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# LITTLE TRINITY

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**Sunday, Sept 7, 2025**

Lamplighters Worship &  
Communion Service

**6:30pm**

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**WELCOME****WORSHIP IN SONG****OPENING PRAYER****READINGS:****1 Samuel 4:1a; 7:3-12; 8:1-22**

4 <sup>1a</sup> And the word of Samuel came to all Israel. [...]

7 <sup>3</sup> And Samuel said to all the house of Israel, "If you are returning to the Lord with all your heart, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from among you and direct your heart to the Lord and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines." <sup>4</sup> So the people of Israel put away the Baals and the Ashtaroth, and they served the Lord only.

<sup>5</sup> Then Samuel said, "Gather all Israel at Mizpah, and I will pray to the Lord for you." <sup>6</sup> So they gathered at Mizpah and drew water and poured it out before the Lord and fasted on that day and said there, "We have sinned against the Lord." And Samuel judged the people of Israel at Mizpah. <sup>7</sup> Now when the Philistines heard that the people of Israel had gathered at Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the people of Israel heard of it, they were afraid of the Philistines. <sup>8</sup> And the people of Israel said to Samuel, "Do not cease to cry out to the Lord our God for us, that he may save us from the hand of the Philistines." <sup>9</sup> So Samuel took a nursing lamb and offered it as a whole burnt offering to the Lord. And Samuel cried out to the Lord for Israel, and the Lord answered him. <sup>10</sup> As Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to attack Israel. But the Lord thundered with a mighty sound that day against the Philistines and threw them into confusion, and they were defeated before Israel. <sup>11</sup> And the men of Israel went out from Mizpah and pursued the Philistines and struck them, as far as below Beth-car.

<sup>12</sup> Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen and called its name Ebenezer; for he said, "Till now the Lord has helped us." [...]

8 <sup>1</sup> When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel.

<sup>2</sup> The name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beersheba. <sup>3</sup> Yet his sons did not walk in his ways but turned aside after gain. They took bribes and perverted justice.

<sup>4</sup> Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah <sup>5</sup> and said to him, "Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations." <sup>6</sup> But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." And Samuel prayed to the Lord. <sup>7</sup> And the Lord said to Samuel, "Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. <sup>8</sup> According to all the deeds that they have done, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are also doing to you. <sup>9</sup> Now then, obey their voice; only you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

<sup>10</sup> So Samuel told all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking for a king from him. <sup>11</sup> He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen and to run before his chariots. <sup>12</sup> And he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. <sup>13</sup> He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. <sup>14</sup> He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his servants. <sup>15</sup> He will take the tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and to his servants. <sup>16</sup> He will take your male servants and female servants and the best of your young men and your donkeys, and put them to his work. <sup>17</sup> He will take the tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. <sup>18</sup> And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the Lord will not answer you in that day."

<sup>19</sup> But the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel. And they said, "No! But there shall be a king over us, <sup>20</sup> that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles."

<sup>21</sup> And when Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the Lord. <sup>22</sup> And the Lord said to Samuel, "Obey their voice and make them a king." Samuel then said to the people of Israel, "Go every person to their city."

### **Matthew 4:13-17**

<sup>13</sup> And leaving Nazareth [Jesus] went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup> "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,  
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles

<sup>16</sup> the people dwelling in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,  
on them a light has dawned."

<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON**

"May the Spirit Catch Us Up"

Tim Haughton

Sermon Series: *Turning Tides: From Repentance to Dependence*

### **REFLECTION**

### **CREED**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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](http://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

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

**All: Most merciful Father, we have sinned and are guilty before you. Forgive us for deception and untruthfulness in our dealings with others. Forgive us in our glances and imagination; for pining after more comfort, status, beauty and wealth than you have given us. Forgive us for our hard-heartedness toward you and our neighbours; for our pride and self-absorption; and above all, for doubting your love for us. We thank you for your mercy and the grace to amend our lives, and we ask for your Spirit to transform us into your likeness. Amen.**

Leader: May Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove our sins from us, as far as the east is from the west, strengthen our life in his kingdom, and keep us 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 Spirit of God be with you. Lift your hearts to heaven.  
**Where Christ in glory reigns.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the pioneer of our salvation, who is with us always, one of us, yet from the heart of God. In your love, dear God, righteous and strong to save, you came among us in Jesus Christ, our crucified and living Lord. You make all things new. In Christ's suffering and cross you reveal your glory and reconcile all peoples to yourself, their true and living God.

**To you be glory and praise forever.**

Accept our praises, living God, for Jesus Christ, the one perfect offering for the world, who on the night that he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me."

**To you be glory and praise forever.**

After supper he took the cup 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 to forgive sin. Do this, as often as you drink it, to remember me."

**To you be glory and praise forever.**

Grant that by your Spirit this bread and wine, may be to us his body and blood as we celebrate your great acts of liberty ever present and living in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come.

**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, now and forever.**

**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

**Gracious God, we thank you for all the blessings of this life. We thank you that you call us to grow to maturity in Jesus and have nourished us this day in the bread and wine. May we leave this place encouraged and equipped to serve you in all those we meet this coming week. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. 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, SEPT 14, 2025**

**6:30pm** Lamplighters Worship & Communion Service

Reading: 1 Samuel 9:1-2; 15-21; 10:1-6, 9, 17-24

**WEEKLY CYCLE OF PRAYER**

**MINISTRIES OF THE WIDER CHURCH**

WORLDWIDE: The Church in South Africa

DIOCESE: St. Paul, Brighton; St. Paul, Innisfil &

St. Paul, L'Amoureux

CLERICUS: Little Trinity Church

**NEIGHBOURHOOD**

Those living and working on Duchess Lane & Richmond Street East

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Catherine Dirks, Leila Knetsch, Simone Binns

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