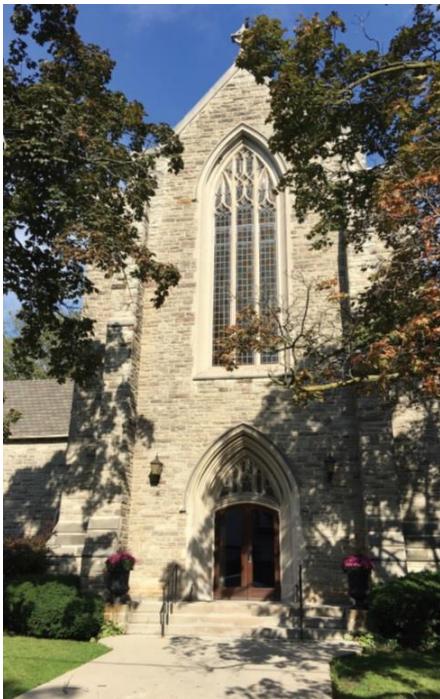


Welcome to St Timothy's

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

Morning Prayer

December 31st, 2021 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.

John West Missionary in the Red River District, 1845

John West came to this country in 1820 and spent three years preaching the gospel among the traders and native peoples in the Red River Settlement, which eventually became Winnipeg.

He was educated at Oxford, ordained, and settled into the life of a typical English clergyman — a rural parish, marriage, and children. But West had been touched by the Evangelical Revival and yearned to spread the gospel in foreign lands. At the age of forty-five he resigned his parish and accepted a chaplaincy with the Hudson's Bay Company, which sent him and his family to its trading post at Red River.

West was expected to officiate at services of public worship and otherwise keep out of the way, but his missionary fervour led him to range far and wide on the prairies and make contact with the native peoples. His sense of the gospel made him object to the Company's exploitation of the first nations, and though he soon left its employment to became a worker for the Church Missionary Society, his situation became increasingly difficult. In 1823 the Hudson's Bay Company used its influence to have him recalled to England. Two years later West came back to Canada as a missionary to native people in the Atlantic provinces, but returned to England again within twelve months. He accepted a parish in rural Dorset, where he died on this date in 1845.

The service begins with a short period of silence.

Welcome

Opening Sentences

Presider: O Lord, open our lips,

All: **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Presider: You laid the foundation of the earth

All: **and the heavens are the work of your hands.**

A Song of the Bride

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my soul shall exult in my God;

**Who has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
and has covered me with the cloak of integrity,**

As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

**For as the earth puts forth her blossom,
and as seeds in the garden spring up,**

So shall God make righteousness and praise
blossom before all the nations.

**For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest**

Until her deliverance shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation as a burning torch.

**The nations shall see your deliverance,
and all rulers shall see your glory;**

Then you shall be called by a new name
which the mouth of God will give.

**You shall be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord,
a royal diadem in the hand of your God.**

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.**

Presider: The night has passed, and the day lies open
before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

Presider: 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 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.**

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

**Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;**

for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

**You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;**

you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,**

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

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 this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first

say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

Luke 10: 1 - 9

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Thought for the Day

Silence is kept for reflection.

Prayers of Intercession

Leader: To us a child is born, to us a son is given; let us pray for the people he came to save.

Wonderful Counsellor, you order all things with your wisdom: help the Church to reveal the mystery of your love and fill her with the Spirit of truth: Lord, hear us.

All: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: Mighty God, the government is on your shoulders: guide the leaders of the nations and

bring in your kingdom of justice and
righteousness: Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: Everlasting Father, you call us to live together in
unity: protect by your mercy all your children,
bless our families and renew our communities:
Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: Prince of Peace, you bring reconciliation through
the cross: by your healing power give to all who
suffer your gift of wholeness and peace: Lord,
hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: Let us commend the world, to which Christ came,
to the mercy and protection of God.

All: Amen.

The Collect for the Day

Presider: Lord God, who entrusted your servant John West
with bearing the gospel of Christ to native and
merchant and trapper on the prairies of this
nation, grant that, after his example, we may
hasten the glad tidings of your Word to every
heart oppressed by sorrow and to every life
imprisoned by sin; through Jesus Christ our
Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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

Presider: May God, who has called us out of darkness
into his marvellous light,
bless us and fill us with peace.

All: **Amen.**

Presider: Let us bless the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**