



LIGHT OF CHRIST  
ANGELICAN CHURCH

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# *Ordinary Time*

**Welcome to The Light of Christ Anglican Church (TLC).**

At TLC, we engage with what it means that God's Kingdom is not only a future promise but also a present reality within our world even now, ushered in by Christ.

This reality shapes our worship and life together. It speaks into the way we embrace community in our multi-ethnic and multi-generational context as one big family.

Worship is the core that brings all aspects of our identity together. In worship we celebrate the King who loves us and has redeemed us, and who invites us to join in His Redemptive story within the world.

## **A Note to Our Guests**

If you are visiting TLC for the first time, it is our hope that you would feel very welcome. Here are a few thoughts on how to make that happen.

- Everything you need to follow the service is in this bulletin.
- Are you new to liturgy? Please do not be bothered. We are not about perfection. We are ordinary people gathered to worship.
- If you are comfortable doing so, we encourage you to let an usher know it's your first time. They can help make your experience smoother. For example, you may find it helpful if you sat next to a member who knows their way around here and can answer quick questions for you.

## **Regular Events**

### ***Sundays***

9:30 am, Worship Service

### ***Mondays***

10 am, & 6:00 pm, Women's Group

### ***Tuesdays***

7 pm, Men's Bible Study

9 am, Vestry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday

### ***Wednesdays***

6:30 pm, Youth Group

### ***Thursdays***

5 pm, Women's Bible Journaling on Zoom

6 pm, Second Thursday Dinner

### ***Saturdays***

9 am, Men's Breakfast & Bible Study (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays)

## **The Gathering**

### **Processional Hymn *(Please stand)* I Surrender All**

All to Jesus I surrender

All to Him I freely give

I will ever love and trust Him

In His presence daily live

*I surrender all*

*I surrender all*

*All to Thee my blessed Savior  
I surrender all*

All to Jesus I surrender  
Humbly at His feet I bow  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken  
Take me Jesus take me now

All to Jesus I surrender  
Make me Savior wholly Thine  
Let me feel the Holy Spirit  
Truly know that Thou art mine

All to Jesus I surrender  
Lord I give myself to Thee  
Fill me with Thy love and power  
Let Thy blessing fall on me

All to Jesus I surrender  
Now I feel the sacred flame  
O the joy of full salvation  
Glory glory to His name

Celebrant: Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant and People:  
**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Song**                      **Great Things**

Come let us worship our King  
Come let us bow at His feet  
He has done great things  
See what our Savior has done  
See how His love overcomes  
He has done great things  
He has done great things

*O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave  
You free every captive and break every chain*

*O God You have done great things  
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive  
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high  
O God You have done great things*

You've been faithful through every storm  
You'll be faithful forevermore  
You have done great things  
And I know You will do it again  
For Your promise is yes and amen  
You will do great things  
God You do great things

Hallelujah God above it all  
Hallelujah God unshakable  
Hallelujah You have done great things  
(REPEAT)  
You've done great things

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## **The Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to His people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
Almighty God and Father,  
we worship You, we give You  
thanks,  
we praise You for Your glory.  
Glory to God

Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of  
the Father:  
receive our prayer, receive our  
prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen, Amen.

## **Collect**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Word

### A reading from Nehemiah. (Nehemiah 3:1-5, 8, 13-14, 22, 28, 31-32)

<sup>1</sup>Eliashib the high priest and his fellow priests went to work and rebuilt the Sheep Gate. They dedicated it and set its doors in place, building as far as the Tower of the Hundred, which they dedicated, and as far as the Tower of Hananel. <sup>2</sup>The men of Jericho built the adjoining section, and Zakkur son of Imri built next to them.

<sup>3</sup>The Fish Gate was rebuilt by the sons of Hassenaah. They laid its beams and put its doors and bolts and bars in place. <sup>4</sup>Meremoth son of Uriah, the son of Hakkoz, repaired the next section. Next to him Meshullam son of Berekiah, the son of Meshezabel, made repairs, and next to him Zadok son of Baana also made repairs. <sup>5</sup>The next section was repaired by the men of Tekoa, but their nobles would not put their shoulders to the work under their supervisors.

<sup>8</sup>Uzziel son of Harhaiah, one of the goldsmiths, repaired the next section; and Hananiah, one of the perfume-makers, made repairs next to that. They restored Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall.

<sup>13</sup>The Valley Gate was repaired by Hanun and the residents of Zanoah. They rebuilt it and put its doors with their bolts and bars in place. They also repaired a thousand cubits<sup>[a]</sup> of the wall as far as the Dung Gate.

<sup>14</sup>The Dung Gate was repaired by Malkijah son of Rekab, ruler of the district of Beth Hakkerem. He rebuilt it and put its doors with their bolts and bars in place.

<sup>22</sup>The repairs next to him were made by the priests from the surrounding region.

<sup>28</sup>Above the Horse Gate, the priests made repairs, each in front of his own house.

<sup>31</sup>Next to him, Malkijah, one of the goldsmiths, made repairs as far as the house of the temple servants and the merchants, opposite the Inspection Gate, and as far as the room above the corner; <sup>32</sup>and between the room above the corner and the Sheep Gate the goldsmiths and merchants made repairs.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**A Psalm.      (Psalm 125)    Read responsively by half-verse**

- 1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, \*  
    **which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.**
- 2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; \*  
    **so does the LORD stand round about his people,  
    from this time forth for evermore.**
- 3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to  
    the just, \*  
    **so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.**
- 4 Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good \*  
    **and to those who are true of heart.**
- 5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,  
    **the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; \*  
    but peace be upon Israel.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**The Gospel Anthem (*Please stand*)**

**Wonderful Words of Life**

Sing them over again to me	Beautiful words wonderful words
Wonderful words of life	Wonderful words of life
Let me more of their beauty see	Beautiful words wonderful words
Wonderful words of life	Wonderful words of life
Words of life and beauty	
Teach me faith and duty	

**Gospel Reading**

**(Mark 7:24-30)**

*The Gospel is read in Karen and English recognizing two major languages in our congregation.*

Deacon:            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
People:            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>24</sup> Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. <sup>25</sup> In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. <sup>26</sup> The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

<sup>27</sup> “First let the children eat all they want,” he told her, “For it is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

<sup>28</sup> “Lord,” she replied, “even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.”

