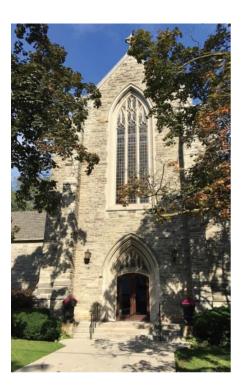
# Welcome to St Timothy's

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

# **Morning Prayer**

December 2nd, 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.

# Advent Feria

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#### Welcome

## **Opening Sentences**

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

All: and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Leader: Reveal among us the light of your presence

All: that we may behold your power and glory.

Leader: Blessed are you, Sovereign God of all,

to you be praise and glory for ever.

In your tender compassion

the dawn from on high is breaking upon us to dispel the lingering shadows of night.

As we look for your coming among us this day,

open our eyes to behold your presence

and strengthen our hands to do your will, that the world may rejoice and give you praise.

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 5: 1 – 8

Give ear to my words, O Lord; give heed to my sighing.

Listen to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you I pray.

O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I plead my case to you, and watch.

For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil will not sojourn with you.

The boastful will not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.

You destroy those who speak lies; the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful.

But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house,

I will bow down towards your holy temple in awe of you.

Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me. 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

Therefore I intend to keep on reminding you of these things, though you know them already and are established in the truth that has come to you. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to refresh your memory, since I know that my death will come soon, as indeed our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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: Watchful at all times,

let us pray for strength to stand with confidence

before our Maker and Redeemer.

For the Anglican Church of Canada .... That God

may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy,

let us pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: That God may establish among the nations

his sceptre of righteousness, and bring lasting peace to all nations facing war, drought, famine

and other disasters.

Let us pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: That we may seek Christ in the scriptures

and recognize him in the breaking of the bread,

let us pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: That God may bind up the brokenhearted,

restore the sick

and raise up all who have fallen, especially ....

Let us pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: That the light of God's coming may dawn

on all who live in darkness and the shadow of

death, (especially ...). Let us pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: That, with St. Timothy and all the saints in light,

we may shine forth as lights for the world,

let us pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: Let us commend the world, which Christ will

judge,

to the mercy and protection of God.

All: Amen.

The Collect for the Day

Leader: Almighty God,

give us grace to cast away the works of darkness

and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life,

in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

All: Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer

Leader: Awaiting his coming in glory,

one God, now and for ever.

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 the Lord, when he comes,

find us watching and waiting.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.