

Advent at

LITTLE TRINITY

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Welcome to Little T!

A Liturgical Style of Worship

This booklet will hopefully help make you feel more comfortable, especially if this is new to you.

Liturgical worship simply means we follow a particular order of service that is grounded in liturgy or "the work of the people". We use a liturgical form of service for our gatherings because we are not putting on a show for people to watch. Rather, the liturgy walks us through the wonderful story of Jesus Christ in a sequence that brings home the good news of God's grace to us. Each week we are brought back to the strange and amazing story of God with us. Today, our service is from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) which finds its roots in the original prayer book when the Anglican Church began in the 1500s. The BCP is basically scripture, re-ordered.

If this is new to you please join in only when you are comfortable. You'll get the hang of it after a few goes. Look out for **STAND** and **SIT** and **SIT/KNEEL** (whichever is your preference) instructions or just follow what your neighbour is doing (assuming they have been here before). In general, we stand to praise, sit to learn and sit/kneel to pray. **Bold** print directs you to join in unison.

CHILDREN

Welcome children! Nursery and Pre-K care (in the church building) and JK-Gr. 5 (in Little Trinity House, next door) is provided during the service, with sign-in starting at 10:15 AM (although children are welcome to stay in the main service with their parents). Nursery and Pre-K children can be signed out at the offertory and JK-Gr. 5 children will be returned to the sanctuary at the offertory to participate in the Eucharist. Email questions to Tiffany Robinson, children@littletrinity.org.

YOUTH

Campaigners (Grades 6-8) meet in the basement of the Annex (403 King E, via rear door) during the service today and will return at the offertory to participate in the Eucharist. Triniteens (Grades 9-12) meet Friday evenings at the Annex and throughout the city. Contact Seth Enriquez for details at youth@littletrinity.org.

WELCOME

Lyn Youll Marshall, Honorary Assistant

A special welcome to those visiting with us today! To help us get to know you, please fill out one of the Connection Cards that you will find hanging on the pew in front of you. You can hand it to one of our ministers, Tim or Tyler, as you leave today.

MUSICAL WORSHIP

Jessica Sinclair

STAND

OPENING PRAYERS

SIT/KNEEL

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT COMMANDMENTS

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord be with you;

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Welcome One Another

Why do we do this?

"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God" (Romans 15:7) We come from delightfully diverse backgrounds yet Christ draws us together! Take a few moments to welcome those around you while we move up and in to make space for latecomers.

Musical Worship

Join in with our worship team as you feel led, sitting or standing as you are comfortable. The historic tradition uses music and song to direct ourselves towards God in praise and to direct our own hearts towards God's truth.

Opening Prayers

Worshipping God must begin with a heart prepared to enter into his presence. The Collect is a prayer that collects the intentions of our service; each Sunday there is a different collect paired with the readings and sermon message.

The Kyrie

(Greek for Lord)

We worship God as Trinity, appealing first to the Lord, our Father, secondly to the Lord Christ and the third to the Lord, the Holy Spirit.

Then we recite the mutual greeting drawn from Ruth 2:4 when Boaz greets his reapers: *The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.*

We speak to each other under God's gaze.

Proclamation of the Word

We take time to quiet our minds and listen to the scriptures which we honour and value as God's word to us. We accept this as a gift and offer thanks to God in response. The Proclamation of the Word has two distinct forms and functions: hearing the Word spoken to us as we listen to God's voice through the words of the scripture, and hearing God's word broken apart that we might delve deeper into its meaning and be exhorted to not just hear the Word but to live it as well. Scripture quotations are adapted from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway.

The Gospel

The Gospel is God's word that speaks to us of what God has done in Jesus Christ. The Gospel demands that we act and standing up is a way to recognize that we are ready not just to hear but live as well.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Dear Friends, your God delights in you, giving you joy for sadness and turning the dark to light. Be strong in hope therefore; for your God comes to save. In Christ, you are God's children.

Lord, make us one in the love of Christ today and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

SIT/KNEEL

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

LESSON Romans 15:4-13

SIT

Jeanette Howitt

⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸ For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,
and sing to your name.”

¹⁰ And again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

¹¹ And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him.”

¹² And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Luke 21:25-32

STAND

Cliff Roach

The Holy Gospel is written in the twenty-first chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Luke beginning at the twenty-fifth verse.

Glory be to thee, O Christ.

[Jesus said,] ²⁵“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶ people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹ And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place.

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

As we open the Scripture, we corporately encounter Christ. As you listen, pray to be open to the Spirit's leading, exhortation, encouragement and healing.

If you miss a sermon or want to listen again or share with others, podcasts along with small group discussion questions are on our website: www.littletrinity.org. The sermon recordings are also available on CD from the office.

Take-Home SERMON NOTES are a simplified overview of concepts in today's scriptures and sermon. Available from the sidespeople at the back.

