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BAPTISM SUNDAY



LITTLE TRINITY CHURCH

November 26, 2023

All Ages Baptism Service

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 Baptismal Liturgy is from the Australian Prayer Book and the Canadian Book of Alternative Services (BAS).

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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Contact Janelle Gordon for information (children@littletrinity.org) or go to littletrinitychildren.org

YOUTH

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

MORNING SERVICE

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 pre-
pared 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. In
today's opening prayers
we pray for the Candi-
dates of Baptism.

WELCOME

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.

There is one body and one Spirit,
There is one hope in God's call to us;
One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
One God and Father of all.

Without Christ, we are far gone from God and mired
in sin. Through the gospel, God addresses each one
of us and calls us back to himself, resulting in a pro-
found change. The act of baptism is about that
change.

We follow the direction of Jesus, who said, "Go and
make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the
name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy
Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have
commanded you."

Ordinary water is used to point to the extraordinary
work of God in cleansing us from sin and giving us a
new heart to trust and serve him, through the death
and resurrection of his Son. Baptism provides a
public opportunity to turn to Christ and express a
personal trust in him and what he has done for us,
and to ask for the renewing work of the Holy Spirit.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that in your great love you have called us to know you and to trust you. Increase this knowledge and strengthen our faith. Grant that Bo and Juliana may be born again by the Holy Spirit, cleansed from all sin, and inherit your eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

LESSON **Ephesians 4:1-6, 13** **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 [...]

¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature adulthood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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 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.

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.

GOSPEL

John 17:1-5, 20-21

STAND

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed." [...]

²⁰ "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

STAND for prayer, then **SIT**

"Baptism as Unity"

The Rev. Orvin Lao, Community Connections Pastor

REFLECTION

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 either 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.

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.

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.

**Presentation and
Examination of the
Candidates**

Because infants cannot answer for themselves, parent and sponsors (also called godparents) make the promises at baptism rather than the child by making their word and example to the new life in Jesus. The congregation also make promises to do the same. Older children make their own profession of faith, but are supported by parents/sponsors and the whole congregation.

**PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION
OF THE CANDIDATES**

SIT

Baptismal Liturgy from the Australian Prayer Book and the Canadian BAS

The congregation may be seated as the parents and sponsors of Bo and Juliana stand.

**I present Bo and Juliana to receive the
sacrament of baptism.**

God promises forgiveness and the gift of the Holy Spirit to all who turn to him in Christ. This promise also embraces the children of God's people, whom we bring to him in faith. Children must themselves express faith in Christ when they are able to do so. They must turn away from sin and put their trust in him.

In due course, they should come to reaffirm these promises and receive prayer for strengthening in confirmation.

I ask you who already trust in Christ, and are willing to teach and encourage Bo and Juliana in the same faith: are you yourself a follower of Jesus Christ, trusting the gracious promises of God?

Parents and Sponsors: I am.

Will you be responsible for seeing that the person you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

Parents and Sponsors: I will, with God's help.

Will you by your prayers and witness help them to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Sponsors: I will, with God's help.

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

I do.

Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

I do.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

STAND

Do you believe in God the Father?

All: 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.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

The Baptismal Covenant

The congregation joins the promises made on behalf of the Baptismal candidates. Standing together with Christians throughout the centuries and throughout the world today, we affirm our faith by saying these ancient words together of the Apostles' Creed. Together we acknowledge the historical truths of our faith, passed down throughout the ages.

In services of baptism, five questions follow the creed that point to how we, as Christians, are called to live out the faith we profess.

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SIT/KNEEL

Let us now pray for Bo and Juliana as they receive the sacrament of new birth. Deliver them O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

WEEKLY CYCLE OF PRAYER

MINISTRIES OF THE WIDER CHURCH

WORLDWIDE: The Church in Nigeria

DIOCESE: Parish of Washago-Price's Corners, Social Justice & Advocacy
Committee & FaithWorks

CLERICUS: Chaplain - Princess Margaret Hospital

NEIGHBOURHOOD

Those living and working on Polson Street and Unwin Avenue

LITTLE TRINITY COMMUNITY AND LEADERS

Assistant Property Assistant/Evening Sexton - Willy Iraheta

PARISH

Birgitta & Chris Wilson; Rosalynd Wilson; Ben & Maggie Winter; Jacob & Tess Winter, Raphael; Nancy & Philip Wood; Jeremie Wood; Brenda Wooten

MISSION PARTNERS

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

SONG

The candidates and their sponsors are invited forward to gather around the baptismal font.

THE BAPTISM

Let us pray.

Merciful God, for Jesus Christ's sake, grant that Bo and Juliana whom we baptize in this water, may be saved through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. May they die to sin and rise again to righteousness. May your Spirit live and work in them, and may they be yours forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who died and rose again for us.

Amen.

The Baptism

Baptism is a sacrament, a visible sign of an invisible reality. It is the way we respond to God's grace already working in us. At baptism, a person is called out of the greater population and becomes a faithful member of the Church, the community of all God's people.

At baptism, ordinary water is used to point to the extraordinary work of Christ's story of a sinless life, death and resurrection made real in us. His story becomes our story.

The baptized are given lit candles and urged to "Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father." The candles are brought home as a reminder of the promises made today.

Then the celebrant pours water on the candidate saying,

I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. I sign you with the cross and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Amen.

A candle will be presented to the newly baptized.

God has called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

The congregation may now applaud. Please remain seated while we sing "Alleluia" as each candidate is presented.

Gracious God, we thank you that through the death and resurrection of your Son, you have brought us from death to life. Enable us by your Spirit to resist the power of sin and give ourselves to you as a living sacrifice. May we not be conformed to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our mind, so that we serve and please you in every way.

Amen.

Gifts will be presented. The Prayer Shawl Ministry Group gives prayer shawls to the candidates representing the commitment of our community to pray that they would live into the fullness of the promises of God in Jesus.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

SIT

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)**

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.

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.

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.

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.**

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)

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

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 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

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!

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.

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.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION *STAND*

Gracious God, in the Eucharist we celebrate and are reminded of your love for us and for all people in the Gospel story of Your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that we may show forth your love in our lives, and know its fulfilment in your presence. We ask this 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.**

PRESENTATION - Justice Working Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING WORSHIP

STAND

THE DISMISSAL

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



NEXT SUNDAY, DEC 3, 2023

9:00am & 10:45am Advent 1 - BCP Worship & Communion Service
(With concurrent Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry)
6:30pm Advent 1 - Worship & Communion Service
Reading: Luke 1:1-25

SERMON NOTES

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