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Sunday, September 27, 2020

Morning Prayer Liturgy 9:00am In-person 10:45am Livestream

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's service (or "Office") of Morning Prayer can be used both in corporate and private worship. It has been modified and shortened for the Livestream worship service. This version contains a mixture of the English Prayer Book and the Common Prayer Book from Australia.

If this is new to you please join in only when you are comfortable. Note the instructions **STAND**, **SIT** and **SIT/KNEEL**. In general, we stand to praise, sit to learn and sit/kneel to pray. **Bold** print directs you to join in unison.

CHILDREN

Contact Tiffany Robinson for information (children@littletrinity.org) or go to littletrinitychildren.org

YOUTH

Contact Morgan Chu for information (youth@littletrinity.org)

MORNING SERVICE

WELCOME

The Rev. Orvin Lao, Community Connections Pastor

MUSICAL WORSHIP

PENITENTIAL RITE

SIT/KNEEL

STAND

Scripture reminds us that, though we are redeemed and forgiven as God's people, we still sin and fall short of God's glory. We need to confess our failures, knowing that the Lord Jesus died for us and intercedes for us before the Father. Let us draw near to God, who freely forgives through his infinite goodness and mercy, and pray to him with sincerity and confidence.

Heavenly Father, we praise you for adopting us as your children and making us heirs of eternal life. In your mercy you have washed us from our sins and made us clean in your sight. Yet we still fail to love you and serve you as we should. Forgive us our sins and renew us by your grace, that we may continue to grow as members of Christ, in whom alone is our salvation. Amen.

God is slow to anger and full of compassion. He forgives all who humbly repent and turn to his Son Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation.

Amen.

O Lord, open up our hearts; And we will praise your holy name. O God, be quick to save us. O Lord, do not wait to help us. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the

Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Lord is our refuge and strength.

O come let us worship.

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.

Penitential Rite

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.

MUSICAL WORSHIP

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 PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Ephesians 4:1-16 SIT

¹ I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit - just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call - ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷ But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it says,

> "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to his people."

⁹ (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens. that he might fill all things.)¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the

head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (10:45am only)

SECOND READING Galatians 5:19-23

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Love Gifts" Sermon Series - Ephesians 4: The Gifts Given to Us James Beck, Lay Pastoral Associate

SILENT REFLECTION

<u>Sermon</u>

SIT

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. This is the Apostle's Creed where we acknowledge the historical truths of our faith, passed down throughout the ages.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

STAND

Do you believe and trust in God the Father? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

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.

OFFERTORY WORSHIP

STAND

OFFERTORY

In our offertory we offer our praise and thanksgiving and the gifts of ourselves and our service to the glory of God. If you wish to financially support the ongoing gospel ministry of Little Trinity Church during this time you can find options on our website at http://littletrinity.org/give

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Gracious God, all things come from you and you teach us to be generous with what we have. We pray that our gifts may be wisely used for the ministry of the gospel and the relief of those in need for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE SIT/KNEEL

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

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.

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.

WEEKLY CYCLE OF PRAYER

MINISTRIES OF THE WIDER CHURCH

WORLDWIDE: The Church in Sudan DIOCESE: St. Peter, Oshawa, and St. Peter, Scarborough CLERICUS: All Saints Church- Community Centre

NEIGHBOURHOOD

Those living and working on Percy Street and Ashby Place

LITTLE TRINITY COMMUNITY AND LEADERS

Children & Family Ministry - Tiffany Robinson, Natalie Lundy

PARISH

James Rhee; Amy Ribble; Lily and Brendan Ritchie, Olivia and Peter; Joyce Lin; Sandra Ricketts; Cliff and Maureen Roach; Natalie Roach

MISSION PARTNERS

Dr. Steve and Peggy Foster (SIM), Lubango, Angola

The Collect of the Day

The Collect of the Day 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 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.

Closing Prayer

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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.

CLOSING PRAYER

STAND

Holy and everliving God, by your power we are created and by your love we are redeemed; Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves this coming week to your service, and live in love to one another and to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

CLOSING WORSHIP

STAND

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.



NEXT SUNDAY, OCT 4, 2020

9:00am In-Person Worship Service (Limited Capacity) 10:45am Livestream of Worship Service Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16

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