

LITTLE TRINITY

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Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019

Morning Service 10:30 am

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 Alternative Services (BAS) developed in 1985.

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 children can be signed out from their classes at the offertory. Email questions to Tiffany Robinson, children@littletrinity.org.

YOUTH

Campaigners (Grades 6-8) meet in the Little T House next door today and return to the service to participate in the Eucharist.

Triniteens (Grades 9-12) meet Friday evenings at the Annex and throughout the city. Contact Morgan Chu for details at youth@littletrinity.org.

MORNING SERVICE

WELCOME

The Rev. Tim Houghton, Senior Pastor

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 Lyn, as you leave today.

MUSICAL WORSHIP

Jessica Sinclair

STAND

OPENING PRAYERS

SIT/KNEEL

Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death.

Today we greet Jesus as our King, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by way of the dark road of suffering and death. United with him in suffering on the cross may we share his resurrection.

Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts whereby you offer life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

SIT/KNEEL

Almighty and ever living God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross,

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.

**giving us the example of his great humility:
Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way
of his suffering, and also share in his resurrec-
tion; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**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.

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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

LESSON Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 SIT
Jeanette Howitt

- ¹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!
- ² Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.” ...
- ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.
- ²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.
- ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
- ²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
- ²³ This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
- ²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- ²⁵ Save us, we pray, O Lord!
O Lord, we pray, give us success!
- ²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord!
We bless you from the house of the Lord.
- ²⁷ The Lord is God,
And he has made his light to shine upon us.
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the altar!
- ²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to
you;

you are my God; I will extol you.
²⁹ Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Luke 19:28-40

STAND

Blair Sinclair

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁸ And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³² So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³ And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

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.

³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples."
⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus 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 and they are also available on Google Play and iTunes.

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.

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.

SERMON

STAND for prayer, then **SIT**

"Did he know?"

Lyn Youll Marshall, Honorary Assistant

Silent reflection

CONFESSION OF FAITH

STAND

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in God 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

SIT/KNEEL

Alison Chapman

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

WEEKLY CYCLE OF PRAYER

MINISTRIES OF THE WIDER CHURCH

WORLDWIDE: The Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East
DIOCESE: St. Bede, Scarborough, St. Bride, Clarkson and St. Chad, Toronto
CLERICUS: Chaplain, TGH, University Health Network

NEIGHBOURHOOD

Those living and working on Eastern Avenue Diversion and Lawren Harris Square

LITTLE TRINITY COMMUNITY AND LEADERS

Children's Ministry Leadership - Mari Choi, Denise Hutchinson, Jodi Janzen, Heather Kuipers and Jenn Rowland

PARISH

Liane and Jason Chapman, Alexis; Natalie and Graham Chernoff, Elisabeth and Helena; Joe and Suzie Chiodo; Ins and Mari Choi, Poem and River; Fred and Morgan Chu, William and Jonathan

MISSION PARTNERS

McDaniel and Blossom Phillips (Transworld Radio), London, ON

OFFERTORY WORSHIP

From the breath in our lungs to the money in our bank accounts, everything we call "our own" is a gift from God which we hold for a time and then pass on. We give during the course of worship in order to dedicate earthly resources to God's purposes, through the work of the church, the service of the needy, and the spread of the gospel. This is an act we undertake as a congregation, so if you're new or visiting, please feel no obligation to give. You can also Text-To-Give: text "Give" to 647-496-2944.

Caregivers of Nursery children should sign them out from their respective rooms.

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

For all the ways you love us, we say thank you. For the ways you provide for us, we say thank you. For the opportunity to give, we say thank you. For the kingdom work this offering will do, we say thank you. For letting us be a part of your work, we say thank you. May the thankful words on our lips and the thankful meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O God, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

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 DOXOLOGY

STAND

**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

SIT/KNEEL

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.

Most merciful God

**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.**

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.

Amen.

COMMUNION

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

SIT/KNEEL

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to thank you and praise you,
holy and gracious God,
creator of all things,
ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life,
for you are the source of all goodness,
rich in mercy and abounding in love;
you are faithful to your people in every generation,
and your word endures for ever.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
with the fellowship of saints
and the company of heaven,
we glorify your holy name,
evermore praising you and singing,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth of your glory are full.
Hosanna hosanna hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. (repeat)**

We praise you, merciful Father,
not as we ought, but as we are able,

Eucharistic Prayer

Modeled after Jewish table prayers of blessing, the Eucharistic Prayer, or the Great Thanksgiving, 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".

because in your tender love
you gave the world your only Son,
in order that the world might be saved through him.
He made you known by taking the form of a servant,
healing the sick, liberating the oppressed,
reaching out to the lost.
Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross,
he confronted the power of sin
and disarmed it for ever.
In his offering of himself,
he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.
Redeemed by Christ,
we have been adopted as your children;
by your pardon
you have made us worthy to praise you.

On the night he was betrayed,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,
gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine,
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts
we approach your holy table,
remembering our Saviour's sacrifice,
and rejoicing in his victory.
Confident in his sovereign purpose,
we declare our faith.

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Send your Holy Spirit on us
that as we receive this bread and this cup
we may partake of the body and blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and feed on him in our hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love,
and strengthened in our will to serve others;
and make of our lives, we pray,
a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you,
knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

"I am the bread of life," says the Lord.
"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst."

**Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

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.

