

## SINCE 1842



# Sunday, May 25, 2025

Lamplighters Worship & Communion Service 6:30pm

#### WELCOME

#### WORSHIP IN SONG

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

#### READINGS: Ezekiel 36:25-29a

<sup>25</sup> [The Lord God says:] "I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.
<sup>26</sup> And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. <sup>28</sup> You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your ancestors, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.
<sup>29</sup> And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses."

#### John 3:1-15

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with them." <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born again." <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born when they are old? Can they enter a second time into their mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, they cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."

SERMON "You MUST be Born Again!" Sermon Series: "We Believe in the Holy Spirit"

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.

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#### **OFFERTORY WORSHIP**

### WEEKLY CYCLE OF PRAYER

#### MINISTRIES OF THE WIDER CHURCH

WORLDWIDE: The Church in Kenya DIOCESE: St. James Cathedral, St. James the Apostle, Brampton & St. James the Apostle, Sharon CLERICUS: St. Paul's - Bloor Street

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD

Those living and working on Bayview Avenue & Eastern Avenue

#### LITTLE TRINITY COMMUNITY AND LEADERS

Rector's Warden - Jenn van Gent

#### PARISH

Bridget & Mutiu Owolabi Jimoh, Olamide, Joshua & Jesse; Brian Johnson & Anne MacKay-Johnson; Elizabeth Johnson; Sarah Johnstone

#### **MISSION PARTNERS**

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

#### PRAYERS

#### **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. 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.

#### **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.** 

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **CLOSING WORSHIP**

#### DISMISSAL

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

## NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025

**6:30pm** - Lamplighters Worship & Communion Service Readings: 1 Corinthians 2:6-16; John 14:15-17, 25-27; 16:13-16

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