LITTLE TRINITY

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## Sunday, Sep 27, 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 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.

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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 15:36-16:15** *SIT*
9am - Benita Black
10:45am - Murray Thomson

36 And after some days Paul said to Barnabas, “Let
us return and visit the brothers in every city where
we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how
they are.” 37 Now Barnabas wanted to take with
them John called Mark. 38 But Paul thought best not
to take with them one who had withdrawn from
them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to
the work. 39 And there arose a sharp disagreement,
so that they separated from each other. Barnabas
took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus,

40 but Paul chose Silas and departed, having been commended by the
believers to the grace of the Lord. 41 And he went through Syria and
Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

5 1 Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named
Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father
was a Greek. 2 He was well spoken of by the believers at Lystra and
Iconium. 3 Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him
and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for
they all knew that his father was a Greek. 4 As they went on their way
through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions
that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem.
5 So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in
numbers daily. 6 And they went through the region of Phrygia and Gala-
tia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia.
7 And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bi-
thynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. 8 So, passing by My-
sia, they went down to Troas. 9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the
night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying,
"Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 And when Paul had seen the
vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding
that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

11 So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace,
and the following day to Neapolis, 12 and from there to Philippi, which
is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We
remained in this city some days. 13 And on the Sabbath day we went
outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place
of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come
together. 14 One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city
of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The
Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. 15 And
after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying,
"If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house
and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 23**

Leader: [1] The Lord is my Shepherd,
**All: I shall not want.**
[2] He makes me lie down in green pastures.
**He leads me beside still waters.**
[3] He restores my soul.
**He leads me in paths of righteousness**
**for His Name's sake.**
[4] Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil;
**for You are with me;**
**Your rod and Your staff - they comfort me.**
[5] You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
**You anoint my head with oil;**
**my cup overflows.**
[6] Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
**and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

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 Luke 9:57-62**
9am - Alison Chapman
10:45am - Matthias Schilke

57 As they were going along the road, someone said
to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." 58 And
Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of
the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere
to lay his head." 59 To another he said, "Follow
me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury
my father." 60 And Jesus said to him, "Leave the
dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and

proclaim the kingdom of God." [61] Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." [62] Jesus said to him, "No one who puts their hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

The Word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**
"When the Spirit Redirects"
The Rev. Andrew Stuart
Pastor of Discipleship
*Sermon Series: Acts: Empowered to Bear Witness to Jesus' Kingdom*

**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.

**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.**

**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.

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 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.

**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.**

**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.

## WEEKLY CYCLE OF PRAYER

**MINISTRIES OF THE WIDER CHURCH**

WORLDWIDE: The Church in Bangladesh
DIOCESE: St. Peter, Oshawa, St. Philip on-the-Hill, Unionville & St. Philip, Etobicoke
CLERICUS: St. Paul - Bloor Street

**NEIGHBOURHOOD**

Those living and working on Eastern Avenue & Trolley Crescent

**LITTLE TRINITY COMMUNITY AND LEADERS**

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**MISSION PARTNERS**

Dr. Steve & Peggy Foster (SIM) Lubango, Angola

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 COLLECT OF THE DAY**
**Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of the flock: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, so that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God, the Shepherd of Israel. 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**

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**

**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.

**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***

**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.

**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, OCT 4, 2026

9am & 10:45am - EPB Worship & Communion Service /
Parish Retreat (Fair Havens)
(Nursery available for parents' use) ???
6:30pm - Lamplighters Worship & Communion Service
Reading: Luke 24:13-36

(*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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