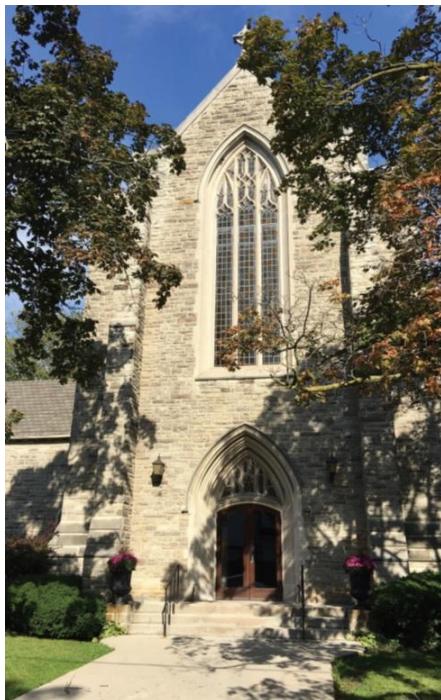


Welcome to St Timothy's

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

Morning Prayer

January 12th, 2026 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.

The Holy Innocents

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before the service begins.*

Welcome

Opening Sentences

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,
All: **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Leader: Your light springs up for the righteous
All: **and all the peoples have seen your glory.**

A Song of Joy

O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

**Know that the Lord is God;
it is he that has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and bless his name.

**For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting,
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.**

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 2

Why do the nations conspire,
and the peoples plot in vain?

**The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the Lord and his anointed, saying,**

'Let us burst their bonds asunder,
and cast their cords from us.'

**He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord has them in derision.**

Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
'I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill.'

**I will tell of the decree of the Lord:
He said to me, 'You are my son;
today I have begotten you.**

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.

**You shall break them with a rod of iron,
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'**

Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

**Serve the Lord with fear,
with trembling kiss his feet,
or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way;
for his wrath is quickly kindled.**

Happy are all who take refuge in him.

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 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.'

Matthew 2: 13 - 18

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Thought for the Day

Silent reflection.

Prayers of Intercession

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting, let us pray to the Lord.

That the people of God in all the world
may worship in spirit and in truth,
let us pray to the Lord:

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: That the Church may discover again that unity
which is the Father's will,
let us pray to the Lord:

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: That the nations of the earth
may seek after the ways that make for peace,
let us pray to the Lord:

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: That the whole creation, groaning in travail,
may be set free to enjoy the glorious liberty of the
children of God,
let us pray to the Lord:

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: That all who with Christ have entered the shadow
of death
may rest in peace and rise in glory,
let us pray to the Lord:

All: Lord hear our prayer.

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

All: Amen.

The Collect for the Day

Leader: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
whose children suffered at the hands of Herod,
receive, we pray, all innocent victims
into the arms of your mercy.
By your great might frustrate all evil designs
and establish your reign of justice, love, and
peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Leader: Believing the promises of God,
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 Christ, who sends us to the nations,
give us the power of his Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**