

LITTLE TRINITY

SINCE 1842



Sunday, July 26, 2026

Lamplighters Worship &
Communion Service

6:30pm

WELCOME**WORSHIP IN SONG****OPENING PRAYER**

READINGS **Acts 1:8; 7:1; 35-39; 51-8:4** Reader: David Colpitts

1⁸ [Jesus said:] "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." [...]

7¹ And the high priest said, "Are these things so?" [...]

³⁵ [Stephen said:] "This Moses, whom they rejected, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge?'—this man God sent as both ruler and redeemer by the hand of the angel who appeared to him in the bush. ³⁶ This man led them out, performing wonders and signs in Egypt and at the Red Sea and in the wilderness for forty years. ³⁷ This is the Moses who said to the Israelites, 'God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your people.' ³⁸ This is the one who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the angel who spoke to him at Mount Sinai, and with our ancestors. He received living oracles to give to us. ³⁹ Our ancestors refused to obey him, but thrust him aside, and in their hearts they turned to Egypt, [...]

⁵¹ "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your ancestors did, so do you. ⁵² Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³ you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."

⁵⁴ Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵ But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷ But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸ Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul.

⁵⁹ And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

⁸ ¹ And Saul approved of his execution. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. ² Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him. ³ But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

1 Peter 3:13-17

Reader: Daisy Lyman

¹³ Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵ but in your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behaviour in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

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SERMON

"You Will Be My Witnesses"

James Beck

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 littletrinity.org/give.

If you wish to give in person, please deposit your offering in the offering boxes in the church sanctuary.

OFFERTORY

PRAYERS

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

All: Merciful God, you have called us to be your people, but we have not loved one another as we ought. Selfish ambition has gripped us and we have failed to look out for others' interests above our own. Conceit and pride have gripped us, and we have failed to associate with and care for those who are different from ourselves. Forgive us for these offenses against you and subdue within us everything that is contrary to your will. By the power of your Holy Spirit,

transform us both individually and as a community. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Leader: Merciful and loving God, grant to each one of us forgiveness and peace; that we may start each day afresh, secure in the knowledge of your never failing love for us. Give us the strength to serve you this week, renewed in body, mind and spirit. We give you thanks through the name of Jesus Christ, our only Redeemer.

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you;

And also with you.

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be 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 him thanks and praise.

We praise and bless you,
loving Father through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts
that broken bread and wine out-poured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

Father, for your Son, we praise you.

On the night before your Son died, he had supper
with his friends, and taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, shared it with them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

Father, for your Son, we praise you.

When supper was ended he took a cup of wine.
Again your Son gave you thanks, shared it 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.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Father, for your Son, we praise you.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, and with confidence, place all our hope on his sacrifice, made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

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.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful Father, we thank you that you fed us with your bread and wine. Open our hearts this week that we may be transformed by your free offer of grace, not trapped by the demands of religion. Set us free to experience the joy of being freely loved and forgiven by you through the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ. We ask these things in his name. 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.



WEEKLY CYCLE OF PRAYER

MINISTRIES OF THE WIDER CHURCH

WORLDWIDE: The Church in Tanzania

DIOCESE: St. Mark, Midland, St. Mark, Port Hope &
St. Martin, Bay Ridges

CLERICUS: Chaplain, Princess Margaret Hospital

NEIGHBOURHOOD

Those living and working on Bonnycastle Street & Merchant's Wharf

LITTLE TRINITY COMMUNITY AND LEADERS

Saturday Morning Prayer Group - Robin & Sandra Guinness

PARISH

Naomi Jonker & Daniel Deacon, Josephine; Ramona Joyce, Tiernan; Alex & Sharon Karney, Theo & Lucy; Judith Kennedy; Peter & Kat Kennedy, Bridget, Samantha, Oscar & Isidor

MISSION PARTNERS

McDaniel & Blossom Phillips (TWR) London, ON

SPECIAL PRAYER

- For God's blessing and His love to be on Aliyah Knetsch and Alex Pawelko as they were married last week
- Thanksgiving to God for the safe arrival of Josephine Marie to Naomi Jonker & David Deacon

NEXT SUNDAY, AUG 2, 2026

6:30pm - Lamplighters Worship & Communion Service

Reading: Acts 8:1-25



LAMPLIGHTERS: SEEN BUT NOT SCENTED!

Scented products can cause serious health reactions for some individuals. In an effort to maintain a space that is welcoming for all, our Lamplighters service is designated scent-free. Please refrain from wearing perfumes, colognes, scented lotions, and other fragranced products at this service.

Thank you for your compassion!



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