

Welcome to St. Timothy's

The Ninth Sunday After
Pentecost



July 26th, 2026
In-Person & Online Service at 10:00am

Welcome & Thank You

We welcome the Rev. Canon Peter Walker this morning and thank him for being our celebrant and preacher.

"On the Parables of the Mustard Seed,"

by Denise Levertov

Who ever saw the mustard-plant,
wayside weed or tended crop,
grow tall as a shrub, let alone a tree, a treeful
of shade and nests and songs?
Acres of yellow,
not a bird of the air in sight.

No, He who knew
the west wind brings
the rain, the south wind
thunder, who walked the field-paths
running His hand along wheatstems to glean
those intimate milky kernels, good
to break on the tongue,

was talking of miracle, the seed
within us, so small
we take it for worthless, a mustard-seed, dust,
nothing.
Glib generations mistake
the metaphor, not looking at fields and trees,

not noticing paradox. Mountains
remain unmoved.

Faith is rare, He must have been saying,
prodigious, unique —
one infinitesimal grain divided
like loaves and fishes,

as if from a mustard-seed
a great shade-tree grew. That rare,
that strange: the kingdom

a tree. The soul
a bird. A great concourse of birds
at home there, wings among yellow flowers.
The waiting
kingdom of faith, the seed
waiting to be sown.

The Gathering of the Community

***Prelude: Selected Pieces for Lute, transcribed for keyboard
by Peter Warlock***

**Forlorne Hope ~ Orlando Sleepeth ~ Mellancoly
Galliard ~ Dowland's Adew**

*(John Dowland (1563-1626))
(Performed by Edward Connell)*

631, The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy

The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,
The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;
and hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;
and all things cry "Glory!" to God All-in-All.

(Paderborn)

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.

The Gloria (sung)

All: Glory be to God on high,
peace to all beneath the sky.
Praise and blessing now we bring,
worship, glory to the King.
Praise to Christ, God's only Son;
all our sin has been undone.

Grant us mercy, Lord, we pray,
and receive our prayer today.
For you are the Holy One,
who, alone, the victory won,
with the Holy Spirit, Lord,
and the Father, glorious God.

(Page 3 of the Sacred Harp Mass booklet)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God,
the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy,
increase and multiply upon us your mercy,
that with you as our ruler and guide,
we may so pass through things temporal,
that we lose not the things eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

(Please be seated)

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

Then Laban said to Jacob, ‘Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?’ Now Laban had two daughters; the

name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.' Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.' So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.' So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?' Laban said, 'This is not done in our country — giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me for another seven years.' Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Genesis 29: 15 - 28 (NRSV)

Silence is kept for reflection.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 105: 1 - 11, 45b

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvellous works.

Glory in his holy name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,

O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.

He is the Lord our God; *
his judgements prevail in all the world.

He has always been mindful of his covenant, *
the promise he made for a thousand generations:

The covenant he made with Abraham, *
the oath that he swore to Isaac,

Which he established as a statute for Jacob, *
an everlasting covenant for Israel,

Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan *
to be your allotted inheritance."

Hallelujah!

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.

Gospel Acclamation #4

(Please stand as you are able)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world;

whosoever follows me shall never walk in the dark,

but will have the light of life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

(Page 9 of the Sacred Harp Mass 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 Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.'

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

Matthew 13: 31 - 33, 44 - 52 (NRSV)

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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(Please be seated)

Silence is kept.

The Apostles' Creed

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: 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: ... Gracious God,

All: hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merit of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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)

458, Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Refrain

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Refrain

(Seek Ye First)

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

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: **God of grace,**
 accept all we offer you this day,
 as we look toward the glory you have
 promised.
 This we ask in the name of 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)

Eucharistic Prayer 2

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word,
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.
He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in
you;
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection
he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name. +

**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 He who comes in the name of the
Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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Celebrant: Holy and gracious God,
accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you." +
In the same way he took the cup,
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me." +
Remembering, therefore, his death and
resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.

Gather into one
all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you
and give you glory
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church,
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: **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.

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)

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
You take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
You take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
You take away the sin of the world. O grant us peace.

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*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.*

Communion Solo:

If God Be For Us (Messiah)

If God be for us, who can be against us?
Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?
It is God that justifieth, who is he that condemneth?
It is Christ has died, yea rather, that is risen again,
who is at the right hand of God, who makes intercession for
us.

