

Welcome to St Timothy's

The Presentation of Our Lord



February 1st, 2026
In-Person & Online Service at 10:00am

"ANNA THE PROPHETESS"

Widows of Jerusalem, I too was once
young enough to believe my life mattered.
When I woke, the sun rose for me. I tucked lilies
in my hair.
Now I am eighty years a temple dweller.

What a wonder of faith! they proclaim. Truth
is,
I cry in the dark. I beg priests for bread
and pick insects from my hem. But today,
an infant came to be blessed. He curled
into the crook of my arm, and when his eyes
wandered to mine, I remembered every hope
stored in my childhood's heart: gazelles
and henna shrubs, doves perched in the crags.

I touched his face—
that skin we were meant to wear forever.

*Inspired by Luke 2:36–38,
this poem appears in Tania Runyan's
first full-length poetry collection,
Simple Weight
(Lexington, KY: FutureCycle, 2010).*

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: Intermezzo in A, Op. 118, No. 2 (Johannes Brahms)
(Performed by Edward Connell)

Processional Hymn: *(Please stand as you are able)*

486, Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,

till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

(*Blaenwern*)

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.**

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.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you have sent us your salvation. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit to recognize him who is the glory of Israel and the light for all nations, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Jesus became like men and died so that he could free them. They were like slaves all their lives because of their fear of

death. Clearly, it is not angels that Jesus helps, but the people who are from Abraham. For this reason Jesus had to be made like his brothers in every way. He became like men so that he could be their merciful and faithful high priest in service to God. Then Jesus could bring forgiveness for their sins. And now he can help those who are tempted. He is able to help because he himself suffered and was tempted.

Hebrews 2: 15 - 18 (ICB)

Silence is kept for reflection.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
My soul longeth, yea, fainteth for for the courts of the Lord;
my soul and my body crieth out, yea, for the living God,
Blest are they that dwell within thy house;
they praise thy name forever more.
How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

(Johannes Brahms)

Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand as you are able)

O Radiant Christ

Our bartered, busy lives burn dim,
too tired to care, too numb to feel.
Come, shine upon our shadowed world:
your radiance bathes with power to heal.

(Old 100th 666)

The Gospel

(Please remain standing as you are able)

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Luke.

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

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. 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.’

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, who began to praise God and to speak about the child.

Luke 2: selected verses (NRSV)

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Gospel Acclamation

O Radiant Christ

O Light of Nations, fill the earth;
our faith and hope and love renew.
Come, lead the peoples to your peace,
as stars once led the way to you.

(Old 100th 666)

Homily

The Rev. Irina Dubinski

Silence is kept.

For Rev. Irina's blog visit
<https://irinasart.ca/spiritual-reflections/>
or scan the QR code.



The Affirmation of Faith

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: Jesus Christ said:

All: **the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**

**Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

(Please adopt the pose most comfortable for you - stand, sit or kneel - and respond as indicated.)

Leader: ... Light of the world;

All: **shine in our darkness.**

Celebrant: God of mercy, be our light in times of darkness and our comfort in times of affliction. May we be as light in a darkened world, proclaiming your faithful love. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

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)*

Sing of Mary

Sing of Mary, pure and lowly,
maiden mother, wise and mild.
Sing of God's own Son most holy,
 who became her little child.
 Fairest child of fairest mother,
 God the Lord who came to earth,

Word made flesh, our very brother,
takes our nature by his birth.

Joyful mother, full of gladness,
in thine arms thy Lord was borne.
Mournful mother, full of sadness,
all thy heart with pain was torn.
Glorious mother, now rewarded
with a crown at Jesus' hand,
Age to age thy name recorded
shall be blest in every land.

Glory be to God the Father;
glory be to God the Son;
Glory be to God the Spirit;
glory to the Three-in-One.

From the heart of blessed Mary,
from all saints, the song ascends,
And the church the strain re-echoes
unto earth's remotest ends.

