
LITTLE † TRINITY

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Sunday, Nov 27, 2022

**Service of Lament
9am, 10:45am & 6:30pm**

MORNING SERVICE

MUSICAL PRELUDE

VIDEO

OPENING SENTENCES

STAND

For we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. The Lord has given, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.
- 1 Timothy 6:7; Job 1:21

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.
- 1 Peter 5:6-7

The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms.
- Deuteronomy 33:27

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 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.
- Romans 8:38-39

OPENING SONG

STAND

WELCOME

SIT

James Beck
Lay Pastoral Associate

HYMN/SONG

SIT

READING

Psalm 22:1-18

9am: Peter Austin

10:45am: Kat Kennedy

6:30pm: Jeremie Wood

¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

All: Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

² O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.

³ Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴ In you our ancestors trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.

⁵ To you they cried and were rescued;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

⁶ But I am a worm and not a human,
scorned by humanity and despised by the people.

⁷ All who see me mock me;
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

⁸ “He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”

⁹ Yet you are he who took me from the womb;
you made me trust you at my mother’s breasts.

¹⁰ On you was I cast from my birth,
and from my mother’s womb you have been my God.

¹¹ Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.

¹² Many bulls encompass me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

¹³ they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.

¹⁴ I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;

¹⁵ my strength is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.

¹⁶ For dogs encompass me;
a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my hands and feet—

¹⁷ I can count all my bones—
they stare and gloat over me;

¹⁸ they divide my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN/SONG

STAND

SERMON

SIT

James Beck

Lay Pastoral Associate

REFLECTION

THE APOSTLES CREED

STAND

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

**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.**

**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

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.

OFFERTORY WORSHIP

STAND

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

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.**

WEEKLY CYCLE OF PRAYER

MINISTRIES OF THE WIDER CHURCH

WORLDWIDE: The Church in Japan

DIOCESE: All Saints, Collingwood, All Saints, King City &
All Saints, Kingsway

CLERICUS: Mission to Seafarers

NEIGHBOURHOOD

Those living and working on King Street East & Abbey Lane

LITTLE TRINITY COMMUNITY AND LEADERS

Lay Pastoral Associate - James Beck

PARISH

Brian & Casey Wigg, Flora, Monty & Georgia; Chris & Birgitta Wilson;
Rosalynd & Kenneth Wilson; Benjamin Winter; Nancy & Philip Wilson

MISSION PARTNERS

Julia Schindeler (TWR) Toronto, Ontario

Having sung, read and proclaimed, we as a community now turn to prayer, the next great expression in the life of faith as together we speak directly to God.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have drawn your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your Peace.

Lord hear our cry.

May all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection die to sin and rise to newness of life, and may we with him pass through the dark night of loss and death to joyful resurrection.

Lord hear our cry.

Rest eternal grant unto all our loved ones who have finished the course and kept the faith. We remember especially...

Lord hear our cry.

For all who have suffered physically from the pandemic, particularly long Covid, and who have experienced the consequences of delayed health care because of pandemic constraints, we pray.

Lord hear our cry.

For all our frontline healthcare workers who have been overwhelmed by the severity of the medical health crisis, its continued fallout, and the misplaced hostility of some; for other frontline and essential workers who risked their own health and that of their families to provide for us all the necessities of life; for all those whose work situation during the pandemic has caused stress, distress and burnout, we pray.

Lord hear our cry.

We pray for all those who have experienced financial loss and instability because of the pandemic. May they know the supreme sufficiency of the God from whom all good things come, and the loving support of family and friends.

Lord hear our cry.

For all those who have been alienated from family and friends: damaged marriages, fractured families and lost friendships; relationships that have not fully recovered and may never recover, we pray.

Lord hear our cry.

For our babies whose baptisms and first encounters with their grandparents were via Zoom, for whom early opportunities for socialization were impossible; for our children and youth for whom remote learning, virtual graduations and limited opportunities for creating and maintaining friendships became a painful and sometimes alienating reality; for our post-secondary students for whom large portions, if not all, of their education was remote so they never had the opportunity to develop those important young adult relationships, we pray.

Lord hear our cry.

For those who have experienced the loss of opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities that had been important for their wellbeing, we pray.

Lord hear our cry.

For all those of all ages who, already alone and often lonely, experienced the forced isolations as a form of solitary confinement in which the sense of self, place and purpose were deeply diminished, we pray.

Lord hear our cry.

For those whose mental health has suffered under the burden of all these losses so they can no longer trust their own thoughts and feelings, we pray.

Lord hear our cry.

For those whose pets were a vital source of comfort and unconditional love, but which are now gone and deeply missed, we pray.

