

Welcome to St Timothy's

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

Morning Prayer

December 26th, 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.

Christmas 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: You laid the foundation of the earth

All: and the heavens are the work of your hands.

A Song of the Bride

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my soul shall exult in my God;

**Who has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
and has covered me with the cloak of integrity,**

As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

**For as the earth puts forth her blossom,
and as seeds in the garden spring up,**

So shall God make righteousness and praise
blossom before all the nations.

**For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest**
Until her deliverance shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation as a burning torch.

**The nations shall see your deliverance,
and all rulers shall see your glory;**
Then you shall be called by a new name
which the mouth of God will give.

**You shall be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord,
a royal diadem in the hand of your God.**

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 145

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name for ever and ever.

**Every day I will bless you,
and praise your name for ever and ever.**

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.

**One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

On the glorious splendour of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,
and I will declare your greatness.**

They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

**The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

The Lord is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.

**All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.**

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,
to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all
generations.**

**The Lord is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.**

The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

**The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.**

You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.

**The Lord is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his doings.**

The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

**He fulfils the desire of all who fear him;
he also hears their cry, and saves them.**

The Lord watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

**My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and all flesh will bless his holy name for ever and ever.**

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

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say,

'You are my Son;
today I have begotten you'?

Or again,

'I will be his Father,
and he will be my Son'?

And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

'Let all God's angels worship him.'

Of the angels he says,

'He makes his angels winds,
and his servants flames of fire.'

But of the Son he says,

'Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever,
and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom.
You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.'

And,

'In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands;
they will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like clothing;
like a cloak you will roll them up,
and like clothing they will be changed.
But you are the same,
and your years will never end.'

Hebrews 1: 1 - 12

Reader: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

All: Thanks be to God.

Prayers of Intercession

Leader: To us a child is born, to us a son is given; let us pray for the people he came to save.

Wonderful Counsellor,
you order all things with your wisdom:
help the Church to reveal the mystery of your
love and fill her with the Spirit of truth:
Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: Mighty God,
the government is on your shoulders:
guide the leaders of the nations
and bring in your kingdom of justice and
righteousness:
Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: Everlasting Father,
you call us to live together in unity:
protect by your mercy all your children,
bless our families and renew our communities:
Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: Prince of Peace,
you bring reconciliation through the cross:
by your healing power give to all who suffer
your gift of wholeness and peace:
Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: Let us commend the world, to which Christ came,
to the mercy and protection of God.

All: Amen.

The Collect for the Day

Leader: Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
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: Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
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 God, who has called us out of darkness
 into his marvellous light,
 bless us and fill us with peace.

All: **Amen.**

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**