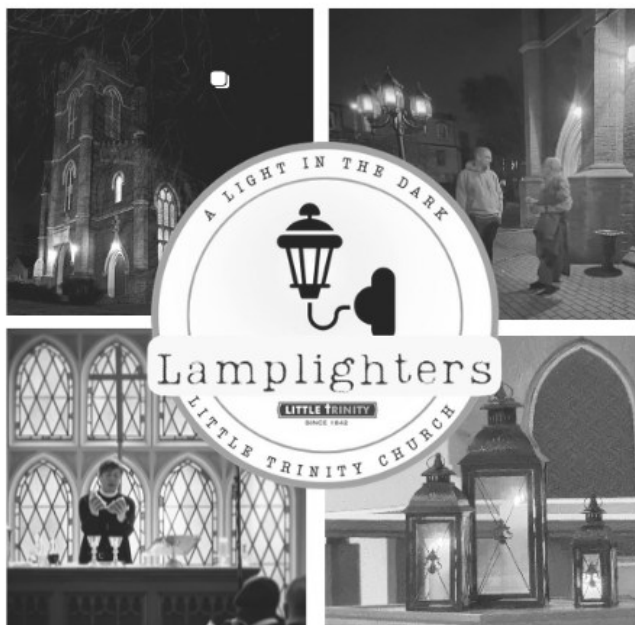

LITTLE TRINITY

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Sunday, Aug 16, 2026

Lamplighters Worship &
Communion Service

6:30pm

WELCOME**WORSHIP IN SONG****OPENING PRAYER****READINGS****Acts 9:1-19**

Reader: Jeremie Wood

¹ But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him.

⁴ And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” ⁵ And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.

⁶ But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.”

⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸ Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.”

¹¹ And the Lord said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, [...]

¹⁷ So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸ And immediately some-

thing like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized;¹⁹ and taking food, he was strengthened. For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 13:10-18

Reader: Kristen Adams

¹⁰ Then the disciples came and said to [Jesus], “Why do you speak to them in parables?” ¹¹ And he answered them, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. ¹² For to the one who has, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what they have will be taken away. ¹³ This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. ¹⁴ Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says:

“““You will indeed hear but never
understand,
and you will indeed see but never
perceive.”

¹⁵ For this people’s heart has grown dull,
and with their ears they can barely
hear,
and their eyes they have closed,
lest they should see with their eyes
and hear with their ears
and understand with their heart
and turn, and I would heal them.’

¹⁶ But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. ¹⁷ For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it. ¹⁸ Hear then the parable of the sower.”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Andrew Stuart

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 litletrinity.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

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; May the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; May the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; May the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; And may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; Glory to you for ever. 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 Wales

DIOCESE: St. Michael and All Angels, St. Michael the Archangel &
St. Monica

CLERICUS: Church of the Holy Trinity

NEIGHBOURHOOD

Those living and working on Commissioners Street & Munition Street

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NEXT SUNDAY, AUG 23, 2026

6:30pm - Lamplighters Worship & Communion Service
Reading: Acts 10:1-5; 9-20; 24-45



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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