Confession of Faith

Standing together with Christians throughout the centuries and throughout the world today, we affirm our faith by saying these ancient words together. Alternating between the Apostle's Creed and the Nicene Creed, together we acknowledge the historical truths of our faith, passed down throughout the ages.

SERMON **STAND** for prayer, then **SIT**

"And He Will Come Again"

Advent: Preparing to Welcome God" Sermon Series

The Rev. Tim Haughton, Senior Pastor

Silent reflection

CONFESSION OF FAITH

STAND

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man.

Do you believe and trust in the saving work of Jesus Christ?

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SIT/KNEEL

Charlotte Nissenbaum

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

WEEKLY CYCLE OF PRAYER

MINISTRIES OF THE WIDER CHURCH

WORLDWIDE: The Church in Western North Carolina (USA)

DIOCESE: All Saints, King City and All Saints, Kingsway

CLERICUS: Chaplain at Princess Margaret Hospital

NEIGHBOURHOOD

Those living and working on Adelaide and Ontario Streets

LITTLE TRINITY COMMUNITY AND LEADERS

Facilities/Morning Sexton - Kelly McDonough

PARISH

Herlina Harjanto and Pinardi Prasetya, Christian and Christopher;

Jen and Jon Harris, Grace, Henry and Cameron; Marilyn Harrison;

Andrew Haughton, Audrey; John and Helen Haughton

MISSION PARTNERS

Sara Leggett (IVCF), Calgary and Olds, Alberta

OFFERTORY WORSHIP

This part of the service expresses our thanks to God for giving us all that we have. By honouring God first with the resources he has given us, we respond to the trust he places in us to use his resources to advance his work locally and around the world. The offering plate is meant for those who call Little Trinity home, so if you're visiting, please do not feel obligated to give. You can also Text-To-Give: text "Give" to 647-496-2944.

Children in JK-Gr.5 and Campaigners (Gr. 6-8) will be returned to the sanctuary. Nursery/Pre-K children should be signed out by their parents/caregivers in their rooms.

Prayers of the People

The prayers of the people are the response of the community to the proclamation of the word. They are a moment when the gathered community exercises its baptismal role. Baptized into Christ, and made one in his body, we pray with Christ, who constantly prays for us and for all of creation (Hebrews 7:25). Together we pray for our church, our city and our world.

The Doxology

These words, penned in 1674 by Thomas Ken, anchor us in the reality that our only proper response to God is worship and praise.

Confession & Absolution

Not forgetting our nature as fallen human beings: on one hand, we fall short of what we should do and who we should be, on the other hand, we are reminded that God is loving and merciful, we recognize that we are sinners and he reaches out to us nonetheless; we are assured that God has looked upon us with mercy and we have been forgiven of our sins. We say the confession together to illustrate we are all in need of God's mercy and forgiveness. Even if the person standing in front of you looks like they have it all together.

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you. All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as an expression of our abiding love: use it to bring your peace, justice and comfort to all the world.

Amen.

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Praise Him all creatures here below!

Praise Him above ye heavenly host!

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people: we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty.

We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

SIT/KNEEL

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him. Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. (*Matthew 11:28*)

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. (*John 3:16*)

Hear also what Saint Paul saith. This is a true saying and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (*1 Tim. 1:15*)

Hear also what Saint John saith. If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. (*1 John 2:1-2*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and singing:

**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.**

The Comfortable Words

The comfortable words, simply sentences from scripture, remind us that we cannot earn grace, we can only receive it through the work of Jesus on the cross.

Eucharistic Prayer

Modeled after Jewish table prayers of blessing, the Eucharistic Prayer explores and explains something of the wonder of Jesus' death for us, as Paul wrote: "as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

The prayer contains the words Jesus used during the Last Supper. As we hear these words and go forward together, we feed on him, in our hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

The table is prepared while the prayer is spoken, much as we prepare ourselves to receive the Eucharist.

Holy, holy, holy Lord...

The Sanctus (*Holy, holy, holy Lord*) names that which is sacred, holy, hallowed, consecrated and inviolable: "Lord, God of power and Might".

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who by thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you;

And with thy spirit.

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table, but thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his Blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, and our souls washed through his most precious Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Prayer of Humble

Access

Before receiving communion, we remind ourselves of the true nature of God that though we have done nothing worthy of being received at the communion rail, we are welcome to receive his body and blood. This prayer reminds us how to receive this gift: in humility. The language of the prayer is taken from the Canaanite woman's humble approach to Jesus in Mark 7.

COMMUNION

All those who have placed their trust in Jesus as Saviour and Lord, being baptized in any Christian denomination, are welcome to the Lord's table. Please follow the sidespeople to the outer aisle and gather around the rail from the front to the back. Return to your pew from the centre aisle once your whole group has received communion. Gluten-free wafers available upon request from communion administrant.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

STAND

Let us pray,

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 Lord's Prayer

the Lord's Prayer is the prayer instituted by Jesus himself (Matthew 6; Luke 11). This prayer has been handed down from generation to generation, teaching us to pray.

