
Lessons & Carols at
LITTLE TRINITY

SINCE 1842



GROW TOGETHER
LOVE OUR WORLD
GOD
SERVE



Advent 3

Sunday, Dec 11, 2022

Lessons & Carols
9:00am, 10:45am & 6:30pm

Welcome to Little T!

A Service of Lessons and Carols

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

Today, instead of our usual Sunday morning service of Holy Communion, we are having a traditional service of lessons and carols. Six biblical lessons tell the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah who would reconcile humanity to God, and the fulfillment of that promise in the birth of Jesus. Readings are taken from the book of Genesis, the prophetic books and the Gospels.

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.

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YOUTH

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INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE - *Silent Night*

WELCOME

OPENING CAROLS

Angels from the Realms of Glory
O Come, All Ye Faithful

STAND

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

SIT

Dear friends in Christ, our God delights in us and sings over us in gladness. He has called us to be His servants to the end that we may enter into the joy of our Master, Jesus Christ.

**Lord, turn our mourning into gladness.
Your joy is our strength. Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

WEEKLY CYCLE OF PRAYER

MINISTRIES OF THE WIDER CHURCH

WORLDWIDE: The Church in Kenya

DIOCESE: Church of the Ascension, Don Mills, Church of the Ascension,
Port Perry, and Parish of Belmont

CLERICUS: St Andrew by the Lake

NEIGHBOURHOOD

Those living and working on The Esplanade and Scadding Avenue

LITTLE TRINITY COMMUNITY AND LEADERS

Youth Ministry - Morgan Chu

PARISH

Heather Alloway & Barry Hart; Bob & Mila Ancheril; Mark Anderson &
Shannon Minifie, Jack, Eliot; Ally Andrus; Margaret Archibald

MISSION PARTNERS

Dr Steve & Peggy Foster (SIM) Lubango, Angola

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

1st LESSON

Genesis 3:8-13

9:00am Reader: Sara Austin

10:45am Reader: Matthew Biswas

6:30pm Reader: Jenn Shadbolt

Humanity's story begins with the first man and woman. Though created good, they disobey God, choosing deception in place of truth and shame in place of freedom. This first sin breaks their relationship with God, each other, and all creation, in a fracture that is still felt today.

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

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

STAND

2nd LESSON

Genesis 22:15-18

SIT

9:00am Reader: Darlene Dempsey Gallé

10:45am Reader: Oliver Kang

6:30pm Reader: Marc Trimbee

God shows his love for the creation that has turned away from him. Through the offspring of Abraham and Sarah, God sets apart a people, Israel, to reveal God's character and purpose for the restoration of a broken world.

¹⁵ And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶ and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the sea-shore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸ and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

Here ends the second reading.

CAROL

Thou Who Wast Rich, Beyond all Splendour

SIT

3rd LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

9:00am Reader: Rikk Salamat

10:45am Reader: Nicholas Nikolaidis

6:30pm Reader: Keith Martin

God speaks through the prophet, Isaiah, telling Israel of a promised Saviour—the Messiah, or “anointed one”—who will heal the fracture of sin, bringing justice, peace, and righteousness to the whole world. This Messiah will rule over the earth setting all things right.

- 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 shone.
- 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 their burden,
 and the staff for their shoulders,
 the rod of their 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 Counselor, 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 forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Here ends the third reading.

CAROL

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

STAY SEATED

4th LESSON

Matthew 11:2-11

SIT

9:00am Reader: Asher Lai

10:45am Reader: Ins Choi

6:30pm Reader: John Dirks

The lectionary appoints readings for each Sunday of the year. The gospel reading for the second Sunday of Advent had John the Baptist proclaiming that Jesus is the promised Messiah who has come to make all things right. Informed by the glorious promises of Scripture, John has high expectations of Jesus. In the gospel reading for this, the third Sunday of Advent, we see that those expectations are not being met. As a result, John is mired in disillusion and doubt. We may as well be in a similar situation, for Christmas promises us things that have not been borne out in reality. How will Jesus address John's doubts? Our doubts?

² Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ⁴ And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. ⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.’

¹¹ Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

Here ends the fourth reading.

SERMON

SIT

“The Question that Drops with a Dull Thud”

The Rev. Tim Haughton, Senior Pastor

Advent Sermon Series

Silent reflection

CAROL Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

STAY SEATED

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, you can scan the QR code attached to a pew for options or visit our website at 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

STAND

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.

5th LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

SIT

9:00am Reader: Lauren McWhinnie

10:45am Reader: Rachel MacEwan

6:30pm Reader: Lindsay Dwarka

God chooses Mary, of the promised line of David, to bear the promised one of Israel. Not only the anointed Messiah, the child Jesus is the very Son of God. He will reign over an eternal Kingdom bringing all things into their proper place.

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 fifth reading.

CAROL

In the Bleak Midwinter

STAND

6th LESSON

John 1:1-5, 9-14

SIT

9:00am Reader: Maureen Oulton

10:45am Reader: Simon Remark

6:30pm Reader: Troy Kolar

We conclude where we started, at the beginning. But here, at the beginning of John's Gospel, we see that Jesus has been with us all along: he is the divine Word, himself God, through whom all things were created. As the Gospel later describes, the Word of God is also the Lamb of God, whose sacrificial death on the cross takes away the sin of the world. Thus Jesus, who is God in flesh, restores all flesh to God.

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 all people. 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 human will, 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 sixth reading.

CAROL

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

STAND

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.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Go Tell It On the Mountain*



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. (Dec. 14, 1965 - May 15, 1975)

NEXT SUNDAY, DEC 18, 2022

9am & 10:45am - Advent 4 - All Ages Communion Service
(with concurrent Children & Youth Ministries)

6:30pm Worship & Communion Service
Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

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