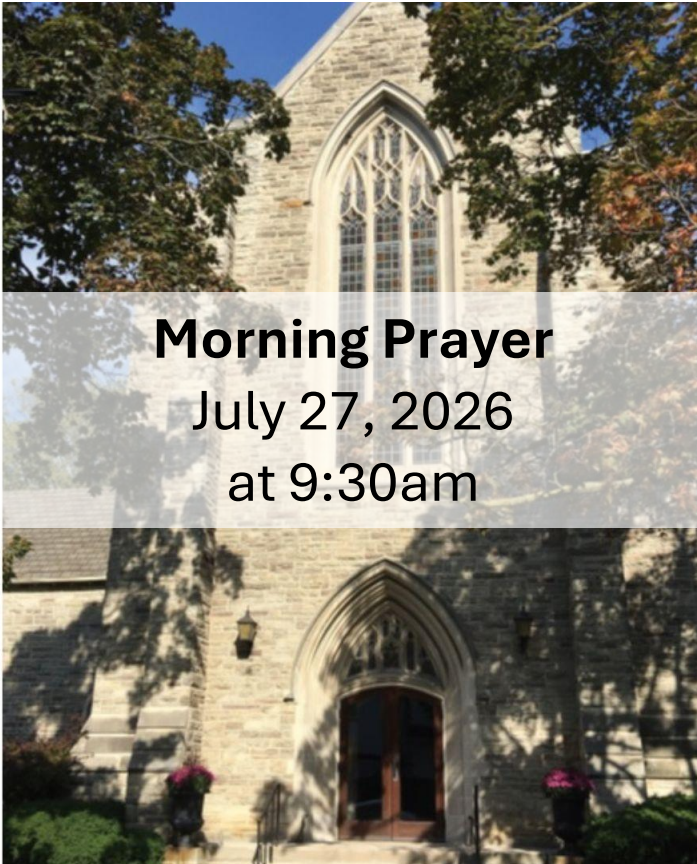


# **Welcome to St Timothy's**

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



## **Morning Prayer**

**July 27, 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.

# *Feria*

*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: Blessed are you, Sovereign God, creator of all,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.

You founded the earth in the beginning  
and the heavens are the work of your hands.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
and in these last days you have spoken to us  
in your Son Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.  
As we rejoice in the gift of your presence among  
us

let the light of your love always shine in our  
hearts,

your Spirit ever renew our lives

and your praises ever be on our lips.

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 56*

Be gracious to me, O God, for people trample on me;  
all day long foes oppress me;  
my enemies trample on me all day long,  
for many fight against me.

**O Most High, when I am afraid,  
I put my trust in you.**

In God, whose word I praise,  
in God I trust; I am not afraid;  
what can flesh do to me?

**All day long they seek to injure my cause;  
all their thoughts are against me for evil.**

They stir up strife, they lurk,  
they watch my steps.

**As they hoped to have my life,  
so repay them for their crime;  
in wrath cast down the peoples, O God!**

You have kept count of my tossings;  
put my tears in your bottle.  
Are they not in your record?

**Then my enemies will retreat  
on the day when I call.**

**This I know, that God is for me.**

In God, whose word I praise,  
in the Lord, whose word I praise,  
in God I trust; I am not afraid.

**What can a mere mortal do to me?**

My vows to you I must perform, O God;  
I will render thank-offerings to you.

**For you have delivered my soul from death,  
and my feet from falling,  
so that I may walk before God in the light of life.**

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*

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, 'Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.' Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask

for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' And they said, 'Barabbas.' Pilate said to them, 'Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?' All of them said, 'Let him be crucified!' Then he asked, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Let him be crucified!'

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.' Then the people as a whole answered, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

*Matthew 27: 15 - 31*

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## *Prayers of Intercession*

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world,  
and let us thank God for his goodness.

That this day may be holy, good and joyful ...  
let us pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord, send your Spirit.**

Leader: For the unity of the Church in witness and  
proclamation of the Gospel ...  
let us pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord, send your Spirit.**

Leader: For the peace and stability of all peoples and for  
the leaders of the nations ...  
let us pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord, send your Spirit.**

Leader: That we may strive for the well-being of all  
creation ...  
let us pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord, send your Spirit.**

Leader: For places of work, education and leisure ...  
For a blessing on our homes; for our relations and  
friends and all whom we love ...  
let us pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord, send your Spirit.**

Leader: For the sick and suffering and all who minister to their needs ...

let us pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord, send your Spirit.**

Leader: For those who have died (especially ...)

let us pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord, send your Spirit.**

Leader: Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

**All: Amen.**

### *The Collect for the Day*

Leader: Almighty Lord and everlasting God,  
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern  
both our hearts and bodies  
in the ways of your laws  
and the works of your commandments;  
that through your most mighty protection, both  
here and ever,  
we may be preserved in body and soul;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
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: 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: The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,  
and keep us in eternal life.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**