

# LITTLE TRINITY

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**Advent 1 | Sunday, Dec 1, 2024**

**BAS Worship & Communion Service  
9:00am & 10:45am**

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# 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. 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.

### CHILDREN

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**WELCOME**

**MUSICAL WORSHIP**

**OPENING PRAYERS**

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.**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

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.**

**STAND**

**SIT/KNEEL**

**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.

**Mighty God, in whom we know the power of redemption, you stand among us in the shadows of our time. As we move through every sorrow and trial of this life, uphold us with knowledge of the final morning when, in the glorious presence of your risen Son, we will share in his resurrection, redeemed and restored to the fullness of life and forever freed to be your people. Amen.**

### **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.

Scripture quotations are adapted from the ESV<sup>®</sup> Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version<sup>®</sup>), copyright © 2001 by Crossway.

### **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**READING Revelation 21:1-7, 22-27 SIT**

9am: Asher Lai

10:45am: Nancy Wood

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with people. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup> And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup> And he said to me, "It is

done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

<sup>7</sup> The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be their God and they will be my child.” [...]

<sup>22</sup> And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

<sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup> By its light will the nations walk, and the rulers of the earth will bring their glory into it, <sup>25</sup> and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there.

<sup>26</sup> They will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. <sup>27</sup> But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 24:29-36**

**STAND**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**Glorify to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>29</sup> [Jesus said:] “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>30</sup> Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of

**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.

Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. <sup>31</sup> And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

<sup>32</sup> From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>33</sup> So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>34</sup> Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>35</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>36</sup> But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.”

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

#### **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](http://www.littletrinity.org) and they are also available on Google Play and iTunes.

#### **SERMON**

***STAND*** for prayer, then ***SIT***

“The Beginning & the End”

The Rev. Karen Koiter

Sermon Series: *Advent: The Coming of Jesus Christ*

#### ***Silent reflection***

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

## STAND

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. 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.**

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

**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.**

### 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. Alternating between the Apostle's Creed and the Nicene Creed, together 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.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SIT/KNEEL**

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

**WEEKLY CYCLE OF PRAYER**

**MINISTRIES OF THE WIDER CHURCH**

WORLDWIDE: The Church in South Sudan

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

CLERICUS: Trinity East (Little Trinity)

**NEIGHBOURHOOD**

Those living and working on Gilead Place & Trinity Street

**LITTLE TRINITY COMMUNITY AND LEADERS**

Prayer Chain - Jane Kuchma

**PARISH**

Mark Anderson & Shannon Minifie, Jack & Eliot; Ally Andrus & Chris Lewthwaite; Scott Armstrong & Jenn Rowland, Sam & Ben

**MISSION PARTNERS**

McDaniel & Blossom Phillips (TWR) London, Ontario

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.

**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, 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.*

### 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.**

### 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.

#### 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.

#### Confession & Absolution

Not forgetting our nature as fallen human beings: on one hand, we fall short of what we should do and who we should be, on the other hand, we are reminded that God is loving and merciful, we recognize that we are sinners and he reaches out to us nonetheless; we are assured that God has looked upon us with mercy and we have been forgiven of our sins.

We say the confession together to illustrate we are all in need of God's mercy and forgiveness. Even if the person standing in front of you looks like they have it all together.

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 our-  
selves.  
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.**

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.**

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

#### **Eucharistic Prayer**

Modeled after Jewish table prayers of blessing, the Eucharistic Prayer, or the Great Thanksgiving, explores and explains something of the wonder of Jesus' death for us, as Paul wrote: "as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

The prayer contains the words Jesus used during the Last Supper. As we hear these words and go forward together, we feed on him, in our hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

The table is prepared while the prayer is spoken, much as we prepare ourselves to receive the Eucharist.

## **COMMUNION**

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**SIT/KNEEL**

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.**

It is indeed right to thank you and praise you,  
holy and gracious God,  
creator of all things,  
ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life,  
for you are the source of all goodness,  
rich in mercy and abounding in love;  
you are faithful to your people in every generation,  
and your word endures for ever.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
with the fellowship of saints  
and the company of heaven,  
we glorify your holy name,  
evermore praising you and singing,

**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)**

We praise you, merciful Father,  
not as we ought, but as we are able,  
because in your tender love  
you gave the world your only Son,  
in order that the world might be saved through him.  
He made you known by taking the form of a servant,  
healing the sick, liberating the oppressed,  
reaching out to the lost.  
Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross,  
he confronted the power of sin  
and disarmed it for ever.  
In his offering of himself,  
he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice  
for the sins of the whole world.  
Redeemed by Christ,  
we have been adopted as your children;  
by your pardon  
you have made us worthy to praise you.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord...**  
The Sanctus (*Holy, holy, holy Lord*) names that which is sacred, holy, hallowed, consecrated and inviolable: "Lord, God of power and Might".

On the night he was betrayed,  
Jesus, at supper with his friends,  
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,  
gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat:  
this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine,  
and when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to them,  
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.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me."

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts  
we approach your holy table,  
remembering our Saviour's sacrifice,  
and rejoicing in his victory.  
Confident in his sovereign purpose,  
we declare our faith.

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

Send your Holy Spirit on us  
that as we receive this bread and this cup  
we may partake of the body and blood  
of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and feed on him in our hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love,  
and strengthened in our will to serve others;  
and make of our lives, we pray,  
a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you,  
knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honour and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## 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 the prayer instituted by Jesus himself (Matthew 6; Luke 11). This prayer has been handed down from generation to generation, teaching us to pray.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

"I am the bread of life," says the Lord.

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

**Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are they who trust in 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, are welcome to the Lord's table. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request from the communion administrant.*

### **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.

## **PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION      *STAND***

Eternal God,  
we have received a token of your promise.  
May we who have been nourished by holy things  
live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom,  
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.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CLOSING WORSHIP      *STAND***

### **THE DISMISSAL**

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

## SERMON NOTES

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*The Advent / Christmas floral arrangements  
are given to the glory of God by Benita Black  
in thanksgiving for the safe, although early, arrival of Frances  
Louise, a precious child, grand-child &  
great-grandchild, born November 15th  
to Meradith and Sean Black Fleming.*

**NEXT SUNDAY, DEC 8, 2024**

**9am & 10:45am - Advent 2** EPB Worship Services  
(with concurrent Children's Ministry & Youth Ministry)

**6:30pm - Advent 2** Worship & Communion Service  
Reading: Revelation 4:1-6a; 5:1-10; 20:11-15

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**GET IN TOUCH**

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