

A Service of Holy Communion

October 23, 2022

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If you would like to receive more information about Trinity Church, please sign our guest book, located near the entrance. Everyone is welcome to enjoy refreshments and conversation after worship. Trinity Church is an Episcopal Church in the Diocesan Partnership of Western New York and Northwest Pennsylvania, and is a part of the Anglican Communion, which is based in England, but found worldwide.

Cover image: "Mystical Missed Focus" Matt Lincoln, 2021

This centering prayer was written by Matt Lincoln, based on a quotation from Tirabassi & Grant, An Improbable Gift of Blessing.

Welcome to Trinity's gathered community! We are together on-site and online!

The people of Trinity Church gather around a table piled high with spiritual food, and there is a place for you and everyone at the table, whatever your religious practice may be. If you are at Trinity in person, know that this congregation supports anyone who wears a mask to reduce risk of infection. Please feel free to receive communion and participate in the service as fully as you want. **If you are watching the Facebook Live Stream, you may add comments, likes, etc. to the comment section at any time! If you are on-site, you can use your mobile device to join the Facebook Live Stream to connect with other worshippers in the comment section. Just make sure your volume is all the way down! WiFi internet access is publicly available. Use the "Trinity Open" network with the password "Welcome!"**

Trinity Church is a metropolitan house of prayer, a community of worship and spiritual inquiry, welcoming all people. Recognizing our common brokenness, yet rejoicing in the reconciling love of God through Jesus Christ, we nurture one another in our spiritual life together. This communal worship service is many things, including an offering of your prayers. You may light a candle on one of the candle walls at any time during worship as a tangible way to make that prayer offering, or if you are online, request a candle lighting in the comments, and someone on-site will light a candle on your behalf. If you are not on-site, rest assured that your presence online is felt and valued.

Children, with all their sounds and movements, are a welcome part of the gathering for worship. It is perfectly appropriate to keep your kids with you in the pew. If your baby or toddler would be happier being able to crawl around and play in the care of our fully vaccinated nursery attendant, the nursery is also available. You can find the nursery by going through the door near the baptismal font in the front right corner of the church. **Additionally, there is now a Kids' Corner in the back-right corner of the pews. It is an enclosed and safe space for small children (attended by their parents) to play quietly on the floor while staying in church. Please note that there is a changing table located in the nursery. Additionally, there is a room in the back left corner of the church that has a rocking chair where you can attend to your child.**

Name tags are not required, but they sure help! You'll find sticky tags and markers on a table in the red carpet area near the entrance.

PRELUDE

"SEAR LANGSAM" FROM ORGAN SONATA #1 BY PAUL HINDEMITH

CENTERING PRAYER

Let us pray responsively.

This church is a field where mustard seeds are planted.

Oh, God, let our small faith grow.

This church is a loaf leavened with your hope.

Oh God, let our trust rise with your Spirit.

This church is prepared for a banquet.

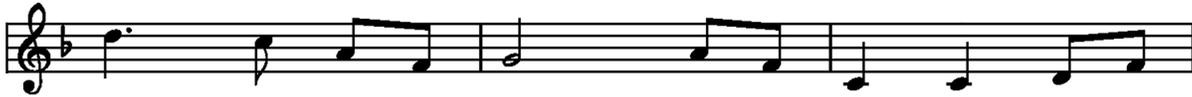
**Oh, God, let us come dressed in the garment of love,
which holds all together in harmony. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

“Come and seek the ways of wisdom”



1 Come and seek the ways of Wis - dom, she who
 2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis - dom, cry - ing
 3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture



danced when earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she
 in the mark - et - place. Hear the Word made flesh a -
 all who seek re - birth. Spi - rit - guide and close com -



teach - es, for her words are right and true. Wis - dom
 mong us, full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the
 pan - ion, bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us



clears the path of jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.
 word takes root and rip - ens, peace and right - eous - ness em - brace.
 to be - come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

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*In spirit or in body,
 the congregation
 stands to sing
 hymns.*

FIRST READING

GENESIS 32:22-31

Rejoice, Children of Zion! Rejoice!
 Be glad in the Lord your God,
 who sends you rain—
 the autumn and spring rains as of old—
 and a new spring crop.
 The threshing floors will be heaped with grain,
 the vats will overflow with new wine and oil.
 I will repay you for the years that were eaten away
 by the locust swarm, the winged locust,
 the scavenger locust, and the bark-stripping locust—
 my great army, which I sent against you.
 You will eat your fill and be satisfied,
 and praise the name of your God, who has dealt wondrously with you!
 My people will never again be put to shame!
 You will know that I am in the midst of Israel,
 and that I am your God, and there is no other.
 My people will never again be put to shame!
 After that, I will pour out my Spirit on all humankind.
 Your daughters and sons will prophesy,
 your elders will have prophetic dreams,
 and your young people will see visions.

