

Welcome to St Timothy's

The Baptism of Our Lord



January 11th, 2026
In-Person & Online Service at 10:00am

THE COMING

And God held in his hand
A small globe. Look he said.
The son looked. Far off,
As through water, he saw
A scorched land of fierce
Colour. The light burned
There; crusted buildings
Cast their shadows: a bright
Serpent, A river
Uncoiled itself, radiant
With slime.

On a bare
Hill a bare tree saddened
The sky. many People
Held out their thin arms
To it, as though waiting
For a vanished April
To return to its crossed
Boughs. The son watched
Them. Let me go there, he said.

- *R. S. Thomas*

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: Ondine (Spirit of the Water) (Claude Debussy)
(Performed by Edward Connell)

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

162, Sing of God Made Manifest

Sing of God made manifest
In a child robust and blest,
To whose home in Bethlehem
Where a star had guided them,
Magi came and gifts unbound,
Signs mysterious and profound:
Myrrh and frankincense and gold
Grave and God and king foretold.

Sing of God made manifest
When at Jordan John confessed,
“I should be baptized by You,
But Your bidding I will do.”
Then from heav’n a double sign—
Dove-like Spirit, voice divine—
Hailed the true Anointed One:
“This is My beloved Son.”

Sing of God made manifest
On the cloud-capped mountain’s crest,
Where the law and prophets waned
So that Christ alone remained:

Glimpse of glory, pledge of grace,
Giv'n as Jesus set His face
Towards the waiting cross and grave,
Sign of hope that God would save.

(Salzburg, v. 1, 2, 4)

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: There is one body and one Spirit,

People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant: One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

People: **One God and Father of all.**

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.

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit,
keep your children, born of water and the Spirit,
faithful to their calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and 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

“Here is my servant, the one I support.

He is the one I chose, and I am pleased with him.
I will put my Spirit in him.

And he will bring justice to all nations.
He will not cry out or yell.

He will not speak loudly in the streets.
He will not break a crushed blade of grass.
He will not put out even a weak flame.
He will bring justice and find what is true.

He will not lose hope or give up
until he brings justice to the world.

And people far away will trust his teachings.”
God, the Lord, said these things.

He created the skies and stretched them out.

He spread out the earth and everything on it.
He gives life to all people on earth.

He gives life to everyone who walks on the earth.

Isaiah 42: 1 – 5 (ICB)

Silence is kept for reflection.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.
And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"
The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

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.**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with

the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem.

Acts 10: 34 – 39a (NRSV)

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People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand as you are able)

O Radiant Christ

O radiant Christ, incarnate Word,
eternal love revealed in time:
come, make your home within our hearts,
that we may dwell in light sublime.

(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 Matthew.

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

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Matthew 3: 13 – 17 (NRSV)

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

O Radiant Christ

Your glory shone at Jordan's stream,
the font where we were born anew.

Attune your church to know you near;
illumine all we say and do.

(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.*



(Please remain seated for the Anthem)

Anthem: **Gather By the River to Pray**

As I went down to the river to pray,
studyin' about that good ole way;
and who shall wear the starry crown?
Good Lord, show me the way.

O brother, let's go down, let's go down, come on down,
let's go down, come on down.

O brother, let's go down,
down to the river to pray,
down to the river to pray.

Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown.

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,

with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

So let's go down to the river to pray,
studyin' about that good ole way
that we shall wear the starry crown?
Good Lord, show us the way.

Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace.

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

Down to the river to pray,
that flows by the throne of God,
down to the river to pray,
that flows by the throne...

I went down to the river to pray,
ere we reach the shining river
that flows by the throne of God.

(Arr. Pepper Choplin)

Renewal of Baptism Vows

Thanksgiving over the Water *(Please stand as you are able)*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

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

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we come before you afresh in faith, recalling our baptism in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we who by water were cleansed from sin

and born again, may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

All:

Amen.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Let us commit ourselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, The Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the**

forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: May the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom.

All: **Amen.**

The congregation will be sprinkled with the water that has been blessed as a tangible reminder of our own baptism and our promise to renew the vows made when we were baptised.

Celebrant: Almighty and everliving God,

People: **may your gentle hand ever be over us your servants; let your Holy Spirit be ever with us; and so lead us in the knowledge and obedience of your word, that we may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: And now as God's redeemed and renewed people, we bring to him our needs and the needs of the world.

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 lives.**

Celebrant: Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed

him with the Holy Spirit. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and make all who are baptized into Christ faithful in their calling to be your children and inheritors with him of everlasting life, through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: We are the body of Christ. By the one spirit we are baptized into one Body. Let us pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life. 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)*

584, The Church of Christ in Every Age

The church of Christ, in every age
beset by change but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage,
and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live until they die.

Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.

For he alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord,
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word.

(Herongate)

*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 life and freedom,
we celebrate the revelation of Jesus
as the Christ who makes all creation new.
Accept all we offer you this day
and make us new in him,
who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

Eucharistic Prayer 3

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: Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation,
and have shown your Son Jesus Christ
to be the light of all peoples.
Therefore with angels and archangels
we raise our voices in joyful praise
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: We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.
On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, eat:

this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All: we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,

and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
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.

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)

164, What King Would Wade

What king would wade through murky streams
and bow beneath the wave,
Ignoring how the world esteems the powerful and brave?
Water, River, Spirit, Grace, sweep over me, sweep over me!
Recarve the depths your fingers traced in sculpting me.

Christ gleams with water brown with clay
from land the prophets trod.

Above him while the clouds give way descends the dove of
God.

Water, River, Spirit, Grace, sweep over me, sweep over me!
Recarve the depths your fingers traced in sculpting me.

Come bow with Christ beneath the wave.

He stands here at your side,
and raises you as from the grave God raised him crucified.
Water, River, Spirit, Grace, sweep over me, sweep over me!
Recarve the depths your fingers traced in sculpting me.

(*Baptism*)

103, On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry

On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within.

Prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away,
like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent doth thy people free;
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

(Winchester New)

Prayer after Communion

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Gracious God, lover of all,
by this sacrament
you make us one family in Christ your Son,
one in the sharing of his body and blood,
one in the communion of his Spirit.
Help us to grow in love for one another
and come to the full maturity of the Body of
Christ.**

We ask this in his name. 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)

619, Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou the Godhead's human son:
thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,
thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and fair the twinkling, starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.

All fairest beauty heavenly and earthly,
wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;
none can be nearer, fairer or dearer
than thou, my Saviour, art to me.

(Crusaders' Hymn, v. 1, 3-4)

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: 'Hornpipe' from 'The Water Music'

(G. F. Handel)

(Performed by Edward Connell)

Our worship is over – our service begins.



Flower Memorial

The flowers in the church today
are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of my wife
Sheila Goodwin
given by George Goodwin.

Coffee Hour



A warm welcome is extended especially
to all visitors and newcomers.
Please join us for refreshments
in Soward Hall.

Your hosts today will be Elaine Hill
and Jane Hutchinson.
Gluten free options are available.

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.

Week of January 12th to 16th



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.

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.
- **Next Sunday, January 18th – *The Second Sunday After Epiphany***
 - **8:30am:** Adult Christian Education in the Parlour
 - **10:00am:** Holy Eucharist with Children's Programming
