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# LITTLE † TRINITY

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**Sunday, December 29, 2024**

Morning Prayer Liturgy  
**9am & 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's service (or "Office") of Morning Prayer can be used both in corporate and private worship. It has been modified and shortened for the Livestream worship service. This version contains a mixture of the English Prayer Book and the Common Prayer Book from Australia.

If this is new to you please join in only when you are comfortable. Note the instructions **STAND**, **SIT** and **SIT/KNEEL**. 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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## MORNING SERVICE

### WELCOME

#### 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

**STAND**

#### 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.

### PENITENTIAL RITE

**SIT/KNEEL**

Scripture reminds us that, though we are redeemed and forgiven as God's people, we still sin and fall short of God's glory. We need to confess our failures, knowing that the Lord Jesus died for us and intercedes for us before the Father. Let us draw near to God, who freely forgives through his infinite goodness and mercy, and pray to him with sincerity and confidence.

#### Penitential Rite

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.

**Heavenly Father, we praise you for adopting us as your children and making us heirs of eternal life. In your mercy you have washed us from our sins and made us clean in your sight. Yet we still fail to love you and serve you as we should. Forgive us our sins and renew us by your grace, that we may continue to grow as members of Christ, in whom alone is our salvation. Amen.**

God is slow to anger and full of compassion. He forgives all who humbly repent and turn to his Son Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation.

**Amen.**

○ Lord, open up our hearts;

**And we will praise your holy name.**

○ God, be quick to save us.

**○ Lord, do not wait to help us.**

Glorify 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 Lord is our refuge and strength.

**O come let us worship.**

## **MUSICAL WORSHIP**

**STAND**

### **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® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway.

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### **READING**

**Revelation 5:9-14**

**SIT**

9am - Maureen Roach

10:45am - Nicholas Nicolaidis

<sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll  
and to open its seals,  
for you were slain, and by your blood you  
ransomed people for God  
from every tribe and language and people  
and nation,

<sup>10</sup> and you have made them a kingdom and priests  
to our God,  
and they shall reign on the earth.”

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard around the throne  
and the living creatures and the elders the voice of  
many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and  
thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> saying with a loud  
voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and  
might  
and honour and glory and blessing!”

<sup>13</sup> And I heard every creature in heaven and on  
earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that  
is in them, saying,

“To him who sits on the throne and to the  
Lamb  
be blessing and honour and glory and might  
forever and ever!”

<sup>14</sup> And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and  
the elders fell down and worshipped.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM**

**Psalm 150**

Leader: <sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

**All: praise him in his mighty heavens!**

Leader: <sup>2</sup> Praise him for his mighty deeds;

**All: praise him according to his  
excellent greatness!**

Leader: <sup>3</sup> Praise him with trumpet sound;

**All: praise him with lute and harp!**

Leader: <sup>4</sup> Praise him with tambourine and dance;

**All: praise him with strings and pipe!**

Leader: <sup>5</sup> Praise him with sounding cymbals;

**All: praise him with loud clashing  
cymbals!**

Leader: <sup>6</sup> Let everything that has breath praise  
the Lord!

**All: Praise the Lord!**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING**

**Matthew 2:1-11**

**SIT**

<sup>1</sup> Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea  
in the days of Herod the king, behold, magi from  
the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> saying, “Where is he  
who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw  
his star when it rose and have come to worship

him.”<sup>3</sup> When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him;<sup>4</sup> and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.<sup>5</sup> They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> ““And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who will shepherd my people Israel.””

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod summoned the magi secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared.<sup>8</sup> And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.”<sup>9</sup> After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was.<sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.<sup>11</sup> And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

#### **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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **SERMON**

“Worthy is the Lamb”

James Beck

Lay Pastoral Associate

## 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. This is the Apostle's Creed where we acknowledge the historical truths of our faith, passed down throughout the ages.

## OFFERTORY

*In our offertory, we offer ourselves and our praise and thanksgiving 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. In our offertory we offer our praise and thanksgiving and the gifts of bread and wine to the glory of God.*

## 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**

These words, penned in 1674 by Thomas Ken, anchor us in the reality that our only proper response to God is worship and praise.

**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).

## 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.**

## THE 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 the United States

DIOCESE: Christ Church, Brampton, Christ Church, Deer Park &  
Christ Church, Holland Landing

CLERICUS: Chaplain, Toronto General Hospital, University Health Network

### NEIGHBOURHOOD

Those living and working on Brigden Place & Ontario Street

### LITTLE TRINITY COMMUNITY AND LEADERS

Women's Group - Kim Begg, Kamesha Graham, Catherine Dirks,  
Darlene Dempsey Gallé

### PARISH

Benita Black, Adelaide and Tobias, Hilary Black & Stephen Scott, Meradith &  
Sean Black-Fleming, Frances; Mebbie Black; Karlene Bloomfield, Jonathon;

### MISSION PARTNERS

Drs Philip & Nancy Wood, (WEC) Bunia, DR Congo

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

**Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your image in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

#### **The Collect of the Day**

The Collect of the Day is a prayer that collects the intentions of our service; each Sunday there is a different collect paired with the readings and sermon message.

### 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.

### Closing Prayer

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.

## 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.**

## CLOSING PRAYER

**STAND**

**Holy and everliving God, by your power we are created and by your love we are redeemed; Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves this coming week to your service, and live in love to one another and to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

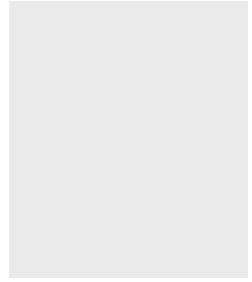
## CLOSING WORSHIP

**STAND**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**NEXT SUNDAY, JAN 5, 2025**

9am & 10:45am - BAS Worship & Communion Services  
(with concurrent Children & Youth Ministry)

6:30pm - Lamplighters Worship & Communion Service  
Reading: Luke 2:22-40

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