*The Bible readings
 are taken from
 The Inclusive
 Bible:
 The First
 Egalitarian
 Translation by
 Priests for Equality.*

*Nobody set out to
 write The Bible. The
 Hebrew Scriptures
 were created over
 many centuries by
 many people to
 record the Jewish
 People's experience
 of God. The same is
 true of the Christian
 Scriptures, some
 of which were
 letters written to a
 specific audience
 in response to
 specific needs—and
 were then found
 to be helpful to
 the faithful even
 after fulfilling their
 original purpose.*

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In those days, I will pour out my Spirit
 even on those in servitude, women and men alike.
 I will show signs in the heavens and on the earth,
 blood and fire and pillars of smoke—
 the sun will be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood—
 at the coming of the great and terrible Day of God.
 But everyone who calls on the name of God will be rescued.
 For there will be a remnant on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem—this is God's promise.
 Anyone who invokes the name of God will be among that remnant.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

This echo comes to us from the Iona Community. Words and Music - ©1987 GIA Publications, Inc. Contributor: David Haas

ECHO

“Take, O take me as I am”

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

The Middle Reading fills the role of a Bible reading, but it doesn't come from the Bible. It is our way of trying to listen for God's ongoing word as it is spoken outside the limits of the Bible. Most often, we turn to contemporary poets for this reading.

MIDDLE READING

“BOTE-TALEE'S SHIELD” BY N. SCOTT MOMADAY

N. Scott Momaday was born in 1934 in Lawton, Oklahoma and is a member of the Kiowa Nation. A novelist, poet, playwright, teacher, painter, and storyteller, he is the first Native American to receive a Pulitzer Prize, and has received many other awards. In 2019, he was presented by Just Buffalo's Babel series.

Bote-talee found the Spider Woman. In the early morning he went swimming. When he reached the bank he looked directly up into the sun. There, just before his eyes, was a spider's web. It was a luminous, glistening shield. Bote-talee looked at it for a long time. It was so beautiful that he wanted to cry. He wondered if it were strong as well as beautiful. He flung water upon it, heavy water, again and again, but it remained whole and glistened all the more. Then a sun spider entered upon the web. “Spider Woman,” Bote-talee said, “Will you give me this perfect shield?”

“Bote-talee,” said Spider Woman, “This is your shield.”

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Thanks be to God.

ECHO

“Take, O take me as I am”

(see above)

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 18:1-8

Jesus spoke this parable addressed to those who believed in their own self-righteousness while holding everyone else in contempt: “Two people went up to the Temple to pray; one was a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed like this: ‘I give you thanks, O God, that I’m not like others—greedy, crooked, adulterous—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week. I pay tithes on everything I earn.’

“The other one, however, kept a distance, not even daring to look up to heaven. In real humility, all the tax collector said was, ‘O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.’ Believe me, the tax collector went home from the Temple right with God, while the Pharisee did not. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, while those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

ECHO

(see previous page)

“Take, O take me as I am”

SERMON

THE REV MATT LINCOLN

MUSICAL REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We affirm our faith in one God -
Source of all life,
greater than all names and forms,
source of our being,
closer than any.
Upon this one God
we depend for all we are
and for all that ever will be.**

**And we affirm our faith in Christ -
Who has shown us the way to true Life
by breaking the chain of human bondage,
through his self-giving life and death
and by his rising again,
he has given us hope for a new humanity,
hope for the healing of earth's life.**

**And we affirm our faith in the living Spirit of God -
Through whom we awaken to God's purpose for the world,
and share in the freedom, joy and peace of the children of God.
For by his Spirit God's love has flooded our lives,
shaping us into a community of forgiven and freely accepted
brothers and sisters set apart for God's service,
and risen with Christ we share in his work for God's world
of everlasting life, justice and peace. AMEN.**

It is customary (but not required) to stand for the Gospel reading because it symbolizes the mystical presence of Christ.

The four Gospels hold the core of Christian spiritual wisdom, reflecting the earliest stories and images of Jesus. Like all Scripture, they are not definitive prescriptions but narrative stories requiring endless interpretation.

The sermon invites your curiosity and thoughtfulness about the theme of worship, and is intended to evoke your thoughts rather than direct them. A recording of the sermon is posted to the parish website each week, usually by Tuesday.

In spirit or in body, please stand.

