
LITTLE TRINITY

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GROW TOGETHER
LOVE OUR
GOD OUR
SERVE



Sunday, Nov 20, 2022

**All Ages Worship & Communion Service
9:00am & 10:45am**

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.

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.

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MORNING SERVICE

WELCOME

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.

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MUSICAL WORSHIP

STAND

OPENING PRAYERS

SIT/KNEEL

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God,
and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

And also with you.

Almighty God,
**to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

SIT/KNEEL

**Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is
to restore all things in your well-beloved Son,
the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully
grant that the peoples of the earth, divided
and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought
together under his most gracious rule; who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

READING **Romans 8:28-39**

SIT

²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day
long;

we are regarded as sheep to be
slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor

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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powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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.

GOSPEL Matthew 13:31-32; 44-46

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

³¹ Jesus put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field.

³² It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” [...]

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up.

Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.”

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON *STAND* for prayer, then *SIT*

"From Platitude to Purpose"

The Rev. Timothy Houghton

Sermon Series: Dynamics of Discipleship

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

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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. This is the Apostle's Creed where 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.

WEEKLY CYCLE OF PRAYER

MINISTRIES OF THE WIDER CHURCH

WORLDWIDE: For the church in the Province of the Indian Ocean

DIOCESE: Trinity-St. Paul, Port Credit, Parish of Washago-Price's Corners
& Faithworks

CLERICUS: Church of the Holy Trinity

NEIGHBOURHOOD

Those living and working on Princess Street & Pompadour Lane

LITTLE TRINITY COMMUNITY AND LEADERS

Community Connections Pastor - Rev. Orvin Lao

PARISH

Maggie Walsh; Timothy Watson; Madeleine Watt; Derek & Rebecca
Welsman, Ian & Owen; Dennis & Margaret Whitehead; Catherine Whitfield

MISSION PARTNERS

McDaniel & Blossom Phillips, (TWR), London, Ontario

OFFERTORY WORSHIP

OFFERTORY

*In our offertory we offer our praise and thanksgiving and the gifts of
bread and wine 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 online on our website
at <http://littletrinity.org/give>.*

*If you wish to give in person, please deposit your offering
in the offering boxes in the Church Sanctuary.*

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.

Prayer over the Gifts & Doxology

In this prayer and in the Doxology we are reminded that this is a time for praise and thanksgiving to God, along with the company of all creation and the unseen heavenly hosts. We are part of a much larger choir than can be contained in this building!

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.**

Confession & Absolution

One of the beauties of this prayer is that it frees us and gives us words that help us be fully honest with God, knowing He hears us, delights in us and longs for us to open our lives up to his forgiving, reforming love. The absolution, with the word 'absolute' tucked inside it, reminds us that God forgives us 'absolutely' - fully and entirely. Not only that, he steps alongside us to strengthen us and to guide us in walking down a new path.

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.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer

Christ's death and resurrection recast the very foundations of the life we are given to live. Thus we come to our 'weekly work' of the liturgy and we give ourselves over to this amazing, true, world-changing story. It is a living story that by the work of the Holy Spirit brings us within its fold, shaping us - and the world - for a new future. The opening sentences are called the Sursum Corda (Latin for 'lift up your hearts') and are words of preparation, reminding us that this is the Lord's space and that He is present, inviting us to bring our whole selves - all we hold dear and precious - our souls, minds and bodies to God in thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

STAND

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.

Glory to God for ever (sung)

It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong. You made us and the whole universe, and filled your world with life.

Glory to God for ever (sung)

You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child. He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins; he rose in glory from the dead.

Glory to God for ever (sung)

You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and clothe us with power from on high. And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing:

**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)**

SIT/KNEEL

Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took the bread, and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me. After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me.

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.

Together we declare the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again. (sung)**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)

Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory.

Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)

Holy, holy, holy Lord...

The Sanctus reminds that our praise joins the angels' praise that is already happening. Not only that, its words magnificently stretch, in an echo of Isaiah 6 and Matthew 21, to hold both the power of the Holy, mysterious, unseen God and the earthy, full presence of the Son as he entered Jerusalem on a donkey.

The bread lifted up and broken is a visual reminder of Jesus' body lifted up on the cross and broken for us. In being broken, Jesus opened up a new life that we all share together, just as we share in this bread together. As the wine is lifted up, we are visually reminded of the blood shed that won for us the gift of a covenant life as God's children. Past and present and future come together in this shared meal.

Three simple phrases summarize the heart of our faith. These events reframe everything about who we are and the lives we've been given. Imagine yourself tucked in between 'Christ is risen' and 'Christ will come again'. We live in that space in-between, held firm in the promise of what has already happened and constantly reshaped towards what is yet to come.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.

Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer is a gift from our Lord Jesus Christ. It frames our prayers in who the Father is and acknowledges what we actually need day to day (forgiveness, the capacity to forgive, nourishment, protection). It is a prayer that grounds us in the strength of God and in our own daily dependence on Him.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us we are bold to 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

In these words from John 6 and Psalm 34 we are reminded that God gives himself to us generously, lovingly and nourishingly. He feeds our hearts, spirits, minds and bodies with the food of His very presence. It is a glorious mystery!

"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

Open your mouth and taste, open your eyes and see how good God is. Blessed are you who run to him.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

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. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request from the communion administrant.

WORSHIP DURING COMMUNION

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION **STAND**

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise; that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

**Keep us in this hope that we have grasped;
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your
name. 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.**

MISSION MOMENT - Dr. Steve & Peggy Foster

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

The children have been learning this blessing as a reminder that no matter what is going on in our lives, God's power and work is deeper, stronger and can accomplish things beyond our imagining. This is true in our lives but also for the lives that preceded us and lives yet to come. May this encourage us all - young and old - for the week ahead.

The Blessing

The sign of the cross – a practice that started in the early years of the church - is a way to physically mark the truth of the blessing of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In tracing the symbol of the cross from mind (forehead) to heart (chest) to body (left and right), we are reminded of the fact that the whole of our lives – mind, body, heart, spirit – are held within the saving work of the cross and the blessing of the triune God.

CLOSING WORSHIP

STAND

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



NEXT SUNDAY, NOV 27, 2022

9am & 10:45am - ADVENT 1 - Service of Lament
(with concurrent Nursery, Children & Youth Ministries)

6:30pm - ADVENT 1 - Service of Lament
Reading: Psalm 22

GET IN TOUCH

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