

# **Welcome to St Timothy's**

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

## **Morning Prayer**

December 11th, 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.**

## *A Song of the King's Glory*

The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it,  
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.

**For he has founded it upon the seas  
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.**

'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord,  
or who can rise up in his holy place?'

**'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,  
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,  
nor sworn an oath to a lie;**

'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord,  
a just reward from the God of their salvation.'

**Such is the company of those who seek him,  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O gates;  
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;  
and the King of glory shall come in.

**‘Who is the King of glory?’**

**‘The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord who is mighty in battle.’**

Lift up your heads, O gates;  
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;  
and the King of glory shall come in.

**‘Who is this King of glory?’**

**‘The Lord of hosts,  
he is the King of glory.’**

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.**

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 37: 1 - 11*

Do not fret because of the wicked;  
do not be envious of wrongdoers,  
for they will soon fade like the grass,  
and wither like the green herb.

**Trust in the Lord, and do good;  
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.  
Take delight in the Lord,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to the Lord;  
trust in him, and he will act.

He will make your vindication shine like the light,  
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

**Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him;  
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,  
over those who carry out evil devices.**

Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.

Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

For the wicked shall be cut off,

but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

**Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;  
though you look diligently for their place, they will  
not be there.**

**But the meek shall inherit the land,  
and delight in abundant prosperity.**

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*

‘And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of the first and the last, who was dead and came to life:

‘I know your affliction and your poverty, even though you are rich. I know the slander on the part of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Beware, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison so that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have affliction. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. Whoever conquers will not be harmed by the second death.

‘And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: These are the words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword:

‘I know where you are living, where Satan’s throne is. Yet you are holding fast to my name, and you did not deny your faith in me even in the days of Antipas my witness, my faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan lives. But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling-block before the people of Israel, so that they would eat food sacrificed to idols and practise fornication. So you also have some who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. Repent then. If not, I will come to you soon and make war against them with the sword of my mouth. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. To everyone who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give a white stone, and on the

white stone is written a new name that no one knows except the one who receives it.

*Revelation 2: 8 - 17*

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.**