

Welcome to St Timothy's

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

Morning Prayer

December 24th, 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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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 45: 6 - 9

Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever.

Your royal sceptre is a sceptre of equity;
you love righteousness and hate wickedness.

**Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;
your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and
cassia.**

From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;
daughters of kings are among your ladies of honour;
at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

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

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we

might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

My point is this: heirs, as long as they are minors, are no better than slaves, though they are the owners of all the property; but they remain under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; while we were minors, we were enslaved to the elemental spirits of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Galatians 3:23 - 4:7

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: Almighty God,
you make us glad with the yearly remembrance
of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our
redeemer,
so we may with sure confidence behold him
when he shall come to be 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.