Prayers After

Communion

God gets the last word in our service. First, he blesses us, and then he sends us out into the world, to live a life that reflects his love, mercy and truth.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and good-

We have been given the rest and nourishment we need to sustain our own lives, and we have been given the gifts we need to go out and Serve our World in the name of Jesus.

ness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

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.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SIT

CLOSING WORSHIP

STAND

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Confidential prayer is available at the communion rail after the service.

Join us downstairs after the service for refreshments and an opportunity to get to know each other better.

ASSISTING THIS MORNING

Duty Warden: Alex Newman

Evening Warden: Lyle Stein

Morning Sidespeople: Joan Milloy & Anne Moffat

Coffee Hour: James Beck's Small Group

Greeters: Nancy & Philip Wood

Sound: Anthony Jonker

Projection: Alex Sinclair

Chancel Guild: Diane Brailey & Roz Wilson

AM Musician: Jessica Sinclair

PM Musician: Kevin Menzel

AM Sexton: Kelly McDonough

Carol *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Welcome and Opening Prayers

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

(see p. 4)

Carol *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

1st Lesson: Genesis 3:8-13

Reader: Jeremie Wood

We begin our journey through the master plan of scripture at the beginning, in the garden of Eden. Humanity, though created for right relationship with God, one another, and their world, rebels, leading to the brokenness of those relationships.

⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰ And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹ He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹² The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

Here ends the first reading.

Carol *God in Flesh Our Hope Divine*

2nd Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7a

Reader: Shelley McCarthy

As the experience of that brokenness continues to have its effect throughout the world, God speaks through Isaiah giving the promise that a time is approaching when the results of that brokenness will be reversed.

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle

tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore.

Here ends the second reading.

Carol *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

3rd Lesson: Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3

Reader: James Beck

The prophet stands in the gap between God and Judah, decreeing a new age of freedom and restoration - a time when earth will be as it is in heaven. This mission of the prophet is still needed by the world today, so long as it is populated by those who are broken-hearted, mourning and in captivity. Jesus takes up the mantle of this mission in the first century and carries it all the way to the cross. His sacrifice binds up the broken-hearted and releases the captives for this age and the age to come.

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful head-
dress,

and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

^{62:1} For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.

² The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Here ends the third reading.

Carol *What Child is This?*

4th Lesson: Luke 1:26-38

Reader: Birgitta Wilson

God chooses Mary to fulfill God's promises. She will bear a child, the Messiah.

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favoured one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Here ends the fourth reading.

Carol *Once in Royal David's City*

5th Lesson: Luke 21:25-32 (see p. 5)

Reader: Lyle Stein

The prophets spoke of a time when all things would be restored. The redemption that Jesus inaugurates in his first coming—throughout his life, death and resurrection—will be made complete in his second coming.

Carol *In the Bleak Midwinter*

The Messiah has humble beginnings for a King – born in a backwater town, to unknown parents, and placed in a feed trough. The first to hear the good news of the birth of Jesus the Messiah, are shepherds who rush to see the fulfillment of God's promise through Isaiah.

¹ In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to their own town. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" ¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

Here ends the sixth reading.

Offertory Worship *God Rest You Merry Gentlemen*

In this passage, one of the first followers of Jesus (John) summarizes the master plan of scripture. The one who comes to restore the brokenness of our world, this Jesus, is none other than God himself.

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. [...] ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Here ends the seventh reading.

Carol *Joy to the World*

Closing Prayers

Announcements

Closing Worship *Go Tell it on the Mountain*
Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Blessing and Dismissal



Please join us for refreshments at the back of the church.

ASSISTING THIS EVENING

Evening Warden: Lyle Stein
Worship Leader: Kevin Menzel
Musicians: Cathy Daniel (Vocals), Jason Hayhoe (Trumpet), Diane James (Horn), Emily Kinnon (Vocals), Liam Kinnon (Guitar), Rylan Kinnon (Drum Kit), Coralie Martens (Horn/Glockenspiel), Paul Mason (Clarinet), Kevin Odorico (Cello),

Michelle Odorico (Violin), Paul Odorico (Bass), Rezan Onen-Lapointe (Violin), Jimin Shin (Viola), David Wijsman (Guitar), John van Gent (Trumpet).
Sound: Jon Harris
Projection: Ian Sinclair
PM Sexton: Brian Johnson

The Advent / Christmas floral arrangements
are given to the Glory of God by
Elfrieda, Vern and Anne Marie Heinrichs,
in loving memory of Ceci Heinrichs (1965 - 1975).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CORKTOWN ORCHESTRA, THURSDAY, 8PM

An all-string chamber orchestra right here in our neighbourhood. All performances are given at Little Trinity Church. \$20 or PWYC. The next concert is this coming Thursday, December 14 at 8pm.

