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# LITTLE TRINITY

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**Sunday, June 23, 2024**

Lamplighters Worship &  
Communion Service

**6:30pm**



**WELCOME****WORSHIP IN SONG****OPENING PRAYER****READINGS****1 Kings 19:19-21; 2 Kings 1: 1-10**

<sup>19</sup> So [Elijah] departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. <sup>20</sup> And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" <sup>21</sup> And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him. [...]

<sup>1</sup> After the death of Ahab, Moab rebelled against Israel. <sup>2</sup> Now Ahaziah fell through the lattice in his upper chamber in Samaria, and lay sick; so he sent messengers, telling them, "Go, inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron, whether I shall recover from this sickness." <sup>3</sup> But the angel of the Lord said to Elijah the Tishbite, "Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say to them, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are going to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron?' <sup>4</sup> Now therefore thus says the Lord, You shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.'" So Elijah went.

<sup>5</sup> The messengers returned to the king, and he said to them, "Why have you returned?" <sup>6</sup> And they said to him, "There came a man to meet us, and said to us, 'Go back to the king who sent you, and say to him, Thus says the Lord, Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are sending to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron? Therefore you shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.'" <sup>7</sup> He said to them, "What kind of man was he who came to meet you and told you these

things?"<sup>8</sup> They answered him, "He wore a garment of hair, with a belt of leather about his waist." And he said, "It is Elijah the Tishbite."

<sup>9</sup> Then the king sent to him a captain of fifty men with his fifty. He went up to Elijah, who was sitting on the top of a hill, and said to him, "O man of God, the king says, 'Come down.'" <sup>10</sup> But Elijah answered the captain of fifty, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty." Then fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

### **Luke 9:46-62**

<sup>46</sup> An argument arose among them as to which of them was the greatest.

<sup>47</sup> But Jesus, knowing the reasoning of their hearts, took a child and put him by his side<sup>48</sup> and said to them, "Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. For the one who is least among you all is the one who is great."

<sup>49</sup> John answered, "Master, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he does not follow with us."<sup>50</sup> But Jesus said to him, "Do not stop him, for the one who is not against you is for you."

<sup>51</sup> When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.<sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him.<sup>53</sup> But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.<sup>54</sup> And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?"<sup>55</sup> But he turned and rebuked them.<sup>56</sup> And they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup> As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."<sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."<sup>59</sup> To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."<sup>60</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."<sup>61</sup> Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home."<sup>62</sup> Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

## SERMON

"The Priority, Posture & Power of Discipleship"  
*Sermon Series: Luke: Signs of Kingdom Growth*

Tim Haughton

## REFLECTION

### CREED

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

Do you believe and trust in the saving work of Jesus Christ?

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## 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](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

## PRAYERS

### WEEKLY CYCLE OF PRAYER

#### MINISTRIES OF THE WIDER CHURCH

WORLDWIDE: The Church in England  
DIOCESE: St. John, East Orangeville, St. John, Ida &  
St. John, Waverley  
CLERICUS: All Saints Church-Community Centre

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD

Those living and working on The Esplanade & Scadding Avenue

#### LITTLE TRINITY COMMUNITY AND LEADERS

Evening Prayer Ministers- Ed Vandenberg, Chris and Birgitta Wilson, Mary Menzel, Lindsay Dwarka & John Dirks

#### PARISH

Asher Lai; Orvin & Sally-Jane Lao, Astrid, Cyrus; Jenn Lau & Robby O'Brien; Christine Lim & Josiah Gifford, Corrie, Edith & Miles; Jean Lim-O'Brien; Sean Lim-O'Brien

#### MISSION PARTNERS

McDaniel & Blossom Phillips (TWR) London, Ontario

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

**All: Merciful God, you have called us to be your people, but we have not loved one another as we ought. Selfish ambition has gripped us and we have failed to look out for others' interests above our own. Conceit and pride have gripped us, and we have failed to associate with and care for those who are different from ourselves. Forgive us for these offenses against you and subdue within us everything that is contrary to your will. By the power of your Holy Spirit, transform us both individually and as a community. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Leader: Merciful and loving God, grant to each one of us forgiveness and peace; that we may start each day afresh, secure in the knowledge of your never failing love for us. Give us the strength to serve you this week, renewed in body, mind and spirit. We give you thanks through the name of Jesus Christ, our only Redeemer. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you;  
**And also with you.**

## COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be 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 him thanks and praise.**

We praise and bless you,  
loving Father through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts  
that broken bread and wine out-poured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.  
**Father, for your Son, we praise you.**

On the night before your Son died, he had supper  
with his friends, and taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, shared it with them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
**Father, for your Son, we praise you.**

When supper was ended he took a cup of wine.  
Again your Son gave you thanks, shared it and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

**Father, for your Son, we praise you.**

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
and with confidence, place all our hope on his sacrifice, made once for all  
upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Saviour Christ has taught, 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 deliv-  
er us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **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.*

### **MUSICAL WORSHIP**



## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Merciful Father, we thank you that you fed us with your bread and wine. Open our hearts this week that we may be transformed by your free offer of grace, not trapped by the demands of religion. Set us free to experience the joy of being freely loved and forgiven by you through the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ. We ask these things in his name. Amen.**

## **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.**

## **CLOSING WORSHIP**

### **DISMISSAL**

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







**NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024**

**6:30pm** Prayer & Praise Service

Reading: Luke 10:1-20

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**GET IN TOUCH**

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