

LITTLE † TRINITY

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Sunday, July 26, 2026

**Morning Prayer Service
9am & 10:45am**

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's service (or "Office") of Morning Prayer can be used both in corporate and private worship. This version contains a mixture of the English Prayer Book and the Common Prayer Book from Australia.

If this is new to you please join in only where you are comfortable. Note the instructions **STAND**, **SIT** and **SIT/KNEEL**. 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

MUSICAL WORSHIP

STAND

O Lord, open up our hearts;

And we will praise your holy name.

O God, be quick to save us.

O Lord, do not wait to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Lord is our refuge and strength.

O come let us worship.

MUSICAL WORSHIP

STAND

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

READING Acts 1:8; 7:1; 35-39; 51-8:3 SIT

9am - Donna Edwards

10:45am - Matthew Biswas

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

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.

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.

Scripture quotations are adapted from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway.

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.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 145:1-9, 21

Leader: ¹ I will extol you, my God and King,

All: and bless your name forever and ever.

² Every day I will bless you

and praise your name forever and ever.

³ Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,

and his greatness is unsearchable.

⁴ One generation shall commend your works to another,

and shall declare your mighty acts.

⁵ On the glorious splendor of your majesty,

and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

⁶ They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,

and I will declare your greatness.

⁷ They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness

and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

⁸ The Lord is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ The Lord is good to all,
**and his mercy is over all that he has
made. [...]**

²¹ My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
**and let all flesh bless his holy name
forever and ever.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall
be, world without end. Amen.**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 3:13-17

9am - Sara Austin

10:45am - Matthias Schilke

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"You Will Be My Witnesses"

James Beck

Lay Pastoral Associate

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

SONG OF REFLECTION

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.**

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 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.

OFFERTORY

In our offertory, we offer ourselves and our praise and thanksgiving 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. In our offertory we offer our praise and thanksgiving and the gifts of bread and wine to the glory of God.

OFFERTORY WORSHIP

STAND

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Gracious God, all things come from you and you teach us to be generous with what we have. We pray that our gifts may be wisely used for the ministry of the gospel and the relief of those in need for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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.

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).

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.**

THE 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 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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

**God of wind and flame, send your life-giving
Spirit upon your people: give fire to our words,
strength to our witness and boldness to our
proclamation of your wondrous work in Christ;
who, with you and the Spirit, lives and reigns
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

The Collect of the Day is a prayer that collects the intentions of our service; each Sunday there is a different collect paired with the readings and sermon message.

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.

Closing Prayer

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 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.**

CLOSING PRAYER

STAND

**Holy and everliving God, by your power we are created and by your love we are redeemed;
Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves this coming week to your service, and live in love to one another and to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

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

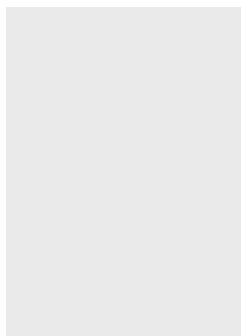
CLOSING WORSHIP

STAND

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



NEXT SUNDAY, AUG 2, 2026

9am & 10:45am - BAS Worship & Communion Services
(Nursery is available for parents' use)
6:30pm - Lamplighters Worship & Communion Service
Reading: Acts 8:1-25

*(Please note that we endeavour to keep the Lamplighters service scent-free.
We appreciate your help in keeping this space welcoming for all.)*

GET IN TOUCH

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