

Welcome to St Timothy's

**The First Sunday After
Christmas**



December 28, 2025
In-Person & Online Service at 10:00am

"Flight into Egypt"

...where the drover came from, no one knew.

Their affinity made the heavens slate
the desert for a miracle. There, they chose to
light
a fire and camp, the cave in a vortex of snow.
Not divining his role, the Infant drowsed
in a halo of curls that would quickly become
accustomed to radiance. Its glow would climb —
beyond that dark-skinned enclave — to rise
like the light of a star that endures
as long as the earth exists: everywhere.

Joseph Brodsky
(December 25, 1988)

*Poet, translator, essayist, and playwright Iosif
Alexandrovich Brodsky was reviled and persecuted by
officials in his native Soviet Union while the Western
literary establishment lauded him as one of the finest
poets working in the Russian language.*

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: What Child Is This?

(Richard Purvis)

(Performed by Edward Connell)

Processional Hymn:

(Please stand as you are able)

123, Once In Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

And through all his wondrous childhood
he would honour and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden
in whose gentle arms he lay:
Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as he.

For he is our childhood's pattern,
day by day like us he grew,
He was little, weak, and helpless,
tears and smiles like us he knew:
And he feeleth for our sadness,
and he shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own
redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above;
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

(Irby, vs 1, 3-5)

Opening Sentences

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

**All: to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Gloria (sung)

**All: Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**

**receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

(Page 3 of The Mass of St. Timothy booklet)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Let us pray.
Almighty God,
you have shed upon us the new light
of your incarnate Word.
May this light, enkindled in our hearts,
shine forth in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,
because of all that the Lord has done for us,
and the great favour to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.
For he said, 'Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely';
and he became their saviour
in all their distress.
It was no messenger or angel
but his presence that saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Isaiah 63: 7 - 9

Silence is kept for reflection.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148

Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.

**Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.**

Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.

**Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord; *
for he commanded, and they were created.

**He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

Praise the Lord from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

**Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;

**Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and wingèd birds;**

Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;

**Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord, *
for his name only is exalted,
his splendour is over earth and heaven.

**He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!**

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.**

Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand as you are able)

Christmastime Alleluia



(Adeste Fideles)

The Gospel

(Please remain standing as you are able)

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

'A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazorean.'

Matthew 2: 13 - 23

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Christmastime Alleluia



(Adeste Fideles)

(Please be seated)

Homily

Silence is kept.

(Please remain seated for the Anthem)

Duet: Gesu Bambino

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows upon a winter
night,
Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of Love
and Light.

The angels sang, the shepherds sang,
the grateful earth rejoiced;
And at His blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced.

O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

Again the heart with rapture glows
to greet the holy night,
That gave the world its Christmas Rose,
its King of Love and Light.

Let every voice acclaim His name,
the grateful chorus swell.
From paradise to earth
He came that we with Him might dwell.

O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

(Pietro Yon)

(Vocalists: Veronika Muggeridge and Olivier Laquerre)

The Affirmation of Faith

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: Let us declare our faith and hope in God.

**All: We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,**

and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*(Please adopt the pose most comfortable for you during the prayers
of the people and respond as indicated.)*

Leader: ... God of grace:

All: hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet
more wonderfully restored the dignity of human
nature. In your mercy, hear these prayers we
offer in the name of Jesus Christ who came to
share our humanity, and who now lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

All: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

All: **we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Peace

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn:

(Please stand as you are able)

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

O sing a song of Bethlehem,
of shepherds watching there,
and of the news that came to them
from angels in the air.
The light that shone on Bethlehem
fills all the world today;
of Jesus' birth and peace on earth
the angels sing alway.

O sing a song of Nazareth,
of sunny days of joy,
O sing of fragrant flowers' breath,
and of the sinless Boy;
For now the flow'rs of Nazareth
in ev'ry heart may grow;
Now spreads the fame of His dear name
on all the winds that blow.

