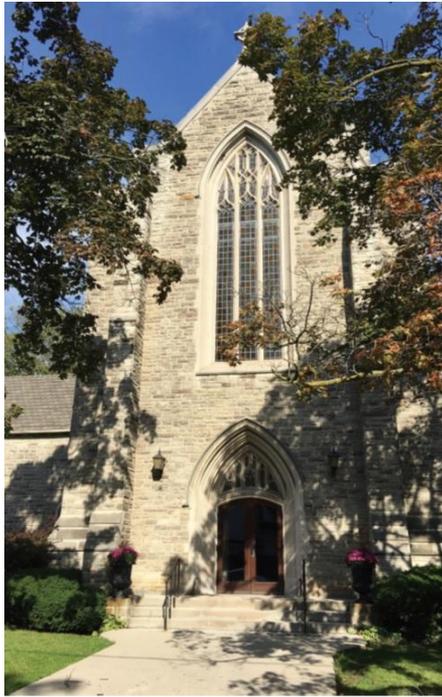


Welcome to St Timothy's

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

Morning Prayer

March 17th, 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

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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 97

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!

**Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his
throne.**

Fire goes before him,
and consumes his adversaries on every side.

**His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.**

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,
before the Lord of all the earth.

**The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
and all the peoples behold his glory.**

All worshippers of images are put to shame,
those who make their boast in worthless idols;
all gods bow down before him.

**Zion hears and is glad,
and the towns of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgements, O God.**

For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

**The Lord loves those who hate evil;
he guards the lives of his faithful;
he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**

Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.

**Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!**

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

In those days when there was again a great crowd without anything to eat, Jesus called his disciples and said to them, 'I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat. If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way — and some of them have come from a great distance.' His disciples replied, 'How can one feed these people with bread here in the desert?' He asked them, 'How many loaves do you have?' They said, 'Seven.' Then he ordered the crowd to sit down on the ground; and he took the seven loaves, and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to his disciples to distribute; and they distributed them to the crowd. They had also a few small fish; and after blessing them, he ordered that these too should be distributed. They

ate and were filled; and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. Now there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away. And immediately he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the district of Dalmanutha.

The Pharisees came and began to argue with him, asking him for a sign from heaven, to test him. And he sighed deeply in his spirit and said, 'Why does this generation ask for a sign? Truly I tell you, no sign will be given to this generation.' And he left them, and getting into the boat again, he went across to the other side.

Now the disciples had forgotten to bring any bread; and they had only one loaf with them in the boat. And he cautioned them, saying, 'Watch out—beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and the yeast of Herod.' They said to one another, 'It is because we have no bread.' And becoming aware of it, Jesus said to them, 'Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? Do you have eyes, and fail to see? Do you have ears, and fail to hear? And do you not remember? When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you collect?' They said to him, 'Twelve.' 'And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you collect?' And they said to him, 'Seven.' Then he said to them, 'Do you not yet understand?'

Mark 8: 1 - 21

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: Merciful Lord,
absolve your people from their offences,
that through your bountiful goodness
we may all be delivered from the chains of those
sins
which by our frailty we have committed;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and
Saviour,
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.