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 direction of the sidespeople to the centre aisle and gather around the rail from the front to the back. Return to your pew from the side aisle once your whole group has received communion. Gluten-free wafers available upon request from communion administrant.

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.

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.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

STAND

Eternal God,
we have received a token of your promise.
May we who have been nourished by holy things
live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God,
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

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.

CLOSING WORSHIP

STAND

THE DISMISSAL

So Pilate released Barabbas to them. He ordered Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip, and then turned him over to the Roman soldiers to be crucified. Some of the governor's soldiers took Jesus into

their headquarters and called out the entire regiment. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him. They wove thorn branches into a crown and put it on his head, and they placed a reed stick in his right hand as a scepter. Then they knelt before him in mockery and taunted,

“Hail! King of the Jews!”

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 for coffee and refreshments!

ASSISTING TODAY

Duty Warden: Jenn van Gent
Evening Warden: Lyle Stein
Morning Sidespeople: Liz Downie & Dorothy McKim
Coffee Hour: George & Michele Halatsis
Greeters: Christine Martin & Ritva Roman

Sound: Jon Harris
Projection: Jason Hayhoe
Chancel Guild: Rosalynd Wilson & Nancy Conrad
AM Musician: Jessica Sinclair
PM Musician: Emily Kinnon
AM Sexton: Kelly McDonough
PM Sexton: Brian Johnson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOVE GOD, GROW TOGETHER, SERVE OUR WORLD is not only a vision of who we hope to be as a community, it is an invitation to three core practices that help us live into that vision.

WE LOVE GOD in response to his love for us in Jesus. A **weekly pattern of worship** reorients us regularly to the good news of God's love in Jesus.

WE GROW TOGETHER when we are learning from scripture in the context of community. Our **small groups** help us deepen in our relationship with God focused on scripture in a community of 10-12 people that meet weekly or biweekly. For more info contact John van Gent (vangentj@bennettjones.com).

WE SERVE OUR WORLD when our growth as followers of Jesus is turned outward for the sake of others. Our **Clusters** are groups of 30-50 people from a geographic area of the city, deepening in relationship with one another and turning outward for the sake of the neighbourhoods in which they live. Clusters meet every 6-8 weeks. If you have not received an email about Clusters, please let the church office know (admin@littletrinity.org) so that we can update the lists. Any questions, contact Orvin (olao@littletrinity.org).

Upcoming Cluster Meetings:

Midtown: *Sat Apr 27, 10am.* Sherwood Park. Joining City of Toronto Clean-up Day to clean up a park or ravine with pizza to follow at Little T Annex. Accessible for all. Contact (juliaschindeler@sympatico.ca).

Downtown: *Sat, Apr 27, 11 am.* Regent Park. Clean Toronto Together. Gather in the large park area by the pizza ovens. Gloves, bags, and cleaning equipment provided. Stay longer and enjoy lunch at 1 pm. RSVP by Apr 15 to John VanderVlist(john.vandervlist@gmail.com).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Good Friday, Apr 19, 8am - 10:30; 12- 2pm. An ancient meditative practice of walking 'the way of sorrows' with Jesus on the day of his death. This is depicted in 12 visuals that highlight pivotal moments in Jesus' final hours. These visuals will be laid out on the perimeter of the sanctuary on Good Friday. A companion guide will be provided with scripture reading and suggested prayers for each station.

EASTER FLOWERS

Today! Anyone wishing to donate to the Easter flowers please give the donation payable to Little Trinity Church (and earmarked as "Easter Flowers"). "In memory" notices for the Easter Sunday bulletin can be given to either Diane Brailey (416-482-0501 or dianembrailey@gmail.com) or Dianne Quayle (416-767-4886 or dianneq@sympatico.ca)

NEXT MEN'S DINNER - MAY

April's Men's Dinner has been cancelled as it falls on Maundy Thursday. The next one is scheduled for May 16 from 5:30-7:30pm. Please email littletrinitymensgroup@gmail.com to RSVP or for information.

CALLING ALL SINGERS!

Easter Sunday, Apr 21. In the spirit of hospitality the **All Ages Easter Choir** will be singing at both services on Easter morning. You and yours are invited to join us for this glorious and joyful worship experience! Rehearsal is today, **April 14** at 12 noon in Little T House. A pizza lunch will be provided. Sound check will be at 8:30am on Easter morning. We will sing at both services but the choir will be free to go by 11am. We hope you can join us! For more info visit our new music website (musicatlittletrinity.org) or contact Jodi (jodijanzen@yahoo.ca)

BILL FOLEY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Wed June 12, 7pm. Lorne Park Baptist Church (Mississauga) There will be a service of evensong held in memory of Little T's former organist of about 25 years, Bill Foley, who passed away in early February. Please contact Joan Milloy if you have any questions. (puddledoc@hotmail.com)

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

For other announcements of community events, learning opportunities, and needs within the church, see the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019

9am & 10:45 am - Holy Communion. Easter Sunday
Children's Ministry (Nursery to Gr 5) will be available at both services
6:30 p.m. Easter in the Evening with Communion
Readings: Acts 2:22b-33, Luke 24:1-11; 36-48

RECEIVING CARE

Would you like pastoral care? Are you in grief or relationship difficulties, sick or home-bound? We would love to support you in your time of need. Please contact our Lay Pastoral Associate, James Beck (pastoralcare@littetrinity.org).

GET IN TOUCH

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