This affirmation comes from the Church of South India, which, along with the Episcopal Church, is a member of the Anglican Communion. Like the Nicene Creed that it reflects, it is an expression of faith intended as a symbol of solidarity with other Christians throughout history but not as a pledge of allegiance required for membership.

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Today's invitation to pray for each other, the church, and the world is based on the prayers of Walter Brueggemann and several others. Words will alternate with music, giving you a chance to listen to the still, small voice only you can hear and to respond in the comment section if you wish.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Loving God, you have set us in families and clans, in cities and neighborhoods. Our common life began in a garden, but our destiny lies in the city. You have placed us in and around Buffalo. This is our home. Your creativity is on display here through the work of human hearts and hands.

We pray for Buffalo today—for the East Side and the West Side, North Buffalo and South Buffalo. We pray for people from the First Ward and the Fruit Belt. We pray for our poorest neighbors and for powerful people in banks and businesses downtown.

Musical Response

We pray for neighboring communities from across our partnership: from Olcott to Olean, from Angola to Albion, from Erie to Edinboro, from Emporium to New Castle and a thousand other cities connected to our own.

Musical Response

In all our neighborhoods this day there will be crime and callous moneymaking; there will be powerful people unable or unwilling to see the vulnerable who are their neighbors. There will also be beautiful acts of compassion and creativity in all these places—forgiveness and generosity; neighbors working together for a more just community.

Help us see this place as something other than a battleground between us and them, where our imaginations are limited by win/lose propositions and endless rivalry. Show us a deeper reality, God: Show us your Beloved Community.

Musical Response

We pray for the protection of all people around the world from the coronavirus, and for those who care for the sick, for those who are helping us all get vaccinated, for those who have taken great personal risks to maintain the wellbeing and safety of others throughout the pandemic. We pray also for all others who are sick or lonely, all who are overwhelmed by difficult circumstances, or trapped in harmful relationships. We pray for all who grieve, and all who live in fear. We pray for all who are dependent on the compassionate care of others, and for those who work tirelessly to care for the ones who are in need. We pray for the people of Ukraine and other places ravaged by war.

Prosper our city, and help us to trust that you are God, we pray in the name of the one who wept over the Holy City, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

MUSICAL RESPONSE

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Now would be a great time to add a comment to the Live Stream!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with our God.
Show mercy, grow compassion,
And live and love and humbly walk with God.*

*Let others be the clanging cymbal,
Let others have their boast or brag,
Let others claw and cling to the things their eyes see,
But let me walk humbly, so humbly with thee.*

*Let others know the pull of fortune,
Let others know the thrill of fame,
But as for me, Lord, give me the strength and humility
To walk only, and humbly with thee.*

**"MICAH BLUES" BY KYLE PEDERSON
TENOR SOLOIST; JOHN CLAYTON**

Your financial support is not only a practical necessity. It can also be a very meaningful symbolic gesture, expressing your gratitude for the blessings in your life and your hope for health in the world. You can place cash or a check in the big blue urn at the head of the aisle or [donate online here](#), or initiate an online donation by texting TRINITYBUFFALO to 73256. You can also get there by scanning this QR code:



*In spirit or in body,
please stand.*

This Eucharistic Prayer is adapted from Steven Shakespeare's Prayers For An Inclusive Church.

SHARING THE OPEN TABLE

All are welcome to receive Communion at Trinity Church. No Exceptions!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Eternal God, in the abundance of your love you have caused all things to be; from dust and spirit you have woven our humanity; in all our wanderings you never cease to call us to fullness of life.

You gave us Jesus, son of Mary, the bread of life broken for the world; he fed us and feasted with us, he healed us and suffered for us; **his dying and rising have set us free from the poverty of sin and the famine of death.** Therefore, with all whom you have made, cherished and called, with all who hunger for your kingdom and will not rest until all your children are fed, with the broken saints and redeemed sinners of all the ages, we take up the song of your praise:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

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God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Bless'd is the one who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Sanctus from
 Deutsche Messe
 by Franz Peter
 Schubert.*

At the following words, everyone lifts their communion elements into view.

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts that they may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom.

Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: **“This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.”**

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: **“This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.”**

Therefore we proclaim him as creation’s host, transforming poverty into plenty in the reckless generosity of love.

Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more and people without number will come from east and west, north and south to share the kingdom meal. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Author of blessings, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We are following a pattern of going back and forth between using an alternative interpretation of the Lord’s Prayer for a few weeks and then using the traditional Prayer Book version for a few weeks.

Now, as 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.**

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

Were not our hearts burning within us as we walked along the road?

RECEIVING COMMUNION

For those of you online, you may partake in communion using your own bread and wine or any substitutes that are meaningful to you.