(*In Babilone 246*)

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: **Almighty God, accept the joyful offering of your Church, and grant that your Son may shine in us as the light that lightens every nation. We ask this in the name of the same Jesus Christ our 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 He 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 Hymns: (Congregational singing while seated)

48, Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand.
Ponder nothing earthly minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descending
comes, our homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of heaven now incarnate
in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
streams before him on the way,
as the Light of light descending
from the realms of endless day

comes, that pow'rs of hell may vanish,
as the shadows pass away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph,
cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
“Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

(*Picardy*)

622, How Bright Appears the Morning Star

How bright appears the Morning Star,
with mercy beaming from afar;
the host of heaven rejoices.
O Righteous Branch, O Jesse's Rod,
true Light of Light and God of God,
we too will lift our voices:
Jesus, Jesus, holy, holy, yet most lowly,
ever near us;
great Emmanuel, swift to hear us.

Though circled by the hosts on high,
you looked on us with pitying eye
and saved your sinful creature.

The whole creation's head and Lord,
by highest seraphim adored,
you took our very nature;
Amen, amen! Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise be given evermore by earth and heaven.

(*Wie schön leuchtet*)

Prayer after Communion

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **God for whom we wait, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon, who did not die till he had welcomed the Messiah. Complete in us your perfect will, that we in Christ may share in your eternal kingdom; for he is Lord 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 amongst you and remain with you always.

All: **Amen.**

Community Notices

(Please be seated)

Recessional Hymn:

(Please stand as you are able)

570, Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.

O refresh us, O refresh us,
traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration
for your gospel's joyful sound:
may the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound:
may your presence, may your presence,
with us evermore be found.

Of your love some gracious token
grant us, Lord, before we go;
bless your word which has been spoken,
life and peace on all bestow.
O direct us and protect us
in the paths we do not know.

So that when your love shall call us,
Savior, from the world away,
let no fear of death appall us,
glad your summons to obey:
may we ever, may we ever
reign with you in endless day.

(Sicilian Mariners)

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: **Ballade in g minor, Op. 118, No. 3**

(Johannes Brahms)
(Performed by Edward Connell)

Our worship is over – our service begins.

Flower Memorial



The flowers in the church today
are given by Lanadee Lampman,
to the Glory of God,
**in gratitude for the love and
lessons received from my
parents, Jane & Wesley Lientag
and my brother, David Lientag.**

Recital and Lunch Today



A warm welcome is extended especially
to all visitors and newcomers.
Please join us for a light lunch and recital
& presentation by Mike Jenzen.
Lunch will be served in the Children's
Chapel and we will remain in the church
for the recital.

New to St. Tim's?

Are you new to St. Tim's?

Welcome! We are glad you have chosen to join us.

Please consider completing a **Newcomer Information Card** (*ask a member of the Welcome Team*) or contact Ashani directly 416-488-0079 or office@sttimothy.ca so that we can accurately record your information in the parish directory and ensure you are kept up to date with news and events.

This Week at St. Timothy's

- *Morning Prayer with a Thought for the Day* will be broadcast online via Zoom every morning, **Monday to Friday at 9:30am.**
- *ESL Reading & Career Mentoring* and *ESL Conversation and Practice Groups* meet in the Children's Chapel on **Tuesdays at 10:00am and 11:00am respectively.**
- **Open Church Hour** every week on **Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 1:00 - 2:00pm.**
The church will be accessible for drop-in quiet prayer, and if desired, pastoral care and time with the clergy. Please use the Ridley Boulevard entrance and ring the bell for access.
- *Contemplative Art* every **Wednesday at 10:00am** in the Loft. *All materials provided. Open to all.*
- *St. Andrew's Group* meets online via Zoom **on Wednesdays at 12:00nn** for lunch and fellowship. Please contact Janet Fraser janet.fraser@sympatico.ca for the link.

➤ Next Sunday, February 8th – *The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany*

- 8:30am: Adult Christian Education in the Parlour
- 10:00am: Holy Eucharist with Children's Programming

Week of February 2nd to 6th



The Office is open for in-person drop ins on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday this week from 10:00am – 3:00pm.

Please call ahead and make an appointment if you wish to meet with a specific member of the clergy or staff.
