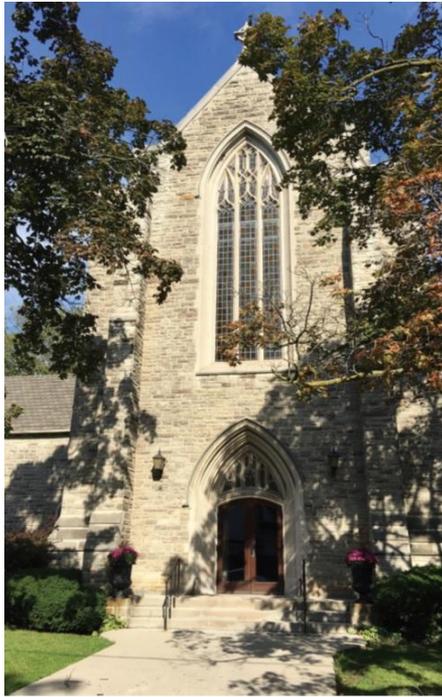


Welcome to St Timothy's

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

Morning Prayer

February 23rd, 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.

Lenten Feria

*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: Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful
love,

All: according to your judgement give us life.

Leader: Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy,
to you be praise and glory for ever.

In the darkness of our sin,
your light breaks forth like the dawn
and your healing springs up for deliverance.

As we rejoice in the gift of your saving help,
sustain us with your bountiful Spirit
and open our lips to sing your praise.

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 41

Happy are those who consider the poor;
the Lord delivers them in the day of trouble.

**The Lord protects them and keeps them alive;
they are called happy in the land.**

You do not give them up to the will of their enemies.
The Lord sustains them on their sickbed;
in their illness you heal all their infirmities.

**As for me, I said, 'O Lord, be gracious to me;
heal me, for I have sinned against you.'**

My enemies wonder in malice
when I will die, and my name perish.

**And when they come to see me, they utter empty
words,
while their hearts gather mischief;
when they go out, they tell it abroad.**

All who hate me whisper together about me;
they imagine the worst for me.

**They think that a deadly thing has fastened on me,
that I will not rise again from where I lie.**

Even my bosom friend in whom I trusted,
who ate of my bread, has lifted the heel against me.

**But you, O Lord, be gracious to me,
and raise me up, that I may repay them.**

By this I know that you are pleased with me;
because my enemy has not triumphed over me.

**But you have upheld me because of my integrity,
and set me in your presence for ever.**

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.

Amen and Amen.

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight”’,

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of

Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Mark 1: 1 - 13

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 penitence and faith let us make our prayer to the Father and ask for his mercy and grace.

For (...) and all your holy people,
that they may triumph over evil and grow in
grace, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For candidates for baptism and confirmation,
that they may live by every word that proceeds
from your mouth, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the leaders of the nations,
that you will guide them in the ways of mercy
and truth, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the needy,
that they may not be forgotten,
nor the hope of the poor be taken away,
we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the sick in body, mind and spirit, (especially
...), that they may know your power to heal,
we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the poor in spirit,
that they may inherit the kingdom of heaven
and see you face to face,
we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

All: Amen.

The Collect for the Day

Leader: Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the
wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience
to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ your Son 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: Trusting in the compassion 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 God our Redeemer show us compassion and
love.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.