

# Holy Trinity

*The Heart Of The City since 1847*

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Nov 26, 2017 10.30 am: The Reign of Christ

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## Welcome!

**We are delighted to have you with us this morning.**

*Holy Trinity* is an accessible, active, vibrant, justice-seeking, queer-positive community in the heart of downtown Toronto.

At the *Exchange of Peace* we move about freely, greeting one another.

During the *Offertory hymn* we will move to create a circle around the altar for the *Prayers of the People*.

**All are welcome to share in the Eucharist as they feel comfortable.**

**Assisting hearing devices are available.**

Please ask a Greeter or the Caretaker.



**Scent Free Zone:**

Please refrain from wearing highly scented personal products.



**A special welcome, Newcomers!**

Please make yourself at home in this church. There's coffee and tea at the west end. Don't be afraid to ask for what you need to be comfortable.

**A large-print version of this bulletin is available.  
Ask a greeter if you would like one.**

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# *The Gathering of the Community*

*We gather and focus our attention in this time together.*

## Musical Meditation

*Betty's Diner*  
Carrie Newcomer

## Welcome *and* Territorial Acknowledgement

We gather in respect of the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the lands and resources around the Great Lakes and in gratitude for the current caretakers of this territory the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation.

## **Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action #59**

We call upon church parties to the Settlement Agreement to develop ongoing education strategies to ensure that their respective congregations learn about their church's role in colonization, the history and legacy of residential schools, and why apologies to former residential school students, their families, and communities were necessary.

## Opening Hymn

*Servant Song*, Voices United #595  
Richard Gillard

## *A prayer of Hope and Forgiveness*

**We are glad to gather in this place.**

**Often, we come in hope of refreshment.**

**Sometimes we come in real need, or shame, or pain.**

**Too often, we come in sorrow at the world around us.**

**Let us not be afraid to ask forgiveness.**

**Let us not be afraid to offer it.**

**Let us seek and offer what joy we can  
in each other and in all our relations.**

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*A short silence is kept.*

*One* God in your mercy:  
*All* **Hear our prayer.**

*One* We are a forgiven people: God's spirit is free among us.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## *The Exchange of Peace*

*It is our custom to move about to exchange the peace.*

*One* The Peace of Christ be always with you:  
*All* ***And also with you.***

## *The Announcements*

### *The Prayer after Announcements*

*All* **Grant, O God,  
that in these activities and events  
we may do your will  
with strength, wisdom and compassion,  
for the good of your reign of justice and peace. Amen.**

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

### *The First Reading(s)*

*Ezekiel 34:11,16, 23-24*

For thus says the Holy One: I myself will search for my sheep and seek them

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out. ... I will search for the lost, bring in the straggler, bandage the injured, and strengthen the sick. I will feed them with justice, and it's the fat and strong who will be in danger of destruction....

Then I will put one shepherd over them, my servant David, and he shall care for them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. I, the Most High, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I, God Most High, have spoken.

*Psalm 95:1,3,6*

1 Come! Let us raise a song to the Most High;  
let us joyously acclaim the Rock of our salvation!  
3 For I AM is the greatest, High King above all gods.  
6 Come! let us worship and bow low in reverent homage,  
let us fall on our knees before El Shaddai, our Maker!

*Ephesians 1:20-21*

God put this power to work in Christ when God raised Christ from the dead and seated Christ at God's side in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

*Reader*      Hear what the Spirit said to God's people.  
*All*            **Thanks be to God.**

## *The Second Reading*

*An excerpt from "Time to take Jesus off the pedestal" by Tommy Airey*

Jesus believed himself to be an everyday, ordinary, feet-firmly-planted-on-the-himself, scars and all. Every time he is called "son of God" in the Gospels (or letters of Paul), it is a subversive title that takes anti-imperial jabs at Caesar.

Unfortunately, over the last one-hundred generations, church leaders have given Jesus a

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messiah complex. This hasn't led us to the promised land. Fortunately, recent scholarship from Dr. James Perkinson has confronted the idea of putting Jesus on a pedestal of perfection. J-Perk pushes back on institutional Christianity's obsession with "Christology," the long history of powerful male leaders publishing official creeds hyper-focused on the metaphysics of Jesus. This has largely functioned to disempower the masses. Christ is lifted up to be worshipped and invited into our hearts. Someday he will return in glory. In the meantime, oppression and injustice reign. All his followers can really do is pray and wait.

Perkinson proposes, instead, that Jesus' mission was not to be a charismatic leader showering salvation from on high, but about being rooted in the organized struggle for a particular place. He defines this "messianism" as:

*any initiative of courageous folk, who partially or fully step outside of an imperial domination system to begin recovery of a more just and sustainable way of dwelling in a local ecology or watershed.*

Shifting from "Christ" to "messiah" means taking Jesus off the pedestal and placing him on the streets. This is precisely where he was ministering in the original Gospel stories: confronting the unjust distribution of social, economic and political power; usurping the priest's job by proclaiming forgiveness; breaking the Sabbath to heal; eating and drinking with the impure and the sell-outs; touching "the unclean" to heal them; dialoguing with women in public places; and turning over the tables of the bankers in the temple marketplace.

