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**LITTLE TRINITY**

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*Ascension Sunday*

**Sunday, May 17, 2026**

Lamplighters Worship &  
Communion Service

**6:30pm**

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**WELCOME****WORSHIP IN SONG****OPENING PRAYER****READINGS****Acts 1:1-14**

Reader: Catherine Dirks

<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."

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." <sup>9</sup> And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup> and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup> And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas,

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The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**Luke 24:44-49**

Reader: Marc Trimbee

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**SERMON**

"Christ is Reigning"

Tim Haughton

*Sermon Series: Acts: Empowered to Bear Witness to Jesus' Kingdom*

**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 [littrinity.org/give](http://littrinity.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

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you made all things, and you call everyone to account. In sorrow, we confess the sins we have committed against you, in thought, word and deed. We turn from our sins and are truly sorry for them; they are a burden we cannot bear. Have mercy on us, most merciful Father.**

**For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us all that is past. Enable us to serve and please you in newness of life, to your honour and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God our heavenly Father; who has promised to forgive the sins of all who turn to him with repentance and faith, have mercy on us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins, strengthen us to do his will, and keep us in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 indeed right, to give you, our Father, thanks and praise through Jesus.

For he is your living Word; through him you have created all things from the beginning, and formed us in your own image.

**To you be glory and praise for ever.**

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to die upon the cross; raised from the dead, exalted to your right hand.

**To you be glory and praise for ever.**

Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own possession.

**To you be glory and praise for ever.**

In the same night that he was betrayed, Jesus took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

**To you be glory and praise for ever.**

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them saying: 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

**To you be glory and praise for ever.**

Accept our praises and grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood. As we eat and drink these holy gifts, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**To you be glory and praise for ever.**

**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

Eternal God, may we who share Christ's banquet be one with him as he is one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen and ascended Lord.

## 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.**

## MARKET MOMENT - Nora & Taylor Dixon

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **CLOSING WORSHIP**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026**

**6:30pm - Pentecost** - Lamplighters Worship & Communion Service  
Reading: Acts 2:1-21; 42-47

**WEEKLY CYCLE OF PRAYER**

**MINISTRIES OF THE WIDER CHURCH**

WORLDWIDE: The Church in Papua New Guinea  
DIOCESE: St. George, Grafton, St. George, Pickering Village &  
St. Hilary, Cooksville  
CLERICUS: Mission to Seafarers

**NEIGHBOURHOOD**

Those living and working on Worts Lane & Gendron Lane

**LITTLE TRINITY COMMUNITY AND LEADERS**

Men's Dinners - Matthew Biswas, Doug Markle,  
Jonathan Mousley, Lyle Stein, Kirk Vandezande

**PARISH**

Stephen & Janelle Gordon, Anders & Milo; Paul Goulet; Anne Graham;  
Kamesha Graham; Jonathan & Anne Griffiths, Evelyn

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