For those in the building, you have several options: 1) stay in your place and receive communion from a communion kit that you picked up in the entrance to the church, or 2) bring a communion kit with you to the gathering near the altar and receive it in the company of others, or 3) come up to the altar and receive a piece of pita or a gluten-free rice cracker, or 4) come up, receive a piece of pita and ask the celebrant to dip it in the chalice so you can receive the wine as well.

PRAYER FOR THE ROAD

Let us pray:

**Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and remembering the body of Christ,
which has been broken for the life of the world.
Now give us grace to trust that we are
a people forgiven, healed, renewed.
Give us the courage to proclaim your love to the world,
and to continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

BLESSING

Life is short. We do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind. And may the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who animates and guides us be with you now and always. **Amen.**

This version of the Lord's Prayer is what many of us grew up learning. It is also the version shared at the end of many 12 Step meetings. Although it is important to stay fresh and engaged by the words of our prayers, it is also important to be reminded that we as individuals are part of a great cloud of witnesses who have been inspired to turn to God in prayer throughout the ages.

**Jesus revealed a new, personal sense of relationship with God by addressing God as something like "Papa." Always feel free to use your most meaningful name for God in saying the Lord's Prayer.*

The Prayer for the Road is from Prayers for an Inclusive Church by Steven Shakespeare.

This blessing is based on the words of Henri Frederic Amiel (1821-1881).

HYMN

"ALL MY HOPE ON GOD IS FOUNDED"

*In spirit or in body,
the congregation
stands to sing
hymns.*



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; who else can my
 2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
 3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep God's wis - dom
 4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on
 5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



1 trust re - new? Still through change and chance God
 2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we
 3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -
 4 us be - stow; God's de - sire our soul de -
 5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es



1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
 2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
 3 tend - eth, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - er -
 4 light - eth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth
 5 prais - ing for the gift of God's own son. Christ doth



1 known, grace a - lone calls my heart to be God's own.
 2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
 3 more from God's store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.
 4 stand at God's hand; joy doth wait on each com - mand.
 5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

Words: Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt., after Joachim Neander (1650-1680)
 Music: *Michael*, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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*Our spiritual
practice is renewed
as we leave here and
begin again to work
the promises of the
covenant.*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

"JEANNINE" BY DUKE PEARSON

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteer or Participate at the Stained Glass Association Fundraiser

On **Friday, November 4**, Trinity is partnering with the Stained Glass Association of America for Facet & Form: Glass Tradition Reimagined. The art and craft of architectural stained glass and mosaic will be illuminated as never before. This fundraiser will support glass education, scholarships, and the preservation and sharing of the visionary and artistic stained glass treasures of Trinity Church. Come enjoy glass melting demonstrations, food, drinks, and more!

VOLUNTEER: We need your support - from window docents describing the jewels of Trinity, to registrants and raffle set ups, there are volunteer

opportunities for everyone! Click [here](#) for the volunteer sign-up or use the QR code to the left.

PARTICIPATE: Join in glass-creating activities, meet artisans testing the boundaries of stained glass, and learn more about how historic glass is preserved and created. Experiences in the arts await you around every corner of Trinity's historic campus. Click [here](#) for more information and to get tickets.

FACET & FORM

GLASS TRADITION REIMAGINED

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2022
5:30PM - 9:00PM

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The Stained Glass
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See We are Doing A New Thing

This year's Annual giving campaign theme is "See We Are Doing a New Thing." One of the many things I like about Trinity Church is its ability to adapt and change to meet the needs of the congregation and the community. This is evident in its help creating organizations like Compass House, Homespace, and Justice For Migrant Families

During the pandemic, Trinity built an online community that met the needs of parishioners both near and far and allowed more people to participate. We have also built new partnerships to meet the needs of the community and congregation.

As we approach the time of the year when we ask you to prayerfully consider pledging financial resources to Trinity, please reflect on all the things you have made possible as part of Trinity's family and how you can help us continue that work.

Sincerely

John Alduino, Annual Campaign Chair





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Greeter: Erickson Contreras
Readers: Shirley Hudders, Tom Owen, Jane Kearns
Guest musician: Harry Fackelman, Saxophone
Counters: TBD

All services are in person AND online:

Sunday @10:30am In-person worship while live streaming on Facebook and YouTube. The Sunday online Live Stream service remains accessible as a video recording on Trinity's [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages after the service is over.

Sunday @7:00pm Featuring poetry and jazz, in person in the Chapel and on Zoom

Wednesday @Noon Prayer and holy conversation, in person and on Zoom

Thursday @7pm The wisdom and fellowship of 12-Step recovery, in person and on Zoom

Email your request for a [link to the Zoom worship services here](#).