

Welcome to St. Timothy's

**The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
&
National Indigenous Day of Prayer**



June 21st, 2026
In-Person & Online Service at 10:00am

Hagar in the Wilderness

My God is the living God,
God of the impertinent exile.
An outcast who carved me
into an outcast carved
by sheer and stony will
to wander the desert
in search of deliverance
the way a mother hunts
for her wayward child.

God of each eye fixed to heaven,
God of the fallen water jug,
of all the hope a vessel holds
before spilling to barren sand.
God of flesh hewn from earth
and hammered beneath a will
immaculate with the power
to bear life from the lifeless
like a well in a wasteland.

I'm made in the image of a God
that knows flight but stays me
rock still to tell a story ancient as
slavery, old as the first time
hands clasped together for mercy
and parted to find only their own
salty blessing of sweat.

I have been touched by my God
in my creation, I've known her caress
of anointing callus across my face.

I know the lyric of her pulse
across these lips ... and yes,
I've kissed the fingertips
of my dark and mortal God.
She has shown me the truth
behind each chiseled blow
that's carved me into this life,
the weight any woman might bear
to stretch her mouth toward her
one true God, her own
beaten, marble song.

- Tyehimba Jess
- *Carved Marble*. Edmonia Lewis, 1875

Edmonia Lewis (1845–1907) was an African/Native American expatriate sculptor who was phenomenally successful in Rome.

Tyehimba Jess is the author of Olio (Wave Books, 2016), winner of the 2017 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, and leadbelly (Wave Books, 2005), winner of the 2004 National Poetry Series. He has received a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship, a Provincetown Fine Arts Work Center Fellowship, and a Whiting Award, and is the poetry and fiction editor of African American Review.

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: Sonata in D, Op. 65, No. 5 – I: Andante, andante
con moto (Felix Mendelssohn)
(Performed by Edward Connell)

Processional Hymn: (Please stand as you are able)

468, To Abraham and Sarah

To Abraham and Sarah
the call of God was clear:
'Go forth and I will show you
a country rich and fair.
You need not fear the journey
for I have pledged my word:
that you shall be my people
and I will be your God.'

From Abraham and Sarah
arose a pilgrim race,
dependent for their journey
on God's abundant grace.
and in their heart was written
by God this saving word:
that you shall be my people
and I will be your God.'

We of this generation
on whom God's hand is laid,
can journey to the future
secure and unafraid!

rejoicing in God's goodness
and trusting in this word:
that you shall be my people
and I will be your God.'

(Thornbury)

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.

Creator God, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness.

Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life.

All: Amen.

(Please be seated)

(The children will come up to the front for the message)

Children's Message

The Proclamation of the Word

Each reading ends with the line "Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches" (as cited throughout Revelation chapters 2 and 3) to declare that the Scripture that has been read is given by the Holy Spirit for all churches yesterday, today, and for ever, not just the people to whom it was written in ancient times.

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Sarah saw Ishmael making fun of Isaac. (Ishmael was the son of Abraham by Hagar, Sarah's Egyptian slave.) So Sarah said to Abraham, "Throw out this slave woman and her son. When we die, our son Isaac will inherit everything we have. I don't want her son to inherit any of our things."

This troubled Abraham very much because Ishmael was also his son. But God said to Abraham, "Don't be troubled about the boy and the slave woman. Do whatever Sarah tells you. The descendants I promised you will be from Isaac. I will also make the descendants of Ishmael into a great nation. I will do this because he is your son, too." Hagar went and wandered in the desert of Beersheba.

God heard the boy crying.

Then God showed Hagar a well of water. So she went to

the well and filled her bag with water. Then she gave the boy a drink.

Genesis 21: 9 - 14b, 17a, 19 (ICB)

Silence is kept for reflection.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19 (selected verses)

The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

**One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgements of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.**

By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of
My heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

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 Letter to the Philippians

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4: 4 - 9 (NRSV)

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reader: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.
People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation #3

(Please stand as you are able)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
To God with the Lamb and the Dove,
all honour and praise we commend.
As was, and is, in truth and love,
and ever shall be without end.
Alleluia, alleluia.

(Page 8 of The Mass of St. Timothy booklet)

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.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

The true light was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and

his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

John 1: selected verses (NRSV)

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

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(Please be seated)

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:

My Heart Soars

The beauty of the trees,
the softness of the air,
the fragrance of the grass,
speaks to me.

