

# **Welcome to St Timothy's**

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

## **Morning Prayer**

December 23rd, 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.**

## *Antiphon*

Leader: O Emmanuel, our King and our lawgiver, the  
hope of the nations and their Saviour:

All: **Come and save us, O Lord our God.**

## *Psalm 93*

The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty;  
the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.

**He has established the world; it shall never be  
moved;**

**your throne is established from of old;  
you are from everlasting.**

The floods have lifted up, O Lord,  
the floods have lifted up their voice;  
the floods lift up their roaring.

**More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,  
more majestic than the waves of the sea,  
majestic on high is the Lord!**

Your decrees are very sure;  
holiness befits your house,  
O Lord, for evermore.

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*

Brothers and sisters, I give an example from daily life: once a person's will has been ratified, no one adds to it or annuls it. Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring; it does not say, 'And to offsprings', as of many; but it says, 'And to your offspring', that is, to one person, who is Christ. My point is this: the law, which came four hundred and thirty years later, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise. For if the inheritance comes from the law, it no longer comes from the promise; but God granted it to Abraham through the promise.

Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring would come to whom the promise had been made; and it was ordained through angels by a mediator. Now a mediator involves more than one party; but God is one.

Is the law then opposed to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could make alive, then righteousness would indeed come through the law. But the scripture has imprisoned all things under the power of sin, so that what was promised through faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

*Galatians 3: 15 - 22*

**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.**