

# LITTLE TRINITY

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Sunday, Mar 30, 2025

LENT 4 | Taize Prayer & Praise Evening  
**6:30pm**

## **Taize-Style Worship**

*This service includes periods of silence to encourage peaceful communion with God. It is not an attempt to achieve inner silence at all costs by following some 'technique' that creates a kind of emptiness within. Instead, with a childlike trust, we let Christ pray silently within us.*

*"I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother."*

*Like the child whose sobs have ceased, held in its mother's arms, we simply 'be' in the presence of God. Prayer does not always need words, maybe not even thoughts.*

*Sometimes we are apparently silent, and yet great discussions go on within, struggling with imaginary partners or with ourselves. Calming our souls requires a kind of simplicity:*

*"I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvellous for me."*

*Silence means recognizing that my worries can't do much. Silence means leaving to God what is beyond my reach and capacity. We acknowledge the thoughts or concerns that come to mind, and then let them go.*

## Welcome

## Opening Worship

## Lenten Confession

Dear friends in Christ, every year at the time of the Christian Passover we celebrate our redemption through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration and to renew our life in Him. We continue in this holy season by remembering our need for repentance, and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Lord, to continue to observe a holy Lent by self-examination, penitence, prayer, fasting and almsgiving, and by reading and meditating on the word of God.

And so now let us either sit or kneel before our Creator and Redeemer, and confess our sins.

**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.**

## Silent Prayer

## Absolution

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.**

## Worship in Song

## Readings

### Ephesians 5:18b, 21, 6:1-9

<sup>18b</sup> ... Be filled with the Spirit, [...]

<sup>21</sup> Submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ. [...]

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup> Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. <sup>2</sup> “Honour your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), <sup>3</sup> “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” <sup>4</sup> Parents, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

<sup>5</sup> Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, <sup>6</sup> not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, <sup>7</sup> rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to humans, <sup>8</sup> knowing that whatever good anyone does, this they will receive back from the Lord, whether they are a bondservant or free. <sup>9</sup> Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.

### Matthew 23:1-12

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, <sup>2</sup> “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat, <sup>3</sup> so do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do. For they preach, but do not practice. <sup>4</sup> They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger. <sup>5</sup> They do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, <sup>6</sup> and they love the place of honour at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues <sup>7</sup> and greetings in the marketplaces and being called rabbi by others. <sup>8</sup> But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers and sisters. <sup>9</sup> And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven. <sup>10</sup> Neither be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ. <sup>11</sup> The greatest among you shall be your servant. <sup>12</sup> Whoever exalts themselves will be humbled, and whoever humbles themselves will be exalted.”

## Sermon

“Spirit-filled Relationships – Part 2”

Karen Koiter

*Sermon Series: Ephesians – The Forming of a Kingdom Community*

## **Musical Response**

### **Prayers**

**(prayer for the world )**

**All: O God, look with compassion on your world. Take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; unite us in bonds of love; and work through us to accomplish your purposes on earth; that in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Silent Prayer**

## **Musical Response**

**(prayer for the church )**

**All: O Father, You are faithful to finish the work you have started in your Church, for which your Son, Jesus, died and rose again. Breathe your Spirit afresh into your people that we may accomplish your works: for the new creation of this world and the witness of your kingdom on earth. We pray this in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

### **Silent Prayer**

## **Musical Response**

**(prayer for ourselves)**

**All: Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: we humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Silent Prayer

## Musical Response

## Closing Prayers

Celebrant: Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake.

**All: Amen.**

Celebrant: Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Celebrant: 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 with you and remain with you always.

**All: Amen.**

## Announcements

## Closing Worship

## Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **WEEKLY CYCLE OF PRAYER**

### **MINISTRIES OF THE WIDER CHURCH**

WORLDWIDE: The Church in the Congo

DIOCESE: St. Anne, Toronto, St. Athanasius, Orillia &  
St. Augustine of Canterbury

CLERICUS: Chaplain, Princess Margaret Hospital

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD**

Those living and working on Merchant's Wharf & Small Street

### **LITTLE TRINITY COMMUNITY AND LEADERS**

Youth Ministry - Director, Morgan Chu

### **PARISH**

Anne Graham; Kamesha Graham; Anne & Jonathan Griffiths, Evelyn;  
Sylvia Gumpesberger; George & Michele Halatsis

### **MISSION PARTNERS**

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



**NEXT SUNDAY, APR 6, 2025**

6:30pm - Lent 5 - Lamplighters Worship & Communion Service  
Reading: Ephesians 6:10-24

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**GET IN TOUCH**

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