

**Welcome to St Timothy's**

**The Twenty-Third Sunday  
After Pentecost**



November 16, 2025

In-Person & Online Service at 10:00am

## On Falling Asleep by Firelight

*The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the bullock, and dust shall be the serpent's meat. Isaiah 65:25*

Around the fireplace, pointing at the fire,  
As if in the prophet's dream of the last truce,  
The animals lie down; they doze or stare,  
The hooves and paws in comical disuse;  
A few still run in dreams. None seems aware  
Of the laws of prey that lie asleep here too,  
The dreamer unafraid who keeps the zoo.

Some winter nights compel us to take in  
Whatever lopes outside, beastly or kind;  
Nothing that gibbers in or out of mind  
But the hearth bestows a sleepy sense of kin.  
Promiscuous hosts, we bid the causeless slime  
Come in; it casualness remains a crime  
But metaphysics bites less sharp than wind.

All we had thought unkind were all the while  
Alike, the firelight says and strikes us dumb;  
We dream there is no ravening or guile  
And take it kindly for the beasts to come  
And suffer hospitality; the heat  
Turns softly on the hearth into that dust  
Isaiah said would be the serpent's meat.

- *by William Meredith*

# **The Gathering of the Community**

*Prelude:*    **Three Sketches:**

**Baklawali's Dance**

**Silent Noon**

**And Then to Sleep**

*(Edgar L. Bainton (1880-1956))*

*Processional Hymn:*

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## **300, Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**

Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
binding all the church in one;  
    holy Zion's help for ever,  
    and her confidence alone.

    All that dedicated city,  
    dearly loved of God on high,  
        in exultant jubilation  
        pours perpetual melody;  
God the One-in-Three adoring  
    in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple, where we call thee,  
    come, O Lord of hosts, today;  
with thy wonted loving-kindness  
    hear thy servants as they pray,  
    and thy fullest benediction  
    shed within its walls away.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
what they ask of thee to gain,  
what they gain from thee forever  
with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in thy glory  
evermore with thee to reign.

*(vs 1-4, Westminster Abbey)*

### *Opening Sentences*

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

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Almighty God,

**All: to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### *The Gloria (sung)*

**All: Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly king,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*(Page 3 of The Mass of St. Timothy booklet)*

### *The Collect of the Day*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God,  
you sent your Son Jesus Christ  
to be the light of the world.  
Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us,  
and bring us to eternal light and joy;  
through the power of him  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

*(Please be seated)*  
*(The children will come up to the front for the message)*

## *Children's Message*

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# **The Proclamation of the Word**

## *A Reading from the Book of Isaiah*

"Look, I will make new heavens and a new earth.  
And people will not remember the past.  
They will not think about those things.  
My people will be happy forever  
because of the things I will make.  
I will make a Jerusalem that is full of joy.  
And I will make her people a delight.  
Then I will rejoice over Jerusalem.  
I will be delighted with my people.  
There will never again be  
crying and sadness in that city.  
People will never again work for nothing.  
They will never again give birth to children who die  
young.  
All my people will be blessed by the Lord.  
My people and their children will be blessed.  
I will provide for their needs before they ask.  
I will help them while they are still asking for help.  
Wolves and lambs will eat together in peace.  
Lions will eat hay like oxen.

A snake on the ground will not hurt anyone.  
They will not hurt or destroy each other  
on all my holy mountain,"  
says the Lord.

*Isaiah 65: 17 – 19, 23 – 25 (ICB)*

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### *Canticle 3 (Isaiah 12)*

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defence, \*  
and he will be my Saviour.**

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.

**And on that day you shall say, \***

**Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;**  
make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his name is exalted.

**Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great  
things, \***

**and this is known in all the world.**

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of  
Israel.

## *A Reading from the Second Letter to the Thessalonians*

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

**2 Thessalonians 3: 6 – 9, 11 – 13 (NRSV)**

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

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## *Gospel Acclamation #3*

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
To God with the Lamb and the Dove,  
All honour and praise we commend.  
As was, and is, in truth and love  
And ever shall be without end.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

*(Page 8 of The Mass of St. Timothy 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 Luke.

