

Welcome to St Timothy's

The Last Sunday After Epiphany (Transfiguration Sunday)



February 15th, 2026
In-Person & Online Service at 10:00am

"The Bright Field"

I have seen the sun break through
to illuminate a small field
for a while, and gone my way
and forgotten it. But that was the
pearl of great price, the one field that had
treasure in it. I realise now
that I must give all that I have
to possess it. Life is not hurrying

on to a receding future, nor hankering
after
an imagined past. It is the turning
aside like Moses to the miracle
of the lit bush, to a brightness
that seemed as transitory as your youth
once, but is the eternity that awaits you.

- by RS Thomas

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: Prayer

(Théodore Dubois)

(Performed by Edward Connell)

Processional Hymn:

(Please stand as you are able)

167, 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Thy glory fills the night;
thy face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
thy beauty to behold
where Moses and Elijah stand,
thy messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past
promise of things to be,
we hail thy body glorified,
and our redemption see!

Before we taste of death,
we see thy kingdom come:
O might we hold the vision bright
and make this hill our home!

'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
but, since thou bidst us leave the mount,
come with us to the plain.

(Carlisle)

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.

Almighty God,
on the holy mount you revealed to chosen
witnesses
your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured:
mercifully deliver us from the darkness of this
world,
and change us into his likeness from glory to glory;
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 children will come up to the front for the message)

Children's Message

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up the mountain to me. Wait there, and I will give you two stone tablets. On these are the teachings and the commandments. I have written these to teach the people.”

So Moses and his helper Joshua set out. Moses went up Sinai, the mountain of God. Moses said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you. Anyone who has a disagreement with others can take it to them.”

When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it. The greatness of the Lord came down on Mount Sinai. The cloud covered the mountain for six days. On the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from inside the cloud. The Israelites could see the greatness of the Lord. It looked like a fire burning on top of the mountain. Then Moses went into the cloud and went higher up the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for 40 days and 40 nights.

Exodus 24: 12 - 18 (ICB)

Silence is kept for reflection.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 99

The Lord is king;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the Cherubim;
let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.

Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.

“O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

“O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.”

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

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 Second Letter of Peter

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

2 Peter 1: 16 - 21 (NRSV)

Silence is kept for reflection.

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

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.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

Matthew 17: 1 - 9 (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.



(Please remain seated for the Anthem)

Anthem:

This Is My Beloved Son

Long, long ago, the prophets spoke to ancient generations.
But in these days, God shows his ways and through the Son,
he's spoken.

The Son is in God's likeness, in glory and in brightness, in
high authority.

You are my Son, beloved one, you are my first begotten.
The heavens you made, your hand has laid the very earth's
foundation.

The Son is in God's likeness, in glory and in brightness, in high authority.

The Son your sings has lightened, he sits upon the right hand of power and majesty.

The first begotten one, this is my high and holy Son.

On earth one day, John, Peter, James followed him up a mountain.

Before their eyes, his face would shine with light as bright as morning.

His garment shone and brightened, the disciples were so frightened, their faces on the ground.

A bright cloud overwhelmed them, a voice came forth to tell them, "Now listen to this one, for this is my beloved Son."

You are my Son...

(Pepper Choplin)

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 lives.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, on the mountain you showed your glory in the transfiguration of your Son. Give us the vision to see beyond the turmoil of our world and to behold the King in all His glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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)*

460, Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth you now bring us,
shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.**

**Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!**

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display your likeness.
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain

(Shine, Jesus, Shine)

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: **Holy God,**
receive all we offer you this day,
and bring us to that radiant glory
which we see in the transfigured face
of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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,
because in the mystery of the Word made flesh
you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts,
to give knowledge of salvation
in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Now with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven,
we lift 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: 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.

(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)

166, We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

We have come at Christ's own bidding
to this high and holy place,
where we wait with hope and longing
for some token of God's grace.

Here we pray for new assurance
that our faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples
for a sign both clear and plain.

Light breaks in upon our darkness,
splendour bathes the flesh-joined Word,
Moses and Elijah marvel
as the heavenly voice is heard.

Eyes and hearts behold with wonder
how the law and prophets meet:
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness,
stands transfigured and complete.

Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,
fearful lest our faith decline,
we like Peter find it tempting
to remain and build a shrine.

But true worship gives us courage
to proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us
people of the God we bless.

(O mein Jesu, ich muss sterben)

169, Jesus, on the Mountain Peak

Jesus on the mountain peak
stands alone in glory blazing.
Let us, if we dare to speak,
join the saints and angels praising: alleluia!

Trembling at his feet we saw
Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the prophets and the law
shout through them their joyful greeting: alleluia!

Swift the cloud of glory came,
God, proclaiming in its thunder
Jesus as the Son by Name!
Nations, cry aloud in wonder: alleluia!

Jesus is the chosen One,
living hope of every nation.
Hear and heed him, everyone;
sing with earth and all creation: alleluia!

(Mowsley)

Prayer after Communion

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Holy God,**
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
May we who are partakers of his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know
his power to change and save.
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)**

505, Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art,
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, when victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

(*Slane*)

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Let There Be Light

(*Théodore Dubois*)

(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
by Rosina Warton,
in loving memory of her husband, John
and by Rosina Warton & Sydney Liburd
in loving memory of their parents.



Coffee Hour

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

Gluten free options are available.

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.**
- *The ESL Conversation and Practice Group* meets in the Children's Chapel on **Tuesdays at 10:00am.**
- *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.*
- *Ash Wednesday Services* with Eucharist on **February 18th at 11:30am and 7:30pm.**
- *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 22nd – *The First Sunday in Lent***

- **8:30am:** Adult Christian Education in the Parlour
- **10:00am:** Holy Eucharist with Children's Programming
- **Annual Vestry Meeting** immediately following the service.

Week of February 16th to 20th



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.

Annual Vestry Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Vestry Meeting of the Church of St. Timothy, North Toronto, which will be held on **Sunday, February 22nd** after the 10am service.

This will be an in-person only meeting and will take place in Soward Hall with a light lunch served.

Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting however, in order to vote, one must have been a member of St. Timothy's for at least three months, attended regularly scheduled services of worship at St. Timothy's at least three times in the

past year, be at least 16 years old and not voted as a member of any other vestry during the previous three months, nor intend to vote in any other vestry during the ensuing year.

For those who are interested in more in-depth financial information, a pre-vestry meeting will be held at 8:30am in the parlour the same day.
