



LIGHT OF CHRIST  
ANGELICAN CHURCH

TLC Sunday Morning Worship Service 09/12/2021 - YouTube

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September 12, 2021  
10:15 a.m.

# *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*

8:15 am, Worship Service at TLC  
9:30 am, ESL, Christian Education for all ages  
10:15 am, Worship Service – Livestream & In person

### *Mondays*

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

### *Tuesdays*

7 pm, Men's Bible Study on Zoom  
6 pm, Vestry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday

### *Wednesdays*

6:30 pm, Youth Group

### *Thursdays*

5 pm, Young Adult Meeting  
5 pm, Women's Bible Journaling on Zoom  
6 pm, Second Thursday Dinner

### *Saturdays*

8 am, Men's Bible Study (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays) at TLC

## The Gathering

### Processional Hymn (*Please stand*) The Church's One Foundation (Aurelia)

The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word  
From heav'n He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride  
With His own blood He bought her  
And for her life He died

Elect from every nation  
Yet one o'er all the earth

Her charter of salvation  
One Lord one faith one birth  
One holy name she blesses  
Partakes one holy food  
And to one hope she presses  
With every grace endued

'Mid toil and tribulation  
And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest

Yet she on earth hath union  
With God the Three in One  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won  
O happy ones and holy  
Lord give us grace that we  
Like them the meek and lowly  
On high may dwell with Thee

Though with a scornful wonder  
Men see her sore oppressed  
By schisms rent asunder  
By heresies distressed  
Yet saints their watch are keeping  
Their cry goes up how long  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song

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

## 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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## **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.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 4:1-14)**

<sup>1</sup>When Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became angry and was greatly incensed. He ridiculed the Jews, <sup>2</sup>and in the presence of his associates and the army of Samaria, he said, “What are those feeble Jews doing? Will they restore their wall? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they finish in a day? Can they bring the stones back to life from those heaps of rubble—burned as they are?”

<sup>3</sup>Tobiah the Ammonite, who was at his side, said, “What they are building—even a fox climbing up on it would break down their wall of stones!”

<sup>4</sup>Hear us, our God, for we are despised. Turn their insults back on their own heads. Give them over as plunder in a land of captivity. <sup>5</sup>Do not cover up their guilt or blot out their sins from your sight, for they have thrown insults in the face of the builders.

<sup>6</sup>So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart.

<sup>7</sup>But when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites and the people of Ashdod heard that the repairs to Jerusalem’s walls had gone ahead and that the gaps were being closed, they were very angry. <sup>8</sup>They all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and stir up trouble against it. <sup>9</sup>But we prayed to our God and posted a guard day and night to meet this threat.

<sup>10</sup>Meanwhile, the people in Judah said, “The strength of the laborers is giving out, and there is so much rubble that we cannot rebuild the wall.”

<sup>11</sup>Also our enemies said, “Before they know it or see us, we will be right there among them and will kill them and put an end to the work.”

<sup>12</sup>Then the Jews who lived near them came and told us ten times over, “Wherever you turn, they will attack us.”

<sup>13</sup>Therefore I stationed some of the people behind the lowest points of the wall at the exposed places, posting them by families, with their swords, spears and bows. <sup>14</sup>After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, “Don’t be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**A Psalm. (Psalm 116:1-6) Read responsively by whole verse**

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

**2 The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.**

3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: \*  
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

**4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; \*  
our God is full of compassion.**

5 The LORD watches over the innocent; \*  
I was brought very low, and he helped me.

**6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, \*  
for the LORD has treated you well.**

**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

Wonderful words of life

Let me more of their beauty see

Wonderful words of life

Words of life and beauty

Teach me faith and duty

Beautiful words wonderful words

Wonderful words of life

Beautiful words wonderful words

Wonderful words of life

**Gospel Reading**

**(Mark 7:31-37)**

*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>31</sup>Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

<sup>33</sup>After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. <sup>34</sup>He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!"). <sup>35</sup>At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

<sup>36</sup>Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. <sup>37</sup>People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.  
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### **Children's Discipleship**

*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**

**Tremble**

Peace bring it all to peace  
The storms surrounding me  
Let it break at Your name

Still call the sea to still  
The rage in me to still  
Every wave at Your name

*Jesus Jesus You make the darkness tremble*  
*Jesus Jesus You silence fear*  
*Jesus Jesus You make the darkness tremble*  
*Jesus Jesus*

Breathe call these bones to live  
Call these lungs to sing  
Once again I will praise

Your name is a light that the shadows can't deny  
Your name cannot be overcome

Your name is alive forever lifted high  
Your name cannot be overcome

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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

## All The Poor And Powerless

All the poor and powerless  
And all the lost and lonely  
And all the thieves will come confess  
And know that You are holy  
And know that You are holy

*And all will sing out hallelujah  
And we will cry out hallelujah*

All the hearts who are content  
And all who feel unworthy  
And all who hurt with nothin' left  
Will know that You are holy

Shout it  
Go on and scream it from the mountains  
Go on and tell it to the masses  
That He is God (yeah)  
(REPEAT)

*We will sing out hallelujah  
And we will cry out hallelujah  
We will sing out hallelujah  
And shout yeah*

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## For The Sake Of The World

I'm laying down my life  
I'm giving up control  
I'm never looking back  
I surrender all  
I'm living for Your glory on the earth

This passion in my heart  
This stirring in my soul  
To see the nations bow  
For all the world to know  
I'm living for Your glory on the earth

*For the sake of the world burn like a fire  
in me  
Light a flame in my soul for every eye to see  
For the sake of the world burn like a fire  
in me*

For every knee to bow down  
For every heart to believe  
For every voice to cry out  
Burn like a fire in me  
For every tongue to confess  
You alone are the King  
You are the hope of the earth  
Burn like a fire in me

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## Graves Into Gardens

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me  
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade  
Are never enough  
Then You came along and put me back together  
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

*Oh there's nothing better than You  
There's nothing better than You  
Lord there's nothing  
Nothing is better than You*

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness  
My failures and flaws  
Lord You've seen them all  
And You still call me friend  
'Cause the God of the mountain  
Is the God of the valley  
And there's not a place  
Your mercy and grace won't find me again

You turn mourning to dancing  
You give beauty for ashes

You turn shame into glory  
You're the only one who can

You turn graves into gardens  
You turn bones into armies  
You turn seas into highways  
You're the only one who can

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## **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**

## **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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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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