Lord hear our cry.

For all those for whom this season has seemed nothing but loss; for whom these are as years the locusts have eaten; for whom opportunities have withered and possibilities evaporated, we pray.

Lord hear our cry.

And for all of us who are weary, we pray.

Lord hear our cry.

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care, that casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love and assurance of your good purposes.

Lord hear our cry.

Gathering all our cares into one, let us pray as our Saviour Christ has taught us,

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 COMMITTAL

CONTEMPLATIVE MUSIC

COMMITTAL PRAYER

STAND

Together we pray:

**The Spirit of the Lord God is upon us
to comfort all who mourn;
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.**

All flesh is grass,
and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
it all turns to dust.
That which we have held dear is no more.

Yet, you have kept count of my tossings;
put my tears in your bottle.
Are they not in your book?
You, O Lord, remember it all. You are from everlasting
and You forever will be.
In your eternal presence is both our loss
and that which we have lost.
You are from everlasting
and You forever will be.

**Into your hands, O merciful Saviour,
we commend all that we have lost
and can no longer keep close.
In your infinite goodness and mercy
we ask you to watch over and treat tenderly
all that we have entrusted to your care.
Amen.**

Psalm 22:19-26

SIT

9am: Jeanette Howitt

10:45am: Murray Thomson

6:30pm: Jeremie Wood

¹⁹ But you, O Lord, do not be far off!

All: O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

²⁰ Deliver my soul from the sword,

my precious life from the power of the dog!

²¹ Save me from the mouth of the lion!

You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

²² I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;

in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

²³ You who fear the Lord, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,

and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

²⁴ For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted,
and he has not hidden his face from him,

but has heard, when he cried to him.

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

²⁶ The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;

those who seek him shall praise the Lord!

May your hearts live forever! Amen.

As we continue reading the very next psalm, Psalm 23 - it evokes for us the enduring image of God as our shepherd. There is great comfort in the assurance that God can be our guide and protector even in the darkest valley.

Psalm 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd;

All: I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

³ He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

**your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
**you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.**

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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 MOURNERS KADDISH FOR CHRISTIANS

STAND

**Glorified and sanctified be God's great name throughout the world
which He has created according to His will and by His Word.**

**May He establish the fullness of His kingdom in our lifetime and
during our days, and within the life of the entire Household of
faith; Maranatha, come Lord Jesus.**

**May His great name be blessed forever and to all eternity, for He is
from everlasting and He forever will be.**

**Blessed and praised, glorified and exalted, extolled and honored,
adored and lauded be the name of the Lord our God, beyond all
the blessings and hymns, praises and consolations that we are able
to speak; Maranatha, come Lord Jesus.**

**May there be abundant peace and comfort from heaven, and life
for us and for all His children through Jesus the Messiah and the
life-giving Spirit; Maranatha, come Lord Jesus.**

**He who creates peace from His throne on high, may He create
peace for us and for all called by His name; Maranatha, come Lord
Jesus.**

The Lord our God has been faithful to all generations and His word has been sure. In that faithfulness we rest and with assurance we cry: Maranatha, come Lord Jesus. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

SIT

Dear friends in Christ, the Day is coming when our Lord Jesus Christ shall return in glory to establish His Father's eternal kingdom. It is for the hope of His coming again that we wait and work in love for His kingdom on earth.

**Lord, our hope is in You alone.
Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

AARONIC BLESSING (sung)

SIT

**The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace
Both now and evermore.
Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN/SONG

STAND

THE DISMISSAL

And he who was seated on the throne said,
"Behold, I am making all things new."
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

- Revelation 21:5, 22:20

POSTLUDE



Outside, as the fire is lit:

And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God. Amen.

Revelation 8:4

Final Note:

For many of us it is unlikely that this is the end of our mourning. We may have to do this repeatedly. But now we have a structure and direction for our mourning, a direction that ends in praise and hope. The worksheet you wrote has been burned as a graphic, perhaps unsettling, expression of your surrender. If you have made a copy of your worksheet that is good but the next time you recognize the need to engage in the work of mourning you may find it instructive to write out your worksheet again to see if you give voice to your loss differently, to see if there has been meaningful movement in your journey.

And as always, if you feel stuck in your grief or overwhelmed by your loss, please reach out to someone you trust to support and encourage you. That is what friends and community are for.

May you know the loving and sustaining presence of God in all your losses. Amen.

NOTES

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

*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.
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NEXT SUNDAY, DEC 4, 2022

9am & 10:45am - Advent 2 - Worship & Communion Services
(with concurrent Nursery, Children & Youth Ministries)

6:30pm - **Advent 2** - Worship & Communion Service

Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

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