

Welcome to St Timothy's

The Second Sunday
After Easter



The Incredulity of St. Thomas, Caravaggio (1603)

April 12, 2026

In-Person & Online Service at 10:00am

St. Thomas the Apostle

“We do not know... how can we know the way?”

Courageous master of the awkward question,
You spoke the words the others dared not say

And cut through their evasion and abstraction.

Oh doubting Thomas, father of my faith,
You put your finger on the nub of things
We cannot love some disembodied wraith,
But flesh and blood must be our king of kings.

Your teaching is to touch, embrace, anoint,
Feel after Him and find Him in the flesh.
Because He loved your awkward counterpoint
The Word has heard and granted you your wish.

Oh place my hands with yours, help me divine

The wounded God whose wounds are healing mine.

- *by Malcolm Guite*

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: The 'Spring' Concerto, I and II (Antonio Vivaldi)
(Performed by Edward Connell)

Processional Hymn: (Please stand as you are able)

230, The Tomb is Empty! Come and See

The tomb is empty!
Come and see where once the body lay.
Can it be true that Jesus Christ
is raised to life today?

The tomb is empty!
Come and hear these words of life and peace:
"He is not here. He lives again
in all your Galilees."

The tomb is empty!
Come and touch the stone and folded shroud.
Christ lives indeed. Alleluia!
Believers, shout aloud!

The tomb is empty!
Come and meet the Risen Christ our Lord
in whom we have our victory,
in whom is life restored.

(Azmon)

The Penitential Rite

Leader: The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit:
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not
despise. *(Psalm 51.18)*

Let us confess our sins against God and our
neighbour.

Silence is kept.

**All: Most merciful God,
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.**

Leader: Almighty God have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Opening Responses

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: He gave us new life and hope
by raising Jesus from the dead.**

Leader: Rejoice, then, even in your distress.

All: We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.

Leader: God has claimed us as his own.

**All: He called us from our darkness into the light of
his day.**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Venite (Ps. 95)

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed:

O come, let us worship.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his for he made it, *

and his hands have moulded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the

sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

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.

Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *

I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,

my good above all other."

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.

But those who run after other gods *

shall have their troubles multiplied.

Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *

it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *

my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

**For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

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.**

(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 Acts of the Apostles

But Peter stood up with the 11 apostles. In a loud voice he spoke to the crowd:

“Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus from Nazareth was a very special man. God clearly showed this to you by the miracles, wonders, and signs God did through him. You all know this, because it happened right here among you.

Jesus was given to you, and you killed him. With the help of evil men you nailed him to a cross. But God knew all this would happen. This was God's plan which he had made long ago. God raised Jesus from death. God set him free from the pain of death. Death could not hold him. For David said this about him:

'I keep the Lord before me always.

Because he is close by my side,

I will not be hurt.

So I am glad, and I rejoice.

Even my body has hope.

This is because you will not leave me in the grave.

You will not let your Holy One rot.

You will teach me God's way to live.

Being with you will fill me with joy.' (*Psalm 16:8-11*)

Brothers, I can tell you truly about David, our ancestor. He died and was buried. His grave is still here with us today.

David was a prophet and knew what God had said. God had promised David that he would make a person from David's family a king just as he was. David knew this before it happened. That is why he said:

'He was not left in the grave.

His body did not rot.'

David was talking about the Christ rising from death. So

Jesus is the One who God raised from death! And we are all witnesses to this."

Acts 2: 14a, 22 - 32 (ICB)

Silence is kept for reflection.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn:

228, O Sons and Daughters

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of heaven, the glorious King,
o'er death and hell rose triumphing.

Alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard,
how they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word.

Alleluia!

"My piercèd side, O Thomas, see;
behold my hands, my feet," said he;
"not faithless, but believing be."

Alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God," he cried.

Alleluia!

How blest are they who have not seen,
and yet whose faith has constant been,
for they eternal life shall win.

Alleluia!

On this most holy day of days,
to God your hearts and voices raise
in laud and jubilee and praise.

Alleluia!

(O Filii et Fillae)

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1: 3 - 9 (NRSV)

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Canticle 23: Song of the First-Born

Christ is the image of the unseen God, *
the first-born of all creation,
for in him were all things made, *
in heaven and on earth.

Through him and for him were all things made,
before all he exists, holds all things in one. *

The Church is his body, and he is its head.
He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead; *
in all things he alone is supreme.
God made all his fullness to dwell in him, *
to reconcile through him all creation to himself,
everything on earth and everything in heaven, *
all gathered into peace by his death on the cross.