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.'

*Luke 21: 5 – 6, 12 – 19 (NRSV)*

**Reader:** The Gospel of Christ.

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

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*(Page 8 of The Mass of St. Timothy booklet)*

*(Please be seated)*

### ***Homily***

*Silence is kept.*

*(Please remain seated for the Anthem)*

### ***Anthem:           And I Saw a New Heaven***

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:  
for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;  
and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,  
coming down from God out of heaven,  
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying,  
Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,

and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people,  
and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;  
and their shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying,  
neither shall there be any more pain:  
for the former things are passed away.

- Revelations 21:1-4  
(Edgar L. Bainton)

*The Affirmation of Faith* (Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: Let us declare our faith and hope in God.

**All:**        **We believe in God the Father,**  
              **from whom every family**  
              **in heaven and on earth is named.**  
              **We believe in God the Son,**  
              **who lives in our hearts through faith,**  
              **and fills us with his love.**  
              **We believe in God the Holy Spirit,**  
              **who strengthens us with power from on high.**  
              **We believe in one God;**  
              **Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Prayers of the People*

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

Leader:     ... Lord, in your mercy:

**All:**        **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: O God, you make glad the hearts of all who dwell in your house. Accept our gratitude, enjoy our praise and save us. Grant the fulfilment of our prayers for the sake of him who died and rose again, and lives with you in the company of all your saints in light.

**All: Amen.**

### *Confession and Absolution*

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
he welcomes sinners  
and invites them to his table.  
Let us confess our sins,  
confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

Celebrant: Most merciful God,  
**All: 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.**

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

**People: Amen.**

*The Peace*

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

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## **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

*Offertory Hymn:*

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### **God of Life, In Christ You Lead Us**

God of life, in Christ you lead us, guiding us along the way.

In our past, through joys and sorrows,  
you have been our strength and stay.

Keep us faithful, true disciples in our learning  
and our praise,

celebrating past and present, consecrating future days.

God of words and Word Incarnate,  
words that challenge and embrace,  
grant us boldness in our speaking,  
while we know your loving grace.

Give us words both clear and winsome, loving hearts and  
listening ears, celebrating past and present,  
consecrating future years.

God of music, psalms and anthems,  
help us sing your faith anew:  
melodies expanding worship, harmonies enriching too.  
May our lives be hymns in action,  
tuned to Christ in note and rhyme,  
celebrating past and present, consecrating future time.

God of days and years and eons, still you call as in the past.  
Work undone demands our labour;  
justice yearns for peace at last.  
Yours the vision and the challenge;  
ours the mission and the praise,  
celebrating past and present, consecrating future days.”  
- Jane Parker Huber  
(Beecher)

*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.*

## *Prayer over the Gifts*

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All: Holy God,  
in this eucharist we renew our baptismal  
covenant.  
Help us, through our offering this day,  
to renounce all things that draw us from your  
love.  
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.**

*(Please adopt the pose most comfortable for you - stand, sit or kneel)*

## *Eucharistic Prayer 2*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,  
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,  
our Saviour and Redeemer.  
He is your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit  
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary  
and shared our human nature.  
He lived and died as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will  
he stretched out his hands in suffering,  
to bring release to those who place their hope in  
you;  
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,  
and to give up his life on the cross,  
that he might shatter the chains of evil and  
death,  
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.  
By his resurrection  
he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All (sung): Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the  
Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*(Page 10 of The Mass of St. Timothy booklet)*

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God,  
accept our praise,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;

who on the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
took bread and gave you thanks,  
saying, "Take, and eat:  
this is my body which is broken for you."  
In the same way he took the cup,  
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.  
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."  
Remembering, therefore, his death and  
resurrection,  
we offer you this bread and this cup,  
giving thanks that you have made us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.  
We ask you to send your Holy Spirit  
upon the offering of your holy Church.  
Gather into one  
all who share in these sacred mysteries,  
filling them with the Holy Spirit  
and confirming their faith in the truth,  
that together we may praise you  
and give you glory  
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.  
All glory and honour are yours,  
Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit  
in the holy Church, now and for ever.