O sing a song of Galilee,
of lake and woods and hil,
of Him who walked upon the sea
and bade its waves be still;
For tho' like waves on Galilee,
dark seas of trouble roll,
when faith has heard the Master's word,
falls peace upon the soul.

O sing a song of Calvary,
its glory and dismay;
of Him who hung upon the tree
and took our sins away.
For He who died on Calvary
is risen from the grave,
and Christ, our Lord, by heav'n adored,
is mighty now to save.

(Noel 141)

If you wish to make a donation and would like to use a donation envelope, they are available at the back of the church.

All cheques should be made payable to Church of St. Timothy.

*You can also donate online through Canada
Helps – just open your camera app and
scan this code.*



*If the collection plate doesn't reach you and you have a donation,
please hand it to a greeter as you leave the church.*

Prayer over the Gifts

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **God of light,
in the birth of your Son we see your glory.
May we who share in this mystery
grow daily in your love.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the
Lord. Amen.**

(Please adopt the pose most comfortable for you - stand, sit or kneel)

Eucharistic Prayer 2

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.

He is your living Word,
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.

He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in
you;
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and
death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.
By his resurrection
he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All (sung): Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the
Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.

(Page 10 of The Mass of St. Timothy booklet)

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God,
accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you."
In the same way he took the cup,
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."
Remembering, therefore, his death and
resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,

giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.

Gather into one
all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you
and give you glory
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

**All (sung): Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

(Page 14 of The Mass of St. Timothy booklet)

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world..

**All: God here among us,
 light in the midst of us,
 bring us to light and life.**

The Communion

Celebrant: The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei (sung by all)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

Grant us peace.

(Page 16 of The Mass of St. Timothy booklet)

*All persons are welcome to receive **Communion or a Blessing** as appropriate at our services. You may choose to receive both the bread and the wine or just the bread. Gluten free wafers are available. Please ask the priest for these as you come to receive. If you choose to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest as you stand at the altar rail.*

*If you would like to receive an **Anointing**, please proceed to the chapel on the right where one of the anointers will meet with you.*

Communion Hymn: *(Congregational singing while seated)*

137, What Child Is This

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain

**This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.**

Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear: for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.

Refrain

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.

Refrain

(Greensleeves)

Prayer after Communion

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All: Source of truth and joy,
may we who have received the gift of divine life
always follow the way of your Son.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the
Lord. Amen.**

Doxology

Celebrant: Glory to God,

**All: whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant: The peace of God which passes all understanding
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and
love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;

and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Community Notices

(Please be seated)

Recessional Hymn:

(Please stand as you are able)

Unto Us a Boy is Born!

Unto us a boy is born!
King of all creation,
came he to a world forlorn,
the Lord of every nation,
the Lord of every nation.

Christ from heaven descending low
comes, on earth a stranger;
ox and ass their owner know;
becradled in the manger,
becradled in the manger.

Herod then with fear was filled:
"A prince," he said, "in Jewry!"
All the little boys he killed
at Bethlem in his fury,
at Bethlem in his fury.

Now may Mary's son, who came
so long ago to love us,
lead us all with hearts aflame
unto the joys above us,
unto the joys above us.

Omega and Alpha he!
Let the organ thunder,
while the choir with peals of glee
doth rend the air asunder,
doth rend the air asunder.

(Puer Nobis Nascitur)

The Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

(Performed by Edward Connell)

**Our worship is over
– our service begins.**

Week of December 29th to January 2nd



The office is closed for in-person drop ins this week.

Ashani is available Monday to Wednesday **by appointment**.

The office is closed on Thursday and Friday.

This Week at St. Timothy's

- *Morning Prayer with a Thought for the Day* will be broadcast online via Zoom every morning, **Monday to Wednesday and Friday at 9:30am.**
There will be no morning prayer on Thursday this week.
 - *St. Andrew's Group* meets online via Zoom **on Wednesdays at 12:00nn** for lunch and fellowship.
 - **Next Sunday, January 4th – *The Epiphany of the Lord***
 - **10:00am:** Holy Eucharist with Children's Programming
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Our Vision

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