

# **Welcome to St Timothy's**

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

## **Morning Prayer**

February 2nd, 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 Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)*

*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: Your light springs up for the righteous

**All: and all the peoples have seen your glory.**

Leader: Blessed are you, Sovereign God,

king of the nations,

to you be praise and glory for ever.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

your name is proclaimed in all the world.

As the Sun of Righteousness dawns in our hearts

anoint our lips with the seal of your Spirit

that we may witness to your gospel

and sing your praise in all the earth.

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 42*

As a deer longs for flowing streams,  
so my soul longs for you, O God.

**My soul thirsts for God,  
for the living God.**

When shall I come and behold  
the face of God?

**My tears have been my food day and night,  
while people say to me continually,  
'Where is your God?'**

These things I remember, as I pour out my soul:  
how I went with the throng,  
and led them in procession to the house of God,  
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,  
a multitude keeping festival.

**Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within me?**

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my help and my God.

**My soul is cast down within me;  
therefore I remember you  
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,  
from Mount Mizar.**

Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts;  
all your waves and your billows have gone over me.

**By day the Lord commands his steadfast love,  
and at night his song is with me,  
a prayer to the God of my life.**

I say to God, my rock,

‘Why have you forgotten me?

**Why must I walk about mournfully  
because the enemy oppresses me?’**

As with a deadly wound in my body,  
my adversaries taunt me,  
while they say to me continually,

‘Where is your God?’

**Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within me?**

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my help and my 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.**

### *Reading*

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present

him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day.

At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

*Luke 2: 22 - 40*

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: In peace, let us pray to Jesus our Lord,  
who ever lives to make intercession for us saying  
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.  
Saviour of the world,  
be present in all places of suffering, violence and  
pain, and bring hope even in the darkest night.  
Inspire us to continue your work of reconciliation  
today.

Lord, in your mercy:

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Lord of the Church,  
empower by your Spirit all Christian people,  
and the work of your Church in every land.  
Give us grace to proclaim the gospel joyfully in  
word and deed.

Lord, in your mercy:

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Shepherd and Guardian of our souls,  
guide and enable all who lead and serve this  
community,  
and those on whom we depend for our daily  
needs.

Grant that we may seek the peace and welfare of  
this place.

Lord, in your mercy:

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Great Physician,  
stretch out your hand to bring comfort, wholeness  
and peace to all who suffer in body, mind, or  
spirit.

Fill us with compassion, that we may be channels  
of your healing love.

Lord, in your mercy:

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Conqueror of death,  
remember for good those whom we love but see  
no longer.

Help us to live this day in the sure and certain  
hope of your eternal victory.

Lord, in your mercy:

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we  
pray,  
to the mercy and protection of God.

**All: Amen.**

### *The Collect for the Day*

Leader: Almighty and ever-living God,  
clothed in majesty,  
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the  
Temple,  
in substance of our flesh:  
grant that we may be presented to you  
with pure and clean hearts,  
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
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: 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.**