<sup>29</sup> Then he told her, “For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter.”

<sup>30</sup> She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### **Children’s Fellowship**

*The children proceed to their fellowship following the banner. They will rejoin us at the Peace.*

### **Song of Blessing**

May God give you eyes to see  
All that is good, all that is good  
The courage for anything  
May you be strong, may you be  
strong

May God give you ears to hear  
His loving voice, his loving voice  
Speaking all around you  
All around and deep inside

Leader: Children of God

People: **The Lord be with you as you worship.**

Children: And also with you.

### **The Sermon**

*(Nehemiah Series)*

**Rev. Donald Nwankwo**

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## **The Response**

### **The Nicene Creed** *(Please stand)*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from**

true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### Prayers of the People

*(Praying with Nehemiah, adapted)*

Leader: Let us pray to the Sovereign God who rules over heaven and earth:

We pray for your church.

May we embrace our true identity in you

And live as your servants and children.

People: **And shine your light in the world.**

May we, redeemed by your power through Christ,

always recognize when we have erred,

And return in penitence and humility.

**And be renewed in your grace and mercy.**

Enable our leaders to serve as those under your sovereignty.

Give them wisdom and grace to administer justice and fairness.

**That our nation may be blessed.**

In your mercy, remember those among us who suffer in body and mind.

Grant us favor in healing and restoration.

**That our joy may be complete.**

Empower us by your Spirit in places where you have placed us.

Give us courage and strength to step forth in faith

**And be a conduit of your blessing.**



Lift your individual prayers and thanksgivings to the Lord.

Deacon:

Lord, you have redeemed us and made us your own people by your great strength and your mighty hand. May your ear be attentive to our prayers this day, and to the prayer of all your people around the world who delight in revering your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **The Peace** *(Please stand)*

Celebrant:       The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People:           **And also with you.**

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### **Announcements**

#### **The Offertory**

#### **House Of The Lord**

We worship the God who was  
We worship the God who is  
We worship the God who evermore will be  
He opened the prison doors  
He parted the raging sea  
My God He holds the victory yeah

*There's joy in the house of the Lord  
There's joy in the house of the Lord today  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise  
There's joy in the house of the Lord  
Our God is surely in this place  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise*

We sing to the God who heals  
We sing to the God who saves  
We sing to the God who always makes a way  
'Cause He hung up on that cross  
Then He rose up from that grave  
My God's still rolling stones away

We were the beggars  
Now we're royalty  
We were the prisoners  
Now we're running free  
We are forgiven accepted  
Redeemed by His grace  
Let the house of the Lord sing praise

There is joy in this house oh yeah  
There is joy there is joy  
And we won't be quiet  
We're gonna shout out Your praise

*There's joy in the house of the Lord  
There's joy in the house of the Lord today  
We're gonna shout out Your praise  
There is joy  
There is joy surely in this place  
We won't be quiet  
We shout Your praise*

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### **Doxology** *(Please stand)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heav'nly hosts  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

## The Eucharist

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; in fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy Lord God Almighty  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Highest praises, honor and glory  
Be unto Your name, Be unto Your name

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; 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 for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ; **by him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

These are the Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*(We have gluten-wheat-yeast-dairy-egg-soy-nut-and-corn free communion wafers available for anyone who needs it. Please let the Clergy serving communion know if you would prefer these to the regular wheat wafers. All baptized Christians are welcome to take communion. The ushers will direct the people down the center aisle. After receiving bread, please take a cup from the tray,*

*then dispose of your cup in the basket. Prayer Ministers are available during communion, look for them in the alcove.)*

## **Communion Songs**

## **Come As You Are**

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been  
Come broken-hearted let rescue begin  
Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

*(So) Lay down your burdens lay down your shame  
All who are broken lift up your face  
O wanderer come home  
You're not too far  
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart  
Come as you are*

There's hope for the hopeless  
And all those who've strayed  
Come sit at the table come taste the grace  
There's rest for the weary  
Rest that endures  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure

Come as you are  
Fall in His arms  
Come as you are

There's joy for the morning O sinner be still  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

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## **No Longer Slaves**

You unravel me with a melody  
You surround me with a song  
Of deliverance from my enemies  
Till all my fears are gone

*I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God  
I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God*  
From my Mother's womb  
You have chosen me  
Love has called my name  
I've been born again into Your family  
Your blood flows through my veins

You split the sea so I could walk right through it  
My fears were drowned in perfect love  
You rescued me so I could stand and sing  
I am a child of God

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## **Cornerstone**

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name  
(REPEAT)

*Christ alone cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm He is Lord  
Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil

He is Lord Lord of all

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless stand before the throne

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **The Sending**

Celebrant:

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Recessional**

## **Blessed Be Your Name**

Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance  
flow

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the  
wilderness

Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say

*Blessed be the name of the Lord*

*Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name*

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord blessed be Your name

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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### **E-Giving at TLC**

If you would like to pay for contributions through a bank transfer, we now have Zelle available, It is a secure way to send contributions and there are no fees added for this type of transfer. To set it up, you sign up for Zelle through your bank and then you would add this email [Jeanie@tlcdenver.org](mailto:Jeanie@tlcdenver.org) for the recipient's contact. We take it from there.

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