

# Welcome to St Timothy's

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



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.

# *Wednesday of Easter Week*

*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: In your resurrection, O Christ,

**All: let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.**

*The Easter Anthems*

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us:  
so let us celebrate the feast,

**not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:  
death has no more dominion over him.

**In dying he died to sin once for all:  
in living he lives to God.**

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Christ has been raised from the dead:  
the first fruits of those who sleep.**

For as by man came death:

by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;

**for as in Adam all die:**

**even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**

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.**

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*

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

While they were going, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests everything that had happened. After the priests had assembled with the elders, they devised a plan to give a large sum of money to the soldiers, telling them, 'You must say, "His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep." If this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.' So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story is still told among the Jews to this day.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

*Matthew 28: 1 - 20*

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: On this day that the Lord has made, let us pray for the people he has redeemed.

That we may live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross:

Lord, receive our praise

**All: and hear our prayer.**

Leader: That all people may receive the good news of his victory:

Lord, receive our praise

**All: and hear our prayer.**

Leader: That those born to new life in the waters of baptism may know the power of his resurrection:

Lord, receive our praise

**All: and hear our prayer.**

Leader: That those who suffer pain and anguish may find healing and peace in the wounds of Christ:

Lord, receive our praise

**All: and hear our prayer.**

Leader: That in the undying love of Christ we may be united with all who have died in the faith of Christ:

Lord, receive our praise

**All: and hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us commend the world, in which Christ rose from the dead to the mercy and protection of God.

**All: Amen.**

### *The Collect for the Day*

Leader: Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity.

**All: Amen.**

### *The Lord's Prayer*

Leader: Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
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 the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**