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**LITTLE TRINITY**

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**Sunday, Apr 12, 2026**

Baptism & Communion Service

**6:30pm**

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## WELCOME

## WORSHIP IN SONG

## OPENING PRAYERS

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May his grace and peace be with you.

**May he fill our hearts with joy.**

There is one body and one Spirit,

**There is one hope in God's call to us;**

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

**One God and Father of all.**

Without Christ, we are far gone from God and mired in sin. Through the gospel, God addresses each one of us and calls us back to himself, resulting in a profound change. The act of baptism is about that change.

We follow the direction of Jesus, who said, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

Ordinary water is used to point to the extraordinary work of God in cleansing us from sin and giving us a new heart to trust and serve him, through the death and resurrection of his Son. Baptism provides a public opportunity to turn to Christ and express a personal trust in him and what he has done for us, and to ask for the renewing work of the Holy Spirit.

**Heavenly Father, we thank you that in your great love you have called us to know you and to trust you. Increase this knowledge and strengthen our faith. Grant that Armin and Roya may be born again by the Holy Spirit, cleansed from all sin, and inherit your eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

<sup>1</sup> In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup> And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

**John 20:19-31**

Reader: Chris Robinson

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

<sup>26</sup> Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but these are written so that you may believe

that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

“Resurrection Gifts”

Andrew Stuart

*Sermon Series: “Equipped for Spirit-Shaped Mission”*

## **REFLECTION**

### **PRAYERS**

Let us now pray for Armin as he receives the sacrament of new birth and Roya as she reaffirms her baptismal vows. Deliver them O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **PRESENTATION & EXAMINATION of BAPTISM CANDIDATE**

*The congregation may be seated as Armin and Roya and their sponsors stand.*

**Sponsors: I present Armin Babaei to receive the sacrament of baptism.**

Armin, do you wish to be baptized?

**Candidate: I do.**

**Sponsors: I present Roya Moghaddam to reaffirm her baptismal vows of faith.**

Roya, I ask you now to join with the Armin and his sponsors to reaffirm your allegiance to Christ. Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

**Candidates and Sponsors: I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

**I do.**

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

**I do.**

Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

**I do.**

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Armin and Roya in their lives in Christ?

**All: We will.**

Let us stand and join with these who have committed themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Do you believe in God the Father?

**All: 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.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

*Candidates and sponsors are invited forward to gather around the baptismal font.*

## THE BAPTISM

Let us pray.

Merciful God, for Jesus Christ's sake, grant that Armin whom we baptize in this water, may be saved through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. May he die to sin and rise again to righteousness. May your Spirit live and work in him, and may he be yours forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who died and rose again for us.

**Amen.**

*Then the celebrant pours water on the candidate saying,*

I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. I sign you with the cross and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

**Amen.**

*A candle will be presented to the newly baptized.*

God has called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

**Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Gracious God, we thank you that through the death and resurrection of your Son, you have brought us from death to life. Enable us by your Spirit to resist the power of sin and give ourselves to you as a living sacrifice. May we not be conformed to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our mind, so that we may serve and please you in every way. **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

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

### **COMMUNION PRAYER**

The Lord is here. Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to God.

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

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,  
at supper with his friends he took bread,  
and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine  
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

**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, being baptized in any Christian denomination, are welcome to the Lord's table.  
Gluten-free wafers are available upon request from the communion administrant.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Faithful God,  
in baptism and eucharist we are made one with you.  
May we who have shared in holy things  
always bear witness to your covenant,  
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.**

## CLOSING WORSHIP

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



### WEEKLY CYCLE OF PRAYER

#### MINISTRIES OF THE WIDER CHURCH

WORLDWIDE: The Church in Mozambique & Angola

DIOCESE: St. Bede, St. Bride, Clarkson & St. Christopher

CLERICUS: Chaplain, Mount Sinai Hospital

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD

Those living and working on Gristmill Lane & Distillery Lane

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Stephen & Jennifer Doxsee, Emma, Grace & Hannah; Andrew Duffy & Ruth Richardson; Lindsay Dwarka; Bruce & Donna Edwards

#### MISSION PARTNERS

Dr. Steve & Peggy Foster (SIM) Lubango, Angola

#### SPECIAL PRAYER

For God's peace, love & protection to surround today's baptism candidates & their families; Aethel, Alfred, Armin, Belinda, Joanna, Miles & Thea; & Roya as she reaffirms her vows today

**NEXT SUNDAY, APR 19, 2026**

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

Reading: John 21:1-14

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