

Christmas at
LITTLE TRINITY
SINCE 1842



Christmas Eve
Worship & Communion Service

December 24, 2025 | 8:30pm

CHRISTMAS EVE

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

SIT

We lit the first candle to pray for hope. We lit the second candle to pray for peace. We lit the third candle to pray for joy. We lit the fourth candle to pray for love. Now as we light the Christmas candle, we rejoice in the birth of our Saviour, who is the embodiment of hope, peace, joy and love for all the world. A Saviour is born to us today, Christ the King. Alleluia!

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world. Fill us with your light, now and always. Amen.

OPENING CAROLS

STAND

OPENING PRAYERS

SIT/KNEEL

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.

All: And also with you.

Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to his people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks,
We praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
Receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS

SIT/KNEEL

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

SIT

- ² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.
- ³ You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
- ⁴ For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
- ⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 1:1-17

STAND

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

² Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³ and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, ⁴ and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵ and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶ and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, ⁷ and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah,

and Abijah the father of Asaph, ⁸ and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, ⁹ and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, ¹⁰ and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, ¹¹ and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

¹² And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, ¹³ and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, ¹⁴ and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, ¹⁵ and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, ¹⁶ and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

¹⁷ So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

STAND for prayer, then ***SIT***

The Rev. Canon Timothy Haughton
Senior Pastor

Silent reflection

CAROL

SIT

CONFESSION OF FAITH

STAND

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SIT/KNEEL

Dear sisters and brothers, God has come into our midst in Jesus. God's word has taken our flesh. That all may know God's presence bringing us together, it is fitting that our flesh should call to God in holy words of petition, saying: Lord, have mercy.

That the feet of each of us might be made beautiful through our proclamation of peace at table, desk and lathe, as well as in every place where violence threatens, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That the word which conquers darkness might enlighten the blindness which keeps Christ's followers separated and at odds, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That our celebration of God's first-born might inquire and quicken in us protection and nurture of all human life, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That God's dwelling among us might lead us to shelter the homeless, feed the hungry, and support those who minister to them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That the power of the word might fill our hearts and minds, so that the gospel be preached with greater courage and strength to the ends of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That God's love might work for the healing of the sick, the lonely and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

O God, the source of all light, your word dispels our darkness, and speaks to our hearts. As we praise you, we beg that your power overwhelm us, that all the world might find us the more perfect ministers of your presence. Thus may you be glorified this Christmas Eve and for ever in Christ Jesus our Lord. **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

STAND

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Source of light and gladness, accept all we offer in this joyful feast. May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours, for he is Lord now and forever. Amen.

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Praise Him all creatures here below!

Praise Him above ye heavenly host!

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Christ, the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

Most merciful God

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

COMMUNION

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

SIT/KNEEL

The Lord be with you.

And also 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 our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of salvation in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full.
Hosanna hosanna hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. (repeat)

We praise you, merciful Father, not as we ought, but as we are able, because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son, in order that the world might be saved through him. He made you known by taking the form of a servant, healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost. Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross, he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever. In his offering of himself, he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children; by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you.

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

After supper he took the cup of wine, 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 for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table, remembering our Saviour's sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory. Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Send your Holy Spirit on us that as we receive this bread and this cup we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others; and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us, light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

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.*

CAROLS DURING COMMUNION

SIT/KNEEL

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

STAND

Gracious Father, in faith and joy we celebrate the birth of your Son. Increase our understanding and our love of the riches you have revealed in him, who is Lord now and for ever. **Amen.**

Glory to God,

whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

CLOSING WORSHIP

STAND

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



*The Advent / Christmas floral arrangements
are given to the glory of God by
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*

COMING UP

10:45am - Christmas Day Traditional Worship & Communion Service
Readings: Isaiah 9:2-7; Matthew 1:1-17

Dec 28 - 9am & 10:45am EPB Worship & Communion Service
(No Nursery, Children or Youth Ministries)

6:30pm Lamplighters Worship & Communion Service
Readings: Isaiah 63:7-9; Matthew 2:13-23

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