



A Service of Holy Communion

June 12, 2022

Trinity Sunday

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

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If you are at Trinity in person, please maintain appropriate distance and wear your mask as much as you can, considering the fact that some of us may not be fully vaccinated or may have other vulnerabilities. We continue to celebrate Holy Communion as we have all year, with all participants holding their own bread and wine during the prayers and receiving communion in their seats. In this way, all participants on site and online will share the same practice. If you are not on site, rest assured that your presence online is felt and valued. **As you watch the Live Stream, feel free to add comments, likes, etc. to the comment section at any time! If you are on site, feel free to use your mobile device to join the Facebook Live Stream to connect with other worshipers in the comment section. Just make sure your volume is all the way down!**

WiFi internet access is publicly available. Please feel free to log onto the "Trinity Open" network with the password "Welcome!"

During the summer, worship is outdoors, and the nursery is not open. There are many ways for children to keep quietly occupied. Feel free to let your child explore and enjoy being outdoors, and do not worry about their activity being disrespectful or disruptive.

Pick up a prayer stone as you come into the courtyard, and feel free to rub your prayers into the stone during the first part of the service. At the time of the community prayers, you will be invited to bring your stone and all your prayers to the altar.

When we don't have to practice social distancing, 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. For now, even though we are not standing shoulder to shoulder for communion, we are gathered in Spirit sharing the bounty of faith. 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.

Trinity Church is an Episcopal Church and a member parish of the Diocesan Partnership of Western New York and Northwest Pennsylvania in the United States and is a part of the Anglican Communion, which is based in England but found worldwide. If you would like to learn more about Trinity, see all our contact information on the last page.

CENTERING PRAYER

Let us pray responsively.

Because the world is beautiful, and beauty is a tender thing, and we are stewards of your creation,

we need you, God.

Because human knowledge seems endless, and we do not know what we do not know,

we need you, God.

Because we cannot live without you and are free to go against you, and could worship our wisdom alone,

we need you, God.

Because you came among us, and sat beside us, and healed our pain and let us wound you, and loved us to the end, and triumph over all our hatred,

we need you, God. Amen.

*This prayer is from
the Iona Community.*

OPENING HYMN

"GOD, CREATOR, SOURCE OF HEALING"

1 God, cre - a - tor, source of heal - ing here we
 2 Je - sus, known to friend and seek - er ex - er -
 3 Ho - ly Spi - rit, bring us whole-ness, come with
 4 Tri - ni - ty of awe and won - der yours the

pray for whole-ness and health. Guide our work, our
 cis - ing heal - er's art, may the strong sup -
 your trans - form - ing love; give us free - dom,
 glo - ry, yours the praise. Strike our bind - ing

thoughts, and feel - ing, guide the shar - ing of our wealth.
 port the weak-er, show - ing love with head and heart;
 hope and bold-ness, raise our eyes to see from a - bove;
 chains a - sun - der, lib - er - ate our cramp - ing ways.

Give dis - cern - ment in our de - ci - sions give com -
 give fresh en - er - gy and pur - pose when un -
 shape our sys - tems, in - sti - tu - tions, clar - i -
 May our lives re - flect your splend-our, in a -

pas - sion in our care; rec - on - cile our
 rea - son - ing blocks your grace, spare us harm, in
 fy our blind - ed sight, as we seek God -
 bun - dance Lord we ask. God, our guide and

strife and di - vi - sions as we search for means to share.
 dan - ger a - lert us, show the ra - diance of your face.
 giv - en so - lu - tions, help us greet the just and right.
 our be - friend-er, give new mean - ing to our task.

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FIRST READING

PROVERBS 8:1-4, 22-31

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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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.

Doesn't Wisdom call? Doesn't Understanding raise her voice? On the hills along the road, at the crossroads, she takes her stand; beside the city gates of the town, in the gates themselves, she cries out, "Women and men, people everywhere, I'm calling out to you! I cry out to all of humankind!"

She goes on, "God gave birth to me at the beginning, before the first acts of creation. I have been from everlasting, in the beginning, before the world began. Before the deep seas, I was brought forth, before there were fountains or springs of water; before the mountains erupted up into place, before the hills, I was born—before God created the earth or its fields, or even the first clods of dirt. I was there when the Almighty created the heavens, and set the horizon just above the ocean, set the clouds in the sky, and established the springs of the deep, gave the seas their boundaries and set their limits at the shoreline. When the foundation of the earth was laid out, I was the skilled artisan standing next to the Almighty. I was God's delight day after day, rejoicing at being in God's presence continually, rejoicing in the whole world and delighting in humankind."

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

Thanks be to God.

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.

MIDDLE READING

"TOGETHER" BY ROSEMERRY WAHTOLA TROMMER

It smacks me, sometimes,
how connected we are—
though we draw boundaries,
build walls, fight wars,
call names, and kill. All it takes
is a photo of earth from space
and I'm stunned again,
how much we are in this together.

And though we'd rather not know it,
every choice we make
affects everyone, everything else.
Perhaps this is why I weep
when the woman I've barely met
embroiders me a sweater
with a word she knows I'll love
and then brings it to my home.
Because it's proof of kindness,
a confirmation that beauty
not only exists, it will lead us to each other.
How easily two strangers
might become friends.
It can happen anywhere
on this small blue and green planet—
anywhere two people co-exist,
the invitation to be generous,
thoughtful, to think of new ways
to be good to each other.
Each kindness a bridge that spans
the world's flaws. Each moment,
another chance to build another bridge.

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GOSPEL READING

JOHN 16:12-15

Jesus said, “I have much more to tell you, but you can't bear to hear it now. When the Spirit of truth comes, she will guide you into all truth. She won't speak on her own initiative; rather, she'll speak only what she hears, and she'll announce to you things that are yet to come. In doing this, the Spirit will give glory to me, for she will take what is mine and reveal it to you. Everything that Abba God has belongs to me. This is why I said that the Spirit will take what is mine and reveal it to you.”

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SERMON

THE REV. MATT LINCOLN

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer is a published Colorado poet and acappella singer. She wrote a poem a day from 2006 until the death of her son in August 2021. After taking a break from writing, she has resumed her practice of a poem a day. Visit her at www.wordwoman.com

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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone, we live in God's Creation.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

**We are not alone. Thanks be to God.
Amen.**

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Now that we are outdoors, we can use a prayer practice that has been much loved by the Trinity community over the years. As these prayers are offered aloud, feel free to bring your prayer stone to the altar and leave it there as an act of intercession.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

O Lover of Souls, you call us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Give us vision and wisdom, and the strength and trust to respond to your call.

Where we can help, give us the determination and generosity to do so. When our neighbor needs only the courage to face difficulty, give us the patience and wisdom to listen and encourage in love.

When we need to combine our strengths, show us that we are one in you.

When we feel torn apart and alienated from each other, again: show us that we are one in you.

We pray for those who struggle in poverty or under oppression, and for those who care for them. We pray for those in any need or trouble.

We pray for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. We pray for all in positions of governmental authority around the world, that they may lead with wisdom and humility in the service of the whole human family.

We pray for those who are sick or sick at heart. We pray for all who suffer from illness or injury, from mental illness or heartbreak, sadness or loneliness.

We pray