heart.

O come and sing unto the Lord.

Choir Only

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

In his hands are the caverns of the earth,

the heights of the hills and the sea.

Refrain Sung by All

Choir Only

Come let us bow down before our God, come and kneel
before our maker,
for he is our God and we are his people.
O come before him in song.

Refrain Sung by All

Final Refrain Sung by All

Come before his presence with thanksgiving in your heart,
your heart.

O come and sing, O come and sing, O come and sing unto
the Lord.

Sing, sing, sing, sing to the Lord.

(Page 2 of the Morning Prayer Canticles Booklet)

Children's Message

Psalm 98: 1 - 6

led by Yoleima Marquez

Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvellous things.

**With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.**

The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in
the sight of the nations.

**He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to
the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the
victory of our God.**

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

**Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.**

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.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from the Book of Numbers

read by Sammy Nnamdi-okafor

The Israelites left Mount Hor and went on the road toward the Gulf of Aqaba. They did this to go around the country of Edom. But the people became impatient on the way. They grumbled at God and Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt? We will die in this desert! There is no bread! There is no water! And we hate this terrible food!"

So the Lord sent them poisonous snakes. They bit the people, and many of the Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We sinned when we grumbled at you and the Lord. Pray that the Lord will take away these snakes." So Moses prayed for the people.

The Lord said to Moses, "Make a bronze snake. And put it on a pole. If anyone is bitten, he should look at it. Then he

will live.” So Moses made a bronze snake. And he put it on a pole. Then when a snake bit anyone, he looked at the bronze snake and lived.

Numbers 21: 4b – 9 (ICB)

Silence is kept for reflection.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Te Deum Laudamus

Refrain: Choir (1st time); All (2nd time)

**You are God: we praise you;
you are the Lord: we acclaim you;
you are the eternal Father: all creation worships you.**

Choir Only

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Refrain Sung by All

Choir Only

The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Refrain Sung by All

Choir Only

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:

Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

Refrain Sung by All

Choir Only

You, Christ, are the King of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free
you did not reject the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Refrain Sung by All

Choir Only

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.

Refrain Sung by All

(Page 3 of the Morning Prayer Canticles Booklet)

A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians

read by David Dimick

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.’

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

1 Corinthians 1: 18 - 24 (NRSV)

Silence is kept for reflection.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Jubilate Deo (Ps. 100)

Refrain: Choir (1st time); All (2nd time)

Make a joyful noise to God, all ye nations!

Make a joyful noise to God, all ye nations!

Choir Only

Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before his presence with singing!
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before his presence with a song!

Refrain Sung by All

Choir Only

Know ye that the Lord, He is God. He is God.
It is he that has made us, and not ourselves.
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture, the sheep of
his pasture.
Enter ye his gates with thanks,
enter ye his courts with praise,
enter ye his gates with thanks,
enter ye his courts, his courts, and...

Refrain Sung by All

Choir Only

For the Lord is good, and his mercy is everlasting!
And his truth endures, and his truth endures from
generation to generation.

Final Refrain Sung by All

Make a joyful noise! Make a joyful noise!
Make a joyful noise! Make a joyful noise to God!

(Page 4 of the Morning Prayer Canticles Booklet)

The Gospel

(Please stand as you are able)

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, 'No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

John 3: 13 - 17 (NRSV)

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

(Please be seated)

Homily

Jonathan Kang

Silence is kept.

The Affirmation of Faith

Leader: Jesus Christ said:

All: the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God

with all your heart,

with all your soul,

with all your mind,

and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

led by George Goodwin

(Please adopt the pose most comfortable for you during the prayers of the people and respond as indicated.)

Leader: ... Lord of love:

All: you have won the victory.

Celebrant: As we kneel at the foot of the cross, trusting in its power to save, let us bring to the Lord our own prayers.

Father, you gave us the gift of your Son; accept these prayers and transform our lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Leader: Almighty God,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
was lifted high upon the cross
that he might draw the whole world to himself,
may we who rejoice in the mystery of our
redemption,
have grace to take up our cross and follow him,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

Offertory Hymn: (Please remain standing as you as able)

Morning Glory, Starlit Sky

Morning glory, starlit sky,
soaring music, scholar's truth,
flight of swallows, autumn leaves,
memory's treasure, grace of youth:

Open are the gifts of God,
gifts of love to mind and sense;
hidden is love's agony,
love's endeavor, love's expense.

Love that gives, gives ever more,
gives with zeal, with eager hands,
spares not, keeps not, all outpours,
ventures all its all expends.

Drained is love in making full,
bound in setting others free,
poor in making many rich,
weak in giving power to be.

Therefore he who shows us God
helpless hangs upon the tree;
and the nails and crown of thorns
tell of what God's love must be.
Here is God: no monarch he,
throned in easy state to reign;
here is God, whose arms of love
aching, spent, the world sustain.

(Salzburg 207)

*If you wish to make a donation and would like to use a donation envelope, they are available at the back of the church.
All cheques should be made payable to Church of St. Timothy.*

*You can also donate online through Canada
Helps – just open your camera app and
scan this code.*



*If the collection plate doesn't reach you and you have a donation,
please hand it to a greeter as you leave the church.*

The Lord's Prayer

Leader: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

**All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Grace

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.

All: Amen.

Community Notices

(Please be seated)

386, When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the cross of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

(Rockingham)

The Dismissal

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: **Pange lingua gloriosi corporis mysterium:**

Plein Jeu

(Nicholas de Grigny)

Our worship is over – our service begins.

Altar Flower Memorial

The flowers today are given to the glory of God, with thanks for bringing Sheila and me together for the first time on September 19th, 1971, and for having her in my life for the next 53 years, given by George Goodwin.



