
LITTLE TRINITY

SINCE 1842



Sunday, Aug 2, 2026

Lamplighters Worship &
Communion Service

6:30pm

WELCOME**WORSHIP IN SONG****OPENING PRAYER****READINGS:****Acts 8:4-25**

Reader: Marc Trimbee

⁴ Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word. ⁵ Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. ⁶ And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. ⁷ For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed.

⁸ So there was much joy in that city.

⁹ But there was a man named Simon, who had previously practiced magic in the city and amazed the people of Samaria, saying that he himself was somebody great. ¹⁰ They all paid attention to him, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is the power of God that is called Great." ¹¹ And they paid attention to him because for a long time he had amazed them with his magic. ¹² But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. ¹³ Even Simon himself believed, and after being baptized he continued with Philip. And seeing signs and great miracles performed, he was amazed.

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, ¹⁵ who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, ¹⁶ for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷ Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸ Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, ¹⁹ saying, "Give me this power also, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive

the Holy Spirit.”²⁰ But Peter said to him, “May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money!²¹ You have neither part nor lot in this matter, for your heart is not right before God.²² Repent, therefore, of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven you.²³ For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity.”²⁴ And Simon answered, “Pray for me to the Lord, that nothing of what you have said may come upon me.”

²⁵ Now when they had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 9:46-56

Reader: Roya Moghaddam

⁴⁶ An argument arose among them as to which of them was the greatest.

⁴⁷ But Jesus, knowing the reasoning of their hearts, took a child and put them by his side⁴⁸ and said to them, “Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. For he who is least among you all is the one who is great.”

⁴⁹ John answered, “Master, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because they do not follow with us.”

⁵⁰ But Jesus said to him, “Do not stop them, for the one who is not against you is for you.”

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him.⁵³ But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.⁵⁴ And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?”⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them.⁵⁶ And they went on to another village.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Kingdom that Heals"

Karen Koiter

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 WORSHIP

PRAYERS

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

All: Most merciful Father, we have sinned and are guilty before you. Forgive us for deception and untruthfulness in our dealings with others. Forgive us in our glances and imagination; for pining after more comfort, status, beauty and wealth than you have given us. Forgive us for our hard-heartedness toward you and our neighbours; for our pride and self-absorption; and above all, for doubting your love for us. We thank you for your mercy and the grace to amend our lives, and we ask for your Spirit to transform us into your likeness. Amen.

Leader: May Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove our sins from us, as far as the east is from the west, strengthen our life in his kingdom, and keep us upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ our merciful Lord. **Amen.**

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

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Spirit of God be with you. Lift your hearts to heaven.
Where Christ in glory reigns.

Let us give thanks to God.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the pioneer of our salvation, who is with us always, one of us, yet from the heart of God. In your love, dear God, righteous and strong to save, you came among us in Jesus Christ, our crucified and living Lord. You make all things new. In Christ's suffering and cross you reveal your glory and reconcile all peoples to yourself, their true and living God.

To you be glory and praise forever.

Accept our praises, living God, for Jesus Christ, the one perfect offering for the world, who on the night that he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me."

To you be glory and praise forever.

After supper he took the cup 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 to forgive sin. Do this, as often as you drink it, to remember me."

To you be glory and praise forever.

Grant that by your Spirit this bread and wine, may be to us his body and blood as we celebrate your great acts of liberty ever present and living in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come. **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, are welcome to the Lord's table. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request from the communion administrant.

MUSICAL WORSHIP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, we thank you for all the blessings of this life. We thank you that you call us to grow to maturity in Jesus and have nourished us this day in the bread and wine. May we leave this place encouraged and equipped to serve you in all those we meet this coming week. This we pray 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.**

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 Uganda

DIOCESE: St. Martin in-the-Fields, Toronto, St. Mary and St. Martha & St. Mary Magdalene

CLERICUS: Chaplain, Toronto General, University Health Network

NEIGHBOURHOOD

Those working at Small Street & Cherry Street

LITTLE TRINITY COMMUNITY AND LEADERS

Evening Prayer Ministers: John Dirks, Lindsay Dwarka, Laurie Haughton, Mary Menzel, Chris Wilson, Birgitta Wilson

PARISH

Tanner & Brittany Kennedy; Stewart Kiff & Tatiana; Emily Kinnon, Esme & James; David Kloosterman & Bonnie Moore; Rob & Leila Knetsch, Jay; Aliyah Knetsch & Alex Pawelko

MISSION PARTNERS

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NEXT SUNDAY, AUG 9, 2026

6:30pm Lamplighters Worship & Communion Service
Reading: Acts 8:26-40



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!



GET IN TOUCH

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