

Welcome to St Timothy's

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

Morning Prayer

November 28th, 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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before the service begins.*

Welcome

Opening Sentences

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

All: and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Leader: Your faithful servants bless you.

All: They make known the glory of your kingdom.

Leader: Blessed are you, Sovereign God,

ruler and judge of all,

to you be praise and glory for ever.

In the darkness of this age that is passing away
may the light of your presence which the saints
enjoy

surround our steps as we journey on.

May we reflect your glory this day

and so be made ready to see your face

in the heavenly city where night shall be no more.

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 140

Deliver me, O Lord, from evildoers;
protect me from those who are violent,
who plan evil things in their minds
and stir up wars continually.

**They make their tongue sharp as a snake's,
and under their lips is the venom of vipers.**

Guard me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked;
protect me from the violent
who have planned my downfall.

**The arrogant have hidden a trap for me,
and with cords they have spread a net;
along the road they have set snares for me.**

I say to the Lord, 'You are my God;
give ear, O Lord, to the voice of my supplications.'

**O Lord, my Lord, my strong deliverer,
you have covered my head in the day of battle.**

Do not grant, O Lord, the desires of the wicked;
do not further their evil plot.

**Those who surround me lift up their heads;
let the mischief of their lips overwhelm them!**

Let burning coals fall on them!

Let them be flung into pits, no more to rise!

**Do not let the slanderer be established in the land;
let evil speedily hunt down the violent!**

I know that the Lord maintains the cause of the needy,
and executes justice for the poor.

**Surely the righteous shall give thanks to your name;
the upright shall live in your presence.**

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

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but

made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same intention (for whoever has suffered in the flesh has finished with sin), so as to live for the rest of your earthly life no longer by human desires but by the will of God. You have already spent enough time in doing what the Gentiles like to do, living in licentiousness, passions, drunkenness, revels, carousing, and lawless idolatry. They are surprised that you no longer join them in the same excesses of dissipation, and so they blaspheme. But they will have to give an account to him who stands ready to judge the living and the dead. For this is the reason the gospel was proclaimed even to the dead, so that, though they had been judged in the flesh as everyone is judged, they might live in the spirit as God does.

1 Peter 3:13 - 4:6

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: In every age you have raised up holy men and women to reflect the light of Christ and to teach us the way of holiness.

We thank you for those who have been shepherds of your people: (...)

Give a pastoral heart to deacons, priests and bishops,

and the needful gifts to all your people in their ministry.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: We thank you for those who have been Christian rulers in the world, and for those who carried the good news to lands where it had not been before:

give wisdom to all who have power and influence among the nations,

and establish God's sovereignty among people of every race.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: We thank you for those whom you have called to live in community: (...)
Establish mutual love among those drawn into fellowship in your service,
and bless with Christ's presence all the communities to which we relate.
Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: We thank you for those who have lived out their vocation in the care of others:
give your grace to all who care for the young and the aged,
and enfold in your love all your children.
Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: We thank you for those who have brought wholeness through the medicine of the gospel:
give skill to all who minister healing and reconciliation in your name,
and comfort all who cry out to you from any sort of distress (especially ...).
Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: We thank you for the noble army of martyrs by the shedding of whose blood the Church has been enriched:
keep under your protection those who are persecuted for the cause of Christ,
and acknowledge, we pray,

those who have passed through death trusting
your promises (especially ...).

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: Hasten, Lord, the day when people will come
from east and west,
from north and south,
and sit at table in your kingdom,
and we shall see your Son in his glory.

All: Amen.

The Collect for the Day

Leader: Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of
heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and
King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at
his feet;
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: Uniting our prayers with the whole company of
 heaven,
 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: May Christ, who has opened the kingdom of
 heaven,
 bring us to reign with him in glory.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.