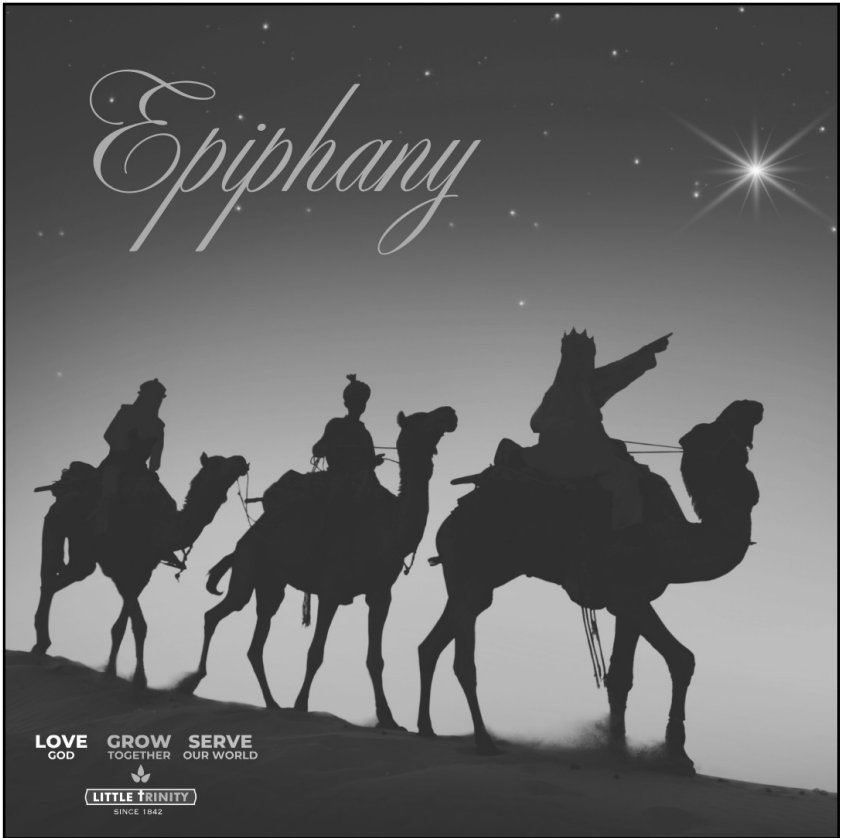


# LITTLE TRINITY

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**Sunday, Jan 4, 2026**

**BAS Worship & Communion Service**  
**9:00am & 10:45am**

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# Welcome to Little T!

## A Liturgical Style of Worship

This booklet will hopefully help make you feel more comfortable, especially if this is new to you.

Liturgical worship simply means we follow a particular order of service that is grounded in liturgy or "the work of the people". We use a liturgical form of service for our gatherings because we are not putting on a show for people to watch. Rather, the liturgy walks us through the wonderful story of Jesus Christ in a sequence that brings home the good news of God's grace to us. Each week we are brought back to the strange and amazing story of God with us. Today, our service is from the Book of Alternative Services (BAS) developed in 1985.

If this is new to you please join in only where you are comfortable. You'll get the hang of it after a few goes. Look out for **STAND** and **SIT** and **SIT/KNEEL** (whichever is your preference) instructions or just follow what your neighbour is doing (assuming they have been here before). In general, we stand to praise, sit to learn and sit/kneel to pray. **Bold** print directs you to join in unison.

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**Welcome One Another**

Why do we do this?

"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God" (Romans 15:7) We come from delightfully diverse backgrounds yet Christ draws us together! Take a few moments to welcome those around you while we move up and in to make space for latecomers.

**Musical Worship**

Join in with our worship team as you feel led, sitting or standing as you are comfortable. The historic tradition uses music and song to direct ourselves towards God in praise and to direct our own hearts towards God's truth.

**Opening Prayers**

Worshipping God must begin with a heart prepared to enter into his presence. The Collect is a prayer that collects the intentions of our service; each Sunday there is a different collect paired with the readings and sermon message.

**WELCOME****MUSICAL WORSHIP*****STAND*****OPENING PRAYERS*****SIT/KNEEL***

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship  
of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Almighty God,  
**to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY*****SIT/KNEEL***

**Eternal God, who by a star led wise men to the  
worship of your Son. Guide by your light the  
nations of the earth, that the whole world may  
know your glory; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**LESSON**                      **Ephesians 3:1-12**

9am: Maureen Roach

10:45am: Rikk Salamat

<sup>1</sup> For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup> assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup> how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. <sup>4</sup> When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup> which was not made known to humankind in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. <sup>7</sup> Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup> To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, <sup>10</sup> so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup> This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup> in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Proclamation of the Word**

We take time to quiet our minds and listen to the scriptures which we honour and value as God's word to us. We accept this as a gift and offer thanks to God in response.

The Proclamation of the Word has two distinct forms and functions: hearing the Word spoken to us as we listen to God's voice through the words of the scripture, and hearing God's word broken apart that we might delve deeper into its meaning and be exhorted to not just hear the Word but to live it as well.

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9am: James Rhee

10:45am: Hanne Simoes

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.**

<sup>1</sup> Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” <sup>3</sup> When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> ““And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who will shepherd my people Israel.””

