

# **Welcome to St Timothy's**

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

## **Morning Prayer**

December 22nd, 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.**

### *Antiphon*

Leader: O King of the nations, and their desire, the  
cornerstone making both one:

**All: Come and save the human race, which you  
fashioned from clay.**

### *Psalm 80: 1 – 7*

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you who lead Joseph like a flock!

**You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine  
forth**

**before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.**

Stir up your might,  
and come to save us!

**Restore us, O God;**

**let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

O Lord God of hosts,

how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

**You have fed them with the bread of tears,**

**and given them tears to drink in full measure.**

You make us the scorn of our neighbours;  
our enemies laugh among themselves.

**Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

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*

You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly exhibited as crucified! The only thing I want to learn from you is this: Did you receive the Spirit by doing the works of the law or by believing what you heard? Are you so foolish? Having started with the Spirit, are you now ending with the flesh? Did you experience so much for nothing?—if it really was for nothing. Well then, does God supply you with the Spirit and work miracles among you by your doing the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard?

Just as Abraham ‘believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness’, so, you see, those who believe are the descendants of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, declared the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, ‘All the Gentiles shall be blessed in you.’ For this reason, those who believe are blessed with Abraham who believed.

For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the things written in the book of the law.' Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law; for 'The one who is righteous will live by faith.' But the law does not rest on faith; on the contrary, 'Whoever does the works of the law will live by them.' Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree'—in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

*Galatians 3: 1 - 14*

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:

**All: Lord Jesus, come soon!**

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:

**All: Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Leader: That we may seek Christ in the scriptures  
and recognize him in the breaking of the bread,  
let us pray:

**All: Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Leader: That God may bind up the brokenhearted,  
restore the sick  
and raise up all who have fallen, especially ....

Let us pray:

**All: Lord Jesus, come soon!**

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:

**All: Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Leader: That, with St. Timothy and all the saints in light,  
we may shine forth as lights for the world,  
let us pray:

**All: Lord Jesus, come soon!**

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: God our redeemer,  
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of your Son:  
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our  
saviour,  
so we may be ready to greet him  
when he comes again as our judge;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
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.**