- Romans 8:31, 33-34

(G. F. Handel)

(Soloist: Teresa Tucci)

Prayer after Communion

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All: God of grace,
we have received the memorial
of the death and resurrection of your Son.
May your love, poured into us,
bring us to your promises.
We ask this in the name of our Redeemer Jesus
Christ. 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)

116, Your Kingdom Come—On Bended Knee

"Your kingdom come"--on bended knee
the passing ages pray;
and faithful souls have yearned to see
on earth that kingdom's day.

But the slow watches of the night
not less to God belong,

and for the everlasting right
the silent stars are strong.

And lo, already on the hills
the flags of dawn appear.
Gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,
proclaim the day is near:

the day in whose clear-shining light
all wrong shall stand revealed,
when justice shall be throned with might,
and every heart be healed:

when knowledge, hand in hand with peace,
shall walk the earth abroad --
the day of perfect righteousness,
the promised day of God.

(Irish)

The Dismissal

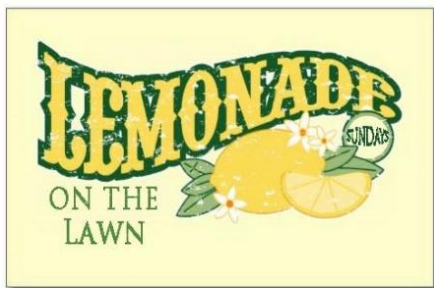
Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***Postlude: Selected Pieces for Lute, transcribed for
keyboard by Peter Warlock
Queen Elizabeth's Galliard ~ Mrs. Vauxes
Gigge ~ Mrs. White's Nothingse !My Lady
Hunsdon's Puffe***

*(John Dowland (1563-1626))
(Performed by Edward Connell)*

Our worship is over – our service begins.



A warm welcome is extended especially to all visitors and newcomers. Please join us for lemonade on the lawn after the service.

This Week at St. Timothy's

- *Morning Prayer* will be broadcast online via Zoom every morning, **Monday to Friday at 9:30am.**
- *St. Andrew's Group* meets online via Zoom **on Wednesdays at 12:00nn** for lunch and fellowship. Please contact Janet Fraser for details.
- **Next Sunday, August 2nd – *The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost***
 - **10:00am:** Service of Holy Eucharist with Children's Programming

NOTE:

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

Week of July 27th to 31st



Regular office hours are 10:00am to 3:00pm Monday to Friday.

In-Person office hours will vary in the summer so please call ahead for an appointment.

Ashani is on vacation till August 10th.

Music Note from Ed Connell

2026 Composer Anniversaries

This summer, I shall continue my recent summer practise of playing works by composers whose anniversaries occur in 2026. This year, it happens that a number of well known English organist/composers have anniversaries, and I will alternate them with other composers from various genres. There are often colourful stories connected to each of these composers, and I'll try to include a brief bio and background as we make our way through the series.

John Dowland (1563-1626)

John Dowland (1563-1626) was an English Renaissance composer, lutenist and singer, best known today for his melancholy songs such as “Flow my tears” and “I Saw my Lady weepe” and his many works for lute. His life story is limited to scant available information, but he seems to have mostly functioned as an employed servant-lutenist to various aristocrats, including Sir Henry Cobham, English ambassador to the French Court, the Duke of Brunswick, the Landgräve of Hesse and perhaps most important King

Christian IV of Denmark. Much of his life was therefore spent in Europe, and he had a challenged relationship with the English court because of his conversion to Roman Catholicism. He did, however, retain a house in London for at least a significant period of his life, from which he conducted his publishing efforts which appeared at frequent intervals during his employment abroad.

In Denmark, he was well paid but was not the ideal servant, often travelling back to England to publish his works and for other business reasons. He was finally dismissed in 1606, but by 1612, he secured a post as one of James I's lutenists, where he remained till his death.

The most colourful part of his story is suspicions of treason. He performed a number of espionage assignments for Sir Robert Cecil in France and Denmark, and he became embroiled in treasonous Catholic intrigue in Italy. He did retain loyalty to the Queen, though he seems to have held a grudge against her for her remark that he "was a man to serve any prince in the world, but an obstinate Papist."

Today, as with many lesser-known early composers, he is being rediscovered and recorded. His melancholy songs, and his works for lute are all now being performed and recorded. The versions of his lute works that are being presented today were the transcribing handiwork of the early 20th century music journalist and composer Peter Warlock, whose real name was Philip Heseltine, but published under the name "Warlock" to reflect his life-long interest in the occult!

I have divided the sets of short lute pieces into two groups, the first focusing on his melancholy style, and the second all inspired by various women.