Coffee Hour



A warm welcome is extended especially to all visitors and newcomers. Please join us for refreshments in Soward Hall.

Your hosts today will be Linda Gilpin and Susan London McNab.
Gluten free options are available.

New to St. Tim's?

Are you new to St. Tim's?

Welcome! We are glad you have chosen to join us.

Please consider completing a **Newcomer Information Card** (ask a member of the Welcome Team) or contact Ashani directly 416-488-0079 or office@sttimothy.ca so that we can accurately record your information in the parish directory and ensure you are kept up to date with news and events.

Upcoming Children's Programming

Today we launch the art program led by Melanie Billark. This series will continue until Advent for children aged 10 and under, focusing on garden art (stones and clay), stained glass, printing, and two collaborative projects that will be installed in the church. Children ages 10–12 may choose between the art program and explicit faith instruction geared towards teens and adults. In Advent, children will switch gears to begin preparing for our Christmas plays.

Week of September 15th to 19th



The Office is open for in-person drop ins on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday this week from 10:00am – 3:00pm.

Please call ahead and **make an appointment** if you wish to meet with a specific member of the clergy or staff.

This Week at St. Timothy's

- *Morning Prayer with a Thought for the Day* will be broadcast online via Zoom every morning, **Monday to Friday at 9:30am.**
- *ESL Reading & Career Mentoring Groups* meet on **alternate Tuesdays at 10:00am** in the Loft.
- *ESL Conversation and Practice* every **Tuesday at 11:00am** in Soward Hall.
- *Open Church Hour* every week on **Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 1:00-2:00pm.**
The church will be accessible for drop-in quiet prayer, and if desired, pastoral care and time with the clergy. Please use the Ridley Boulevard entrance and ring the bell for access.
- *Contemplative Art* every **Wednesday at 10:00am** in the Library. *All materials provided. Open to all.*
- *Mid-Week Eucharist* on **Wednesdays at 11:30am.**
- *St. Andrew's Group* meets **on Wednesdays at 12:00nn** for lunch and fellowship.
- **Next Sunday, September 21st – The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost**
 - **8:30am:** Adult Christian Education in the Parlour
 - **10:00am:** Holy Eucharist with Children's Programming

- **Special Vestry Meeting** immediately following the service
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Prayer List:

Please pray with us this morning and throughout this week for the following:

The Anglican Church of Canada: Shane our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; Chris, our National Indigenous Archbishop; Andrew, Riscylla and Kevin, our college of bishops; Irina, our Incumbent; Ann, our Honorary Assistant; Jonathan, our Lay Pastoral Associate.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: North Peel Deanery.

Outreach Cycle of Prayer: Pray for St. Paul's, Lindsay, its St. Paul's Pantry food cupboard, support of A Place Called Home and Kawartha Lakes Food Source, provision of clothing, and school supplies to a neighbourhood school, support of PWRDF Foodgrains, Mission to Seafarers, Women's Resources of Kawartha Lakes and Habitat for Humanity; and for our foster children at SOS Children's Villages and the Arms of Jesus Mission;

for St. Paul, Newmarket, its refugee sponsorship, support of the local food bank and Inn from the Cold program, Karanda Mission Hospital in Zimbabwe, Elimu education programs in Kenya, and school knapsacks for St. Vincent and the Grenadines;

and for St. Paul, Uxbridge, its monthly Community Dinner and support of the Loaves and Fishes Food Bank, participation in a weekly community lunch, its annual support of the Salvation Army's backpack program, Canadian Tire Kick Start program, Jennifer Ashley Children's Charity, and North House, and provision of Christmas food hampers and gifts for families in need as well as discretionary funds to five local schools.

Our Area Community: Cross Community Journey with Christ Church.

Our Parish Families: Morwenna, Inder, Piran & Una Marwah, Robert & Gladys McClellan, Micheline McKay, Richard, Michela & Christopher Comparey, Don & Libby McKibbin, San Dar, Win, Raikit, Roleang & Rokim Menring, Peter Miller, Sandy, Marianne, Andrew & John Miller, Bennet Montgomery & Elisa Kuhn, Kevin, Liam & Mackenzie Muscat and Elizabeth Snip, Joseph & Queen Okafor, Sommy, Sobe, Sochi & Sonna Nnamdi-okafor.

Those Celebrating Birthdays: Don Taylor (15th), Barbara Veyvara (16th), Daryl Papoushek (16th), Ezra Maplazi (18th), Rosina Warton (19th), Julia Hood (20th).

Those in Need: Doug Scott, Allethia Liburd, Nicholas, Myrna Robb, Jean Jones, Linda Brovold, Muriel Sutherland, Liz Snip, Barbara Taylor, Bill Travis, Allen Loney, Bishop Ann, Russell Juriansz, Jamie Thompson, Shirley Shannon, Margie Baxter, Marie LaPoint, Andrew Huang.

Notice of Special Vestry Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a Special Vestry Meeting of the Church of St. Timothy, North Toronto, will be held on **Sunday, September 21st** after the 10am service. This will be an **in-person only** meeting and will take place in the church directly after the service.

The item for discussion and approval is the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31st, 2024.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Special Vestry meeting. In order to vote at the Special Vestry, according to Canon 14, one must be able to make the following declaration:

"I solemnly declare that I have been a member of the Anglican Church of Canada and of this congregation for at least three (3) months, that I have attended regularly scheduled services of worship with this congregation at least three (3) times in the past year, that I am of the full age of sixteen (16) years and that I have not voted as a member of any other vestry during the previous three (3) months, nor do I intend to vote in any other vestry during the ensuing year".

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Our Vision

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