(Colossians 1: 15 – 20)

Gospel Acclamation:

(Please stand as you are able)

405, Alleluia No. 1

Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to his name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen.

Refrain

The Gospel

(Please remain standing as you are able)

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

John 20: 19 - 31 (NRSV)

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

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Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to his name.

We have been crucified with Christ;

Now we shall live forever.

Refrain

(Please be seated)

Homily

Jonathan Kang

Silence is kept.

(Please remain seated for the Anthem)

Anthem:

All Earth Rejoice with a Gladsome Voice

All the earth rejoice with a gladsome voice;
now sing we alleluia.

Praise the Lord; rejoice and sing.
Sing alleluia, sing, for Christ is risen.

Sound the trumpet, sound the harp.

Praise the Lord. Rejoice and sing.

(Antonio Vivaldi, arr. Hal Hopson)

The Apostles' Creed

(Please stand as you are able)

Leader: Let us confess the faith of our baptism,
as we say,

All: **I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy
Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

*(Please adopt the pose most comfortable for you - stand, sit or kneel
- and respond as indicated.)*

Leader: ... let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of Glory!

The Collect of the Day

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God,
the strength of those who believe
and the hope of those who doubt,
may we, who have not seen, have faith
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Offertory Hymn: (Please stand as you are able)

217, Christ the Lord is Risen Again

Christ the Lord is risen again,
Christ has broken every chain.
Hark, the angel voices cry,
singing evermore on high:
 alleluia!

He who gave for us his life,
who for us endured the strife,
is our paschal lamb today;
we too sing for joy, and say:
 alleluia!

He who bore all pain and loss
comfortless upon the cross
lives in glory now on high,
pleads for us, and hears our cry:
alleluia!

He who slumbered in the grave
is exalted now to save;
through the universe it rings
that the lamb is King of kings:
alleluia!

Now he bids us tell abroad
how the lost may be restored,
how the penitent forgiven,
how we too may enter heaven:
alleluia!

Christ, our paschal lamb indeed,
all your ransomed people feed!
Take our sins and guilt away:
let us sing by night and day:
alleluia!

(Württemberg (Straf mich nicht))

If you wish to make a donation and would like to use a donation envelope, they are available at the back of the church.

*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.

The Lord's Prayer

Leader: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

**All: 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.**

Doxology

Leader: Glory to God,

**All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely
more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Leader: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace
in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Recessional Hymn:

(Please stand as you are able)

210, Yours Be the Glory, Risen Conquering Son

Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory over death you won.
Angels robed in splendour rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where the body lay.

Refrain

**Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory over death you won.**

See! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord is living; death hath lost its sting!

Refrain

No more we doubt you, glorious Prince of life;
what is life without you? Aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors through your deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to your home above.

Refrain *(Maccabaeus)*

The Dismissal

Leader: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude: The 'Spring' Concerto, III (Antonio Vivaldi)
(Performed by Edward Connell)

**Our worship is over
– our service begins.**



Altar Flowers

The flowers in the church today
are given to the Glory of God
by Elaine, Vanessa & Allegra Hill,
**in loving memory of
John Edward Hill.**

Coffee Hour

A warm welcome is extended especially to all visitors and newcomers.



Please join us for coffee and refreshments in Soward Hall.
Your hosts today will be Audrey Gilpin and Linda Gilpin.
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.*
 - *Mid-Week Eucharist* every **Wednesday at 11:30am.**
 - *St. Andrew's Group* meets in-person in the Parlour on **Wednesdays at 12:00nn** for lunch and fellowship.
 - **Next Sunday, April 19th – The Third Sunday After Easter**
 - **8:30am:** Adult Christian Education in the Parlour
 - **10:00am:** Holy Eucharist with Children's Programming
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Week of April 13th to 17th



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.

Rev. Irina will be away on vacation from April 6th to 13th. In her absence, Jonathan will be available for pastoral care.

Altar Flowers

The flowers which enhance our services are given by parishioners as a memorial or thank offering and are arranged by our flower team. After each service the flowers are distributed to the memorial donor and/or to shut in parishioners.



Would you like to make a donation of flowers for a Sunday service? The cost of purchasing fresh flowers has gone up substantially over the past few years. Therefore, we are asking for donations of a minimum of \$100.

The process is as follows:

Check with Ashani or Trish about the available dates and write out/email the wording for your memorial / thank offering to office@sttimothy.ca

Payment for your donation can be made by e-transfer to office@sttimothy.ca or by cheque to Church of St Timothy. Please mention Memorial Flowers in the reference.

Please contact:

Ashani at 416-488-0079 office@sttimothy.ca for more details.
