

# **Welcome to St Timothy's**

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

## **Morning Prayer**

December 8th, 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*

*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.**

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 25: 11 – 21*

For your name's sake, O Lord,  
pardon my guilt, for it is great.

**Who are they that fear the Lord?**

**He will teach them the way that they should choose.**

They will abide in prosperity,  
and their children shall possess the land.

**The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him,  
and he makes his covenant known to them.**

My eyes are ever towards the Lord,  
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

**Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
for I am lonely and afflicted.**

Relieve the troubles of my heart,  
and bring me out of my distress.

**Consider my affliction and my trouble,  
and forgive all my sins.**

Consider how many are my foes,  
and with what violent hatred they hate me.

**O guard my life, and deliver me;  
do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in  
you.**

May integrity and uprightness preserve me,  
for I wait for you.

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*

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place; he made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.

Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of the prophecy, and blessed are those who hear and who keep what is written in it; for the time is near.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

‘I am the Alpha and the Omega’, says the Lord God, who is  
and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

*Revelation 1: 1 - 8*

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: O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power  
and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness  
we are grievously hindered  
in running the race that is set before us,  
your bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

### *The Lord's Prayer*

Leader: Awaiting his coming in glory,  
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.**