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” <sup>9</sup> After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup> And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## SERMON

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

"Led to Worship"

The Rev. Karen Koiter

Associate Pastor (Justice Animator)

## REFLECTION

### CONFESSION OF FAITH

**STAND**

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**

### The Gospel

The Gospel is God's word that speaks to us of what God has done in Jesus Christ. The Gospel demands that we act and standing up is a way to recognize that we are ready not just to hear but live as well.

### Sermon

As we open the Scripture, we corporately encounter Christ. As you listen, pray to be open to the Spirit's leading, exhortation, encouragement and healing.

If you miss a sermon or want to listen again or share with others, podcasts along with small group discussion questions are on our website: [www.littletrinity.org](http://www.littletrinity.org) and they are also available on Google Play and iTunes.

### Confession of Faith

Standing together with Christians throughout the centuries and throughout the world today, we affirm our faith by saying these ancient words together. Alternating between the Apostle's Creed and the Nicene Creed, together we acknowledge the historical truths of our faith, passed down throughout the ages.

### **Prayers of the People**

The prayers of the people are the response of the community to the proclamation of the word. They are a moment when the gathered community exercises its baptismal role. Baptized into Christ, and made one in his body, we pray with Christ, who constantly prays for us and for all of creation (Hebrews 7:25).

**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.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

***SIT/KNEEL***

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

## **WEEKLY CYCLE OF PRAYER**

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

WORLDWIDE: The Church in Central Africa

DIOCESE: Christ Church, Roches Point, Christ Church, Scarborough  
& Christ Church, Stouffville

CLERICUS: Chaplain, Princess Margaret Hospital

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD**

Those living and working on Tannery Road & Palace Street

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

Music Coordinators - Jodi Janzen, Silas Friesen & Kevin Menzel

### **PARISH**

Harvey & Heather Anderson; Mark Anderson & Shannon Minifie, Jack & Eliot; Scott Armstrong & Jenn Rowland, Sam & Ben; Nick Arseneau & Emily Saunders, Jamie & Sadie

### **MISSION PARTNERS**

McDaniel & Blossom Phillips (TWR) London, Ontario

Together we pray for our church, our city and our world.

### **OFFERTORY WORSHIP**



## 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.*

### THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**Heavenly Father, thank you that we have these gifts to share. Help us to be generous in supporting the work of the gospel and caring for those in need, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### THE DOXOLOGY

**STAND**

**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

**SIT/KNEEL**

Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.  
Let us confess our sins,  
confident in God's forgiveness.

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.**

#### The Doxology

These words, penned in 1674 by Thomas Ken, anchor us in the reality that our only proper response to God is worship and praise.

#### Confession & Absolution

Not forgetting our nature as fallen human beings: on one hand, we fall short of what we should do and who we should be, on the other hand, we are reminded that God is loving and merciful, we recognize that we are sinners and he reaches out to us nonetheless; we are assured that God has looked upon us with mercy and we have been forgiven of our sins.

We say the confession together to illustrate we are all in need of God's mercy and forgiveness. Even if the person standing in front of you looks like they have it all together.

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as our-  
selves. 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.**

### **STAND**

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

## **COMMUNION**

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

#### **Eucharistic Prayer**

Modeled after Jewish table prayers of blessing, the Eucharistic Prayer, or the Great Thanksgiving, explores and explains something of the wonder of Jesus' death for us, as Paul wrote: "as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

The prayer contains the words Jesus used during the Last Supper. As we hear these words and go forward together, we feed on him, in our hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

The table is prepared while the prayer is spoken, much as we prepare ourselves to receive the Eucharist.

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;  
You have revealed your eternal plan of salvation,  
and have shown your Son Jesus Christ  
to be the light of all peoples.  
Therefore with angels and archangels  
we raise our voices in joyful praise  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth of your glory are full.  
Hosanna hosanna hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. (repeat)**

**SIT/KNEEL**

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."

**Holy, holy, holy Lord...**  
The Sanctus (*Holy, holy, holy Lord*) names that which is sacred, holy, hallowed, consecrated and inviolable: "Lord, God of power and Might".

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 Lord's Prayer**

the Lord's Prayer is the prayer instituted by Jesus himself (Matthew 6; Luke 11). This prayer has been handed down from generation to generation, teaching us to pray.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

"I am the bread of life," says the Lord.  
"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;  
whoever believes in me will never thirst."

**Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are they who trust in him!**

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.*

## PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

## STAND

God of all the nations of the earth  
Guide us with your light.  
Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us  
in this eucharist and in our neighbours.  
May we welcome him with love,  
for he is Lord now and for ever.

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.**

## Prayers After Communion

God gets the last word in our service. First, he blesses us, and then he sends us out into the world, to live a life that reflects his love, mercy and truth.

We have been given the rest and nourishment we need to sustain our own lives, and we have been given the gifts we need to go out and Serve our World in the name of Jesus.

## THE 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

***STAND***

## THE DISMISSAL

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





**NEXT SUNDAY, JAN 11, 2026**

**9am & 10:45am** - EPB Communion & Worship Services  
(With concurrent Children & Youth Ministry - Ages 0-Gr. 8)

**6:30pm** Lamplighters Worship & Communion Service  
Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12, 14-18

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**GET IN TOUCH**

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