**All:**           **Amen.**

### *The Lord's Prayer*

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

**All (sung): 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.**

*(Page 14 of The Mass of St. Timothy booklet)*

### *The Breaking of the Bread*

Celebrant: We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**All: We, being many, are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

### *The Communion*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Agnus Dei (sung by all)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

Grant us peace.

*(Page 16 of The Mass of St. Timothy booklet)*

*All persons are welcome to receive Communion or a blessing as appropriate at our services. You may choose to receive both the bread and the wine or just the bread. Gluten free wafers are available. Please ask the priest for these as you come to receive. If you choose to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest as you stand at the altar rail.*

**Communion Hymn:**      *(Congregational singing while seated)*

**590, All Who Love and Serve Your City**

All who love and serve your city,  
all who bear its daily stress,  
all who cry for peace and justice,  
all who curse and all who bless,  
all who curse and all who bless:

In your day of wealth and plenty,  
wasted work and wasted play,  
call to mind the word of Jesus,  
"Work ye yet while it is day,"  
"Work ye yet while it is day."

For all days are days of judgment,  
and the Lord is waiting still,  
drawing near to all that spurn him,  
offering peace from Calvary's hill,  
offering peace from Calvary's hill.

Risen Lord! Shall yet the city  
be the city of despair?  
Come today, our judge, our glory.  
Be its name "The Lord is there!"  
Be its name "The Lord is there!"

*(vs 1, 3-5, Charlestown)*

### **573, O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines**

O day of peace that dimly shines  
through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,  
guide us to justice, truth, and love,  
delivered from our selfish schemes.

May swords of hate fall from our hands,  
our hearts from envy find release,  
till by God's grace our warring world  
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,  
nor shall the fierce devour the small;  
as beasts and cattle calmly graze,  
a little child did shall lead them all.

Then enemies shall learn to love,  
all creatures find their true accord;

the hope of peace shall be fulfilled,  
for all the earth shall know the Lord.

*(O Waly Waly 541)*

***Prayer after Communion***

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All: Gracious God,  
in this sacrament  
we have shared the body and blood of Christ.  
May we who have been nourished by holy things  
bear witness to his light,  
and share in his eternal priesthood;  
for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.**

***Doxology***

Celebrant: Glory to God,

**All: whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

***The Blessing***

Celebrant: The peace of God which passes all understanding  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and  
love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;

and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**All:           Amen.**

*Community Notices*

*(Please be seated)*

*Lay Witness Talk*

*Recessional Hymn:*

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**467, Forth In Your Name, O Lord**

Forth in your name, O Christ, we go,  
our daily labour to pursue,  
you, only you, resolved to know  
in all we think, or speak, or do.

You may we set at our right hand,  
whose eyes our inmost secrets view,  
and labour on at your command  
and offer all our works to you.

Help us to bear your easy yoke,  
in every moment watch and pray,  
and still to things eternal look,  
and hasten to that glorious day.

Then with delight may we employ  
all that your bounteous grace has given,  
and run our earthly course with joy,  
and closely walk with you to heaven.

## *The Dismissal*

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Postlude: The White Pathway:**

**The Fairy Javelin**

**The White Procession**

**Where Rainbows Bloom**

*(Edgar L. Bainton (1880-1956))*

*(Performed by Edward Connell)*

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# **Our worship is over – our service begins.**

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## **Week of November 17th to 21st**



**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 Children's Chapel.
- *ESL Conversation and Practice* every **Tuesday at 11:00am** in Children's Chapel.
- *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 Loft. *All materials provided. Open to all.*
- *Mid-Week Eucharist* on **Wednesdays at 11:30am.**
- *St. Andrew's Group* meets in the Parlour **on Wednesdays at 12:00nn** for lunch and fellowship.
- **Next Sunday, November 23rd – *The Last Sunday After Pentecost / The Reign of Christ***
  - **8:30am:** Adult Christian Education in the Parlour
  - **10:00am:** Holy Eucharist with Children's Programming