

*Summer and winter, springtime and harvest  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love*

*Great is Thy faithfulness  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

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Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me*

The Blessing and Dismissal

Priest: The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,  
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his  
service,  
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

The Site of St. Timothy's Church, Hemlington



A Service of Reflection and Thanksgiving.

3pm, Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Priest: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the  
Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
All: and also with you.

**Opening Hymn: *Now Thank we All Our God***

*Now thank we all our God  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
to keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
of this world in the next.*

*All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son and Spirit blest,  
who reign in highest heaven  
the one eternal God,  
whom heaven and earth adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.*

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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**

**Closing Hymn: *Great is Thy Faithfulness***

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changes not, Thy compassion's, they fail not  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be*

*Great is Thy faithfulness  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me*

We think about the readings and sermons that we listened to week by week:

Lord of love, we have heard your powerful Word to us, the Word of Life. Here we have been built up by the Scriptures and here we have been taught, and challenged, and guided in your way. So now we praise and thank you for your Word to us and we pray that it will continue to be for us a light to our path and a guide for our lives.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

We think about coming to the altar to take bread and wine:

God of our past, present and future, at your table you welcomed us into fellowship and strengthened us for service. So now we praise and thank you for the grace and favour you have shown to us as we look forward to sharing with you also in the heavenly banquet.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

We think about the clergy who served here, for the laity who supported the church and its ministry, for those married here and those whose funerals were held here, and we remember our families and friends, especially those we see no longer. We thank you for each of them and ask that they are held safely in your love.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

So now we thank you, Lord of all time and space, for what has been, for what is, and for what will be.

**Merciful Father, accept our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

Priest: We are here to give thanks for faithfulness, this faithfulness and all faithfulness.

**All: For God has given us gifts of faithfulness.**

Priest: We are here to celebrate the gift of ministry, the ministry of this place and all ministry.

**All: For God has given us the gifts for ministry**

Priest: We are here to ask a blessing on the future, for all that lies before us.

**All: For God has given us the gift of hope, a hope that will carry us into a new day. Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 125**

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved but abides forever.

As the mountains surround Jerusalem,  
so the Lord surrounds his people  
from this time on and forevermore.

For the sceptre of wickedness shall not rest  
on the land allotted to the righteous,  
so that the righteous might not stretch out  
their hands to do wrong.

Do good, O Lord, to those who are good  
and to those who are upright in their hearts.

But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways,  
the Lord will lead away with evildoers.

Peace be upon Israel!

**Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit,**

**as it was in the beginning,  
is now and shall be forever.**

**Amen.**

## Isaiah 25:1-8

O Lord, you are my God;  
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,  
for you have done wonderful things,  
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.  
For you have made the city a heap,  
the fortified city a ruin;  
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;  
it will never be rebuilt.  
Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;  
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.  
For you have been a refuge to the poor,  
a refuge to the needy in their distress,  
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the  
heat.  
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter  
rainstorm,  
the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,  
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;  
the song of the ruthless was stilled.  
On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all  
peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines  
strained clear.  
And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the covering that is spread over all nations;  
he will swallow up death forever.  
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all  
faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away  
from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.  
This is the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

*A time of silence to bring our own remembrances before God.*

## Prayers of intercession (led by the Archdeacon of Cleveland):

We have come together in the name of Christ  
to give thanks for this former church of St Timothy and its people;  
for the blessings they have received from God  
and for the blessings they have offered to their community.

*The response to the words, 'Lord, in your mercy,' is 'hear our prayer.'*

Let us pray:

Almighty God, here in this place you gathered us as your church and filled our hearts with your love through our songs and praises. You heard our sorrows and made us glad in our celebrations. And so we thank you now for our fellowship in Christ, for our mission and ministry and for all that you gave us in our life together in this church.

We remember times past and the people for whom this church was a special place.

We think about the children and adults baptised in the font:

Loving God, through baptism you have given to us your Holy Spirit that faith, hope, wisdom and love might abide in all your people. So now we praise and thank you for the holy waters that flowed from the font onto your disciples. We pray, too, that this river of life may continue to flow through us into your world.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**