TODAY AFTER THE SERVICES: BCP AND LECTIONARY 101

If you're curious about our current preaching series, Tyler will offer a 10-15 minute, "no such thing as a dumb question" crash course in the BCP and the lectionary immediately after the AM and PM services today. Gather in the front pews on the right side; we'll begin five minutes after the service ends.

ALL AGES CHOIR & PAGEANT REHEARSAL - DEC 17

As part of the 4:30 p.m. service on Christmas Eve, there will be an All-Ages choir (*all* are welcome!) and a 'reading of the Word' retelling of the Christmas story by the children. If you would like to be part of either, let Tiffany Robinson know (children@littletrinity.org). Practice on Dec. 17th.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH - DEC 17

Next Sunday we will have a lunch after the 10:30 am Lessons & Carols service as the final celebration of our 175th Year. As always, your generous contributions will be what makes it a successful and enjoyable time for everyone. Please contact Diane if you can also help with set-up or clean-up (dianembrailey@gmail.com or 416-482-0501).

LESSONS & CAROLS @ LITTLE T: TONIGHT AND NEXT SUNDAY

You've been given a postcard with special events and services at Little T this Christmastime for you to share with friends and neighbours. Please make special note that the Lessons & Carols services are on two different days: TONIGHT - Evening Lessons & Carols Service (contemporary), 6:30pm
Dec 17th - Morning Lessons & Carols Service (classical), 10:30am

LITTLE TRINITY FINANCES

Operations Offering Offerings as at Dec 3, 2017: \$741,213; 2017 Offerings Budget: \$796,700. Shortfall: \$42,107.

Operations Expenses: Repairs and Maintenance Overage ~\$20,000 (unexpected costs, break-in repair, proactive cost-saving maintenance activity)

Restoration Fund Finances Total debt due Dec 31, 2018: \$1,500,000, Collected or Pledged as at Nov 29, 2017: \$1,434,500. Outstanding: \$65,500.

THANK YOU!

Many, many thanks to all those who participated in the Samaritan Purse Christmas Child Project this year. 125 boxes were lovingly filled and collected through Little Trinity Church and have now have been sent on their way to bless and cheer children in need in various parts of the world. Special thanks to Anna Robinson, who with the help of classmates, filled about 25 of those boxes!

ADVENT INVITATION 2017 CONTINUES: AN OFFERING TO CHRIST JESUS



How could we serve the world if we worked together to show the love of Jesus Christ? We're inviting the small groups at Little Trinity to each take on a project of loving service during the season of Advent -- that time in the church year where we anticipate Jesus' birth. For ideas, questions, or support, contact Marie Venner, Small Groups Coordinator, marievenneris@gmail.com.

TORONTO STAR CHRISTMAS BOXES: A LITTLE T TRADITION FOR 111 YEARS

It's that time of year again when Little Trinity members deliver Christmas boxes to needy children in and around our parish neighbourhood. The Christmas boxes are supplied by the Toronto Star Christmas Fund, which at its beginning, had very close ties with Little Trinity Church. The Fund was established 111 years ago—in 1906—by Toronto Star publisher and Little Trinity member, Joseph E. Atkinson. This year Little T will be responsible for 400 Christmas Boxes until December 17th.

SERVE OUR **WORLD**

THIS WEEK AT LITTLE T...

TUE DECEMBER 12	11:30-1:30pm Staff Prayers and Meeting (LTA)
THU DECEMBER 14	8pm - Corktown Chamber Orchestra Concert (LTC)
FRI DECEMBER 15	7pm - Triniteens (LTA)
SAT DECEMBER 16	8am - Prayer Group (LTC)

LTH = Little Trinity House (417 King E); LTA = Little Trinity Annex (403 King E)

NEXT SUNDAY, ADVENT III | DEC 17, 2017

10:30 a.m. Lesson & Carols (Classical).
Children's Ministry (Nursery to Grade 5) will be available.
6:30 p.m. Evening Worship with Communion.
Readings: 1Corinthians 4:1-5 & Matthew 11:2-10

RECEIVING CARE

Do you need pastoral care? You can arrange a meeting with our Lay Pastoral Associate, James Beck (pastoralcare@littetrinity.org).

Would you like to meet with someone on a regular basis? Stephen Ministers are trained volunteers who meet and listen to people regularly. If you would like to meet with a Stephen Minister, call Peggy Smith at 416-239-7209.

Do you or someone you know need a visit at home or in hospital? Our Lay Pastoral Ministry team is available and able to serve these and other ministry needs in our community. To inquire contact James Beck at pastoralcare@littetrinity.org.

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