
LITTLE TRINITY

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Sunday, Feb 9, 2025

Worship & Communion Service

6:30pm

WELCOME**WORSHIP IN SONG****OPENING PRAYER****READINGS****Ephesians 3:1-13**

¹ For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—² assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to the children of humankind in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶ This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸ To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. ¹³ So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

John 12:20-26; 31-32

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹ So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²² Philip went and told Andrew;

Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Whoever loves their life loses it, and whoever hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, they must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honour them. [...]

³¹ Now is the judgement of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

SERMON "Living Out the Alternative Reality" Tim Haughton
Sermon Series: Ephesians – The Forming of a Kingdom Community

REFLECTION

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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. 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 Australia

DIOCESE: Holy Family, Heart Lake, Holy Trinity, Guildwood &
Holy Trinity, Thornhill

CLERICUS: Church of St. Bartholomew

NEIGHBOURHOOD

Those living and working on Abbey Lane & Front Street East

LITTLE TRINITY COMMUNITY AND LEADERS

Welcome Team & Greeters - Christine Martin

PARISH

Rachel Fournier & Bob Crossman, Giselle; Douglas Crosswell; Eric Cummer;
Nancy & Rodger Cummins; Emrys & Anita Davis, Owen & Evelyn

MISSION PARTNERS

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

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

All: Merciful God, we confess to you now that we have sinned. We confess the sins that no one knows and the sins that everyone knows. We confess the sins that are a burden to us and the sins that do not bother us because we have grown used to them. We have not loved one another as Christ loved us. We have not forgiven one another as we have been forgiven. We have not given ourselves in love and service as Christ gave himself for us. Father, forgive us. Send the Holy Spirit to us, that he may give us power to live as you have called us to live. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: May Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove your sins from you, as far as the east is from the west, strengthen your life in his kingdom, and keep you upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ our merciful Lord. **Amen.**

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

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord is here. Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

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

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.
As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

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 deliver 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, are welcome to the Lord's table. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request from the communion administrant.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Everlasting God, in faith you have adopted us as your children, made us members of the body of Christ and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom: We thank you that in this bread and wine you renew your promises within us, empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve, and send us out as disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you give you peace both now and evermore. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING WORSHIP

DISMISSAL

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



NEXT SUNDAY, FEB 16, 2025

6:30pm - Lamplighters Worship & Communion Service

Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

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