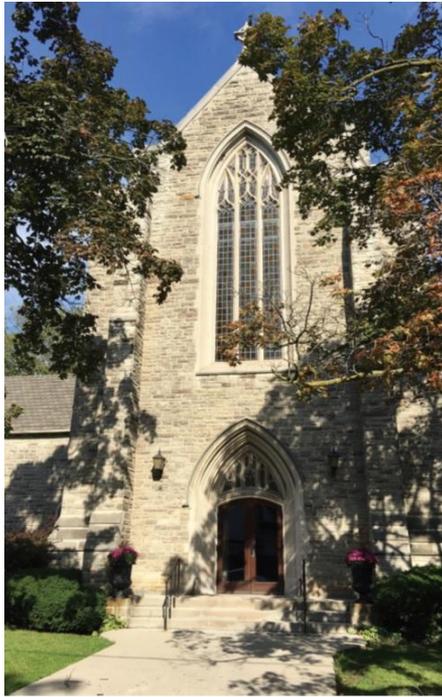


# Welcome to St Timothy's

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

## Morning Prayer

February 27th, 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 40*

I waited patiently for the Lord;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

**He drew me up from the desolate pit,  
out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.**

He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.

**Many will see and fear,  
and put their trust in the Lord.**

Happy are those who make  
the Lord their trust,  
who do not turn to the proud,  
to those who go astray after false gods.

**You have multiplied, O Lord my God,  
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts towards us;  
none can compare with you.**

Were I to proclaim and tell of them,  
they would be more than can be counted.

**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,  
but you have given me an open ear.**

Burnt-offering and sin-offering  
you have not required.

**Then I said, 'Here I am;  
in the scroll of the book it is written of me.**

I delight to do your will, O my God;  
your law is within my heart.'

**I have told the glad news of deliverance  
in the great congregation;  
see, I have not restrained my lips,  
as you know, O Lord.**

I have not hidden your saving help within my heart,  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;  
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your  
faithfulness from the great congregation.

**Do not, O Lord, withhold  
your mercy from me;  
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness  
keep me safe for ever.**

For evils have encompassed me without number;  
my iniquities have overtaken me,  
until I cannot see;  
they are more than the hairs of my head,  
and my heart fails me.

**Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me;  
O Lord, make haste to help me.**

Let all those be put to shame and confusion  
who seek to snatch away my life;  
let those be turned back and brought to dishonour  
who desire my hurt.

**Let those be appalled because of their shame  
who say to me, 'Aha, Aha!'**

But may all who seek you  
rejoice and be glad in you;  
may those who love your salvation  
say continually, 'Great is the Lord!'

**As for me, I am poor and needy,  
but the Lord takes thought for me.  
You are my help and my deliverer;  
do not delay, O 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*

Jesus went out again beside the lake; the whole crowd gathered around him, and he taught them. As he was walking along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in Levi's house, many tax-collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus and his disciples—for there were many who followed him. When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax-collectors, they said to his disciples, 'Why does he eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' When Jesus heard this, he said to them, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting; and people came and said to him, 'Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?' Jesus said to them, 'The wedding-guests cannot fast while the bridegroom is with them, can they? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day.

'No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak; otherwise, the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins.'

*Mark 2: 13 - 22*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### *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.**