

Welcome to St Timothy's

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

Morning Prayer

December 18th, 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: 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.

Antiphon

Leader: O Key of David, and sceptre of the House of Israel; you open and no one can shut; you shut and no one can open:

All: Come and lead the prisoners from the prison house, those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;
for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.

**They will receive blessing from the Lord,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.**

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

**Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is the King of glory?

**The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle.**

Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may 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.**

Reading

A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her

child as soon as it was born. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne; and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that there she can be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,
'Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Messiah,
for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,
who accuses them day and night before our God.

Revelation 12: 1 - 10

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 Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your
mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your
way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the
wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your
sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, 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.