This re-orientation transforms our worship into work, a struggle of solidarity with those that civilization has historically oppressed and marginalized. For J-Perk, "salvation" is still vital, but in dire need of reframing. We need to be saved from The Colonial Script that endlessly teaches us "to conquer, control, and enslave an entire planet of resources and life forms." Eternity starts now with a call to decolonize.

*<https://radicaldiscipleship.net/2017/11/15/its-time-to-take-jesus-off-the-pedestal/>*

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*All*          **Thanks be to God.**

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## Gradual Hymn

*Didn't my Lord Deliver Daniel?*

**Didn't my lord deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel.**

**Didn't my lord deliver Daniel, then why not every one.**

He delivered Daniel from the lion's den,  
Jonah from the belly of the whale.  
And the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace,  
then why not every one. **Chorus**

The moon runs down in a purple stream  
And the sun refuse to shine  
And every star did disappear  
Yes, freedom shall be mine **Chorus**

I set my foot on the gospel ship  
and the ship began to sail.  
It landed me over on Canaan's shore  
and I'll never come back no more. **Chorus**

## *The* Gospel Reading

*Matthew 25:31-46*

[Jesus said,] “The Chosen One will come in glory, escorted by all the angels, and will be seated on a throne of glory. All the nations will be gathered before [the royal throne; and the King] will separate people – one from another – as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, putting the sheep to the right and the goats to the left.

“Then the King will say to those on the right, ‘You have the blessing of my Father. Come and take your inheritance – the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry, and you gave me food; I was thirsty, and you gave me drink; I was naked, and you clothed me; I was a stranger, and you welcomed me; I was sick, and you cared for me; I was in prison, and you visited me.’

“Then the righteous will reply, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and come to visit you?’

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“And the King will answer, ‘The truth is, whatever you did for even the most humble of my brothers and sisters, you did for me.’

“Then the King will say to those on the left, ‘Depart from me, with your curse upon you, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and the devil’s angels. For I was hungry, and you gave me nothing to eat. I was thirsty, and you gave me nothing to drink. I was a stranger, and you never welcomed me. I was naked, and you didn’t clothe me. I was sick, I was in prison, and you didn’t come to my help.’

“They also will ask, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison – and did not come to your help?’ Then the King will answer, ‘The truth is, whatever you neglected to do for even the most humble of these, you neglected to do for me.’

“Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous will enter eternal life.”

*Reader*     Hear what the Spirit says to the churches.  
*All*         **Thanks be to God.**

## Reflection

*Keith Nunn*

*silence*

## Offertory *and* Communion

*Financial offerings may be placed in the basket on the pedestal in the middle of the congregation. Many members of Holy Trinity give by Pre-Authorized Donation. If you would like a PAD form, speak with today's coordinator or contact the parish office.*

*Community members bring the gifts of bread and wine to the altar during the Offertory Hymn and form a circle around the altar. Please carry your personal belongings with you.*

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## Offertory Song

*Draw the Circle Wide* by Gordon Light

Chorus:

**Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.**

**Let this be our song, no one stands alone,  
standing side by side, Draw the circle wide.**

God the still point of the circle 'round whom all creation turns;  
Nothing lost, but held forever, in God's gracious arms. **chorus**

Let our hearts touch far horizons. So encompass great and small;  
Let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call. **chorus**

Let the dreams we dream be larger than we've ever dreamed before;  
Let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door. **Chorus**

## *The Prayers of the People*

*Please offer your own prayers and thanksgivings aloud or in your heart.*

God in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

God hear our prayer **Let our cry come unto you**

Praise God **Amen**

Rest eternal grant unto them O God **And let light eternal shine upon them**

## Eucharistic Prayer

### **Communion Anthem:**

*Joe Hill* by Alfred Hayes, Music by Earl Robinson©1938

I dreamed I saw Joe Hill last night

Alive as you or me

Says I, But Joe, you're ten years dead

I never died, says he

I never died, says he

In Salt Lake, Joe, says I to him

Him standing by my bed

They framed you on a murder charge

Says Joe, But I ain't dead

Says Joe, But I ain't dead

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The copper bosses killed you, Joe  
They shot you, Joe, says I  
Takes more than guns to kill a man  
Says Joe, I didn't die  
Says Joe, I didn't die  
  
And standing there as big as life  
And smiling with his eyes  
Joe says, What they forgot to kill  
Went on to organize  
Went on to organize  
  
Joe Hill ain't dead, he says to me  
Joe Hill ain't never died  
Where working folk are out on strike