The summit of the mountain,
the thunder of the sky,
the rhythm of the sea,
speaks to me.

The faintness of the stars,
the freshness of the morning,
the dew drop on the flower,
speaks to me.

The strength of fire,
the taste of salmon,
the trail of the sun,
and the life that never goes away,
they speak to me.
and my heart soars.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Jesus Christ and in him grow.

Praise to the holy spirit give,
that we with God, in love may live.

(Ruth Watson Henderson, words Chief Dan George)

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: Please respond to the petition "Creator of all"
with: Hear our prayer.

For the gift of life, the wellbeing of the Earth, the
waters that sustain us, and for all creation; for all
children and new life being born; and for a spirit
of mutual respect to grow within us,
Creator of all,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the gifts of all cultures and languages,
Creator of all,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For us to embody the teachings of gratitude,
respect, and humility; of not taking more than
we need; and of living in balance and right
relationship with one another and all life,
Creator of all,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For our continued renewal; for true repentance
when we have acted in domination and violence;
for restitution and healing; and for your Church
to truly follow your selfless servant,
Creator of all,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For all whose lives have been taken by colonial
and Church violence, and for the courageous
witness of the survivors; for our commitment to
remember, learn, speak out, and practice
solidarity,
Creator of all,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For all who are sick or suffering in body, mind,
or spirit especially ... (*prayer list on page 31*)
Creator of all,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the incarcerated, the hungry, the persecuted, the missing, and the oppressed; for all whom we name now, either silently or aloud; and for justice and the living waters of your Spirit to flow through this land,
Creator of all,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For those whose absence in our lives leaves a gap too great for words. We hold in our hearts and grieve all lives cut short or marred by violence at every level of society, especially the children who did not return home from Residential Schools and the Indigenous women who are currently missing. May the chains of violence be healed at their deepest roots. We also remember all those whom we have personally known and loved and see no longer.
Creator of all,

All: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Creator of all, turn us from selfishness to mutuality, from arrogance to openness, and from domination to relationships of respectful reciprocity. Help us to live into your hope and vision for us, held in our sacred obligations, our covenants, and our commitments. Fill us with your love and lead us to paths of harmony and respect. Empower us with love and encourage us to act with compassion, understanding, and

justice, bringing peace and dignity to all beings
of earth, sky, and sea.

We ask this in the spirit of the Creator, who is
with us now,

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)

We Know That Christ Is Raised and Dies No More

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.

Hallelujah!

We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life
as living members of a living Christ.

Hallelujah!

The Father's splendour clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's fission shakes the church of God.
Baptized, we live with God, the Three in One.
Hallelujah!

A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing:
Hallelujah!

(Engelberg 598)

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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: **Creator, you bless us with many good gifts returned to you from your creation. Feed us with the Bread of Life, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

During the **Eucharistic Prayer**, following Jesus' command to "do this in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19), we give thanks for creation and salvation, recall his saving death and resurrection, and pray for the Holy Spirit to sanctify both the gifts and the people.

Bells may be rung to draw attention to the Sanctus, moments when the Church recognises Christ's sacramental presence, echoing the awe shown when God draws near (Isaiah 6:4; Exodus 3:5), as indicated by + in the text of the prayer.

In the **Sanctus** (Holy, holy, holy) **and Benedictus** (Blessed is He) we join the song of heaven — "Holy, holy, holy" — sung by angels, saints, and all creation before God's throne (Isaiah 6:3; Revelation 4:8) as Christ comes among us. It reminds us that church worship on earth is concurrent with that in heaven. In the **Benedictus** — "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" (Psalm 118:26; Matthew 21:9) — we welcome Christ who once entered Jerusalem and who now comes to us in this holy meal.

The **Words of Institution** repeat Jesus' words at the Last Supper — "This is my body... this is my blood" (Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–26) — the Church remembers and proclaims his self-giving love made present in this meal.

In the **Epiclesis** we pray for the Holy Spirit to come upon the bread and wine and upon us, that we may be united in Christ's Body (1 Corinthians 10:16–17; Acts 2:1–4).

(Please adopt the pose most comfortable for you - stand, sit or kneel)

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2

Celebrant: May God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to God.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

People: **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: Eternal God, Source of all being,
we give you thanks and praise
for your faithful love.
You call us into friendship
with you and one another
to be your holy people,
a sign of your presence in the world.
When those we trust betray us,
unfailingly you remain with us.
When we injure others,
you confront us in your love
and call us to the paths of righteousness.
You stand with the weak,
and those, broken and alone,
whom you have always welcomed home,
making the first last, and the last first.
Therefore we raise our voices
with angels and archangels,
forever praising you and singing. +

**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 the One who comes in the name of
the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

(Page 10 of The Mass of St. Timothy booklet)

Celebrant: Blessed are you, O Holy One:
when Hagar was driven into the wilderness
you followed her and gave her hope.
When Joseph was sold into bondage,
you turned malice to your people's good.

When you called Israel out of slavery,
you brought them through the wilderness
into the promised land.

When your people were taken into exile
you wept with them by the river of Babylon
and carried them home.

People: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Celebrant: At the right time you sent your Anointed One
to stand with the poor,

the outcast, and the oppressed.

Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed
them.

He accepted water from a woman of Samaria
and offered her the water of new life.

Christ knew the desolation of the cross
and opened the way for all humanity
into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed,

Jesus, at supper with his friends,

took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,
gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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.” +
Loving and Holy One,
recalling Christ’s death and resurrection,
we offer you these gifts,
longing for the bread of tomorrow
and the wine of the age to come.
Therefore we proclaim our hope.

People: **Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Celebrant: Pour out your Spirit on these gifts
that through them you may sustain us
in our hunger for your peace.
We hold before you
all whose lives are marked by suffering,
our sisters and brothers.
When we are broken and cast aside,
embrace us in your love.

People: **Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Celebrant: Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
O Source of all life,
now and for ever.

All: **Amen. +**

Lord’s Prayer: *As children of one Creator, we pray the prayer Jesus taught (Matthew 6:9–13), asking for daily bread, forgiveness, and the coming of God’s kingdom before sharing the bread of life.*

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)

Breaking of the Bread and Agnus Dei: *The breaking of the bread recalls the breaking of Christ's own body given for the life of the world. In the Agnus Dei, we name Christ as the Lamb of God (John 1:29), recalling the Passover lamb of Israel's deliverance (Exodus 12) and proclaiming him as our Paschal sacrifice (1 Corinthians 5:7).*

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)*

431, Take Up Your Cross

Take up your cross, the Saviour said,
if you would my disciple be;
deny yourself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill your weak soul with vain alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up,
and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
and let your foolish pride be still:
your Lord for you endured to die
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

Take up your cross, then, in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave;
'twill guide you to a better home,
and lead to victory o'er the grave.

Take up your cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

(Breslau)

630, You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.
You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
You, peacemaker and sword-bringer
of the way you took and gave.
You the everlasting instant;
you, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain,
stripped of might upon the cross,
shining in eternal glory,

beggar'd by a soldier's toss,
you, the everlasting instant;
you, who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us,
sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach a way that's narrow,
have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant;
you, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus!
Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and vict'ry.
Worthy still your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant;
you, who are our death and life.

(Christus Paradox)

Prayer after Communion

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Great Creator, you have fed us with bread from heaven. Continue to renew us in your truth, to give light to our minds strength to our bodies, and seal us with your Holy Spirit. We ask this in Christ's name. Amen.

Doxology

Celebrant: 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

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 among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Community Notices

(Please be seated)

Recessional Hymn:

(Please stand as you are able)

Christ Is Alive

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift, and war,
where colour, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

(Truro)

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: **Sonata in D, Op. 65, No. 5 – II: Allegro**

maestoso

(Felix Mendelssohn)

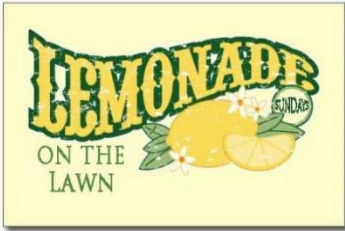
(Performed by Edward Connell)

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



Altar Flower Memorial

The flowers in the church today are given to the Glory of God by Ann Tottenham in thanksgiving for the many blessings received.



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

Please join us for lemonade on the lawn after the service.

Pre-service coffee in the Narthex is on summer break and will resume again in September.

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.**
- *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, June 28th – *The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost***
 - **10:00am:** Service of Holy Eucharist with Children's Programming

NOTE:

Sunday Adult Education and all weekday programs other than those listed above will be on break for the summer and will resume in September.

Week of June 22nd to 26th



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.
