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# LITTLE TRINITY

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Sunday, Dec 7, 2025

**ADVENT 2** | Lamplighters Worship & Communion  
Service  
**6:30pm**

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**WELCOME****WORSHIP IN SONG****OPENING PRAYER****LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

We lit the first candle to pray for hope. We light this second candle to pray for peace; Heavenly Father we thank you for your coming in Jesus to restore peace with humanity. With our eyes fixed on your coming Kingdom, a kingdom of peace, of shalom, of full flourishing in every aspect of life we pray for your peace to be made manifest in our relationships, our communities, our very world.

**Lord Jesus Christ, Prince of peace, reign in our hearts and in all the world. Come close to us this Advent. Amen.**

**READINGS:****Isaiah 2:1-5**

<sup>1</sup> The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> It shall come to pass in the latter days  
that the mountain of the house of the Lord  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be lifted up above the hills;  
and all the nations shall flow to it,

<sup>3</sup> and many peoples shall come, and say:  
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth the law,  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup> He shall judge between the nations,

and shall decide disputes for many peoples;  
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war anymore.

<sup>5</sup> O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the Lord.

### **Luke 1:57-80**

<sup>57</sup> Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. <sup>58</sup> And her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. <sup>59</sup> And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, <sup>60</sup> but his mother answered, "No; he shall be called John." <sup>61</sup> And they said to her, "None of your relatives is called by this name." <sup>62</sup> And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. <sup>63</sup> And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And they all wondered. <sup>64</sup> And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. <sup>65</sup> And fear came on all their neighbours. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, <sup>66</sup> and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him.

<sup>67</sup> And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

<sup>68</sup> "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has visited and redeemed his people  
<sup>69</sup> and has raised up a horn of salvation for us  
in the house of his servant David,  
<sup>70</sup> as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,  
<sup>71</sup> that we should be saved from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us;  
<sup>72</sup> to show the mercy promised to our ancestors  
and to remember his holy covenant,  
<sup>73</sup> the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us  
<sup>74</sup> that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve  
him without fear,  
<sup>75</sup> in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

<sup>76</sup> And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

<sup>77</sup> to give knowledge of salvation to his people  
in the forgiveness of their sins,

<sup>78</sup> because of the tender mercy of our God,  
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high

<sup>79</sup> to give light to those who sit in darkness and in  
the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

<sup>80</sup> And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

“The Way of Peace”

Andrew Stuart

Sermon Series: *Pondering with the Prophet*

## **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.**



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Elfrieda, Vern and Anne Marie Heinrichs,  
in loving memory of Ceci Heinrichs.  
(Dec. 14, 1965 - May 15, 1975)  
"...And a little child shall lead them." Isaiah 11:6*

**NEXT SUNDAY, DEC 14, 2025**

**6:30pm** Lamplighters Lessons & Carols Service  
Reading: Isaiah 12:1-6

**WEEKLY CYCLE OF PRAYER**

**MINISTRIES OF THE WIDER CHURCH**

WORLDWIDE: The Church in Bangladesh

DIOCESE: All Saints, Peterborough, All Saints, Sherbourne Street &  
All Saints, Whitby

CLERICUS: Church of St. Peter & St. Simon-the-Apostle

**NEIGHBOURHOOD**

Those living and working on Unwin Avenue & Commissioners Street

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