Joe Hill is at their side  
Joe Hill is at their side  
  
From San Diego up to Maine  
In every mine and mill  
Where workers strike and organize  
Says he, You'll find Joe Hill  
Says he, You'll find Joe Hill  
  
I dreamed I saw Joe Hill last night  
Alive as you or me  
Says I, But Joe, you're ten years dead  
I never died, says he  
I never died, says he

## Saviour's Prayer

*Jim Cotter text, #9 on page 39 of the green booklet*

## Glory to God

**Glory to God,  
whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine;  
Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church  
and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen**

## Sending Hymn

*Song of Hope* by Jim Strathdee

When the darkness overwhelms us to dim our sight and mind,  
When all roads lead to confusion and hope's impossible to find.  
Free our, free our minds for dreaming of a time when war will cease,  
Free our, free our eyes for visions that leads us to the ways of peace.

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When in weary isolation we've lost our courage to care,  
When our captive spirits perish in the bondage of despair  
Free our, free our arms for action reaching for another's hand  
Free our, free our feet for marching or to boldly make a stand.

When our sisters are in slav'ry, when our brothers are in need,  
When the cost is human mis'ry for the nations' power and greed.  
When the, when the ties are broken when we've lost our human soul  
Free our, free our lives for serving to make the human family whole.

Let the mountains ring with freedom, let the valleys sing with peace,  
Let the rivers swell with justice, let our unity increase  
May the, may the sun's warm healing and the ocean's mighty roar  
Bring the, bring the day of justice when peace shall reign forevermore

Dismissal

Postlude

*Redemption Song by Bob Marley*

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# Announcements

## Responsible Ministry TODAY

All volunteers and employees must undergo a Responsible Ministry workshop once every three years. This workshop is on twice TODAY:

**Sunday, November 26th at 1:30 pm and 4:00 pm**

If you know you need to take one of these workshops, please plan to attend. Don't hesitate to contact Kate Werneburg, our screening co-ordinator, at [kwerneburg@holytrinitytoronto.org](mailto:kwerneburg@holytrinitytoronto.org) or 416 598 4521 x 225.

## LIFTING SPIRITS

soup, cocktails, singing & meaningful conversation

Refreshment for thinking (and singing) people.

**Thursday, November 30th**

**Doors open at 4:30pm**

19 Trinity Square Church of the Holy Trinity, The Nave

## The Christmas Story

This dramatization of the Nativity story has been presented at the Church of the Holy Trinity every December since 1938. It was first performed at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields in London, England and brought to Toronto, complete with script and costumes, by Patricia Frank who was the daughter of St. Martin's vicar.

### **December performances:**

Evening shows 7:30 PM: Fridays, December 8, 15 & 22

Saturdays, December 16 & 23 / Thursday, December 21

Afternoon shows 4:30 PM: Saturdays, December 9, 16, & 23

Sundays, December 10, 17 & 24

Reservations recommended: [www.thechristmasstory.ca](http://www.thechristmasstory.ca) • [416-598-4521 Ext. 301](tel:416-598-4521)

## ☐ Weekly Notices

☐ While in church, if you have **any concerns related to personal safety**, speak to our **Incumbent** Sherman Hesselgrave or the **caretaker on duty**.

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- ☐ **Assistive Hearing Devices** are available at the rear of the church.  
Please ask a Greeter or the Caretaker.
  - ☐ **Please help us keep tidy** by **picking up bulletins and hymn books after the service** and **returning them to the carts** at the entrances of the church. Thanks!
  - ☐ **Prayers:** Please **feel free to light a candle** at the chancel steps, or phone Sherman Hesselgrave with your **special prayer requests**.
  - ☐ **Scent Free Zone:** Please **refrain** from wearing **highly scented personal products**.
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☐ *Services at Holy Trinity*  
Sundays

10.30 am **Festive Contemporary Eucharist** / Communion  
Children's Program, inclusive language and music.

2 pm *Parroquia San Esteban* – **Misa en Español** – [www.sanestebanonline.co](http://www.sanestebanonline.co)



Wednesdays

12<sup>15</sup> pm **Brief spoken Eucharist:** Informal discussion of readings, silence, contemplation.

**The Homeless Memorial** · Second Tuesday of the month · 12:00 outside South doors

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☐ **Space Keeping**

Please help keep our space looking sharp!! When finished with meetings or events, please leave the space as it was when you started. Thank you!

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☐ **Parking Notice**

Parking on *Trinity Square*: **limited to transportation for the physically challenged**. Free parking available Sundays between 10 am -1 pm in *City Hall* underground garage. (If you park there, bring your parking chit and have it stamped at the church.) Paid parking also available *Bell Trinity* garage, entrance off Bay, St \$6.00 flat rate; and *Eaton Centre* (off Shuter St). **The church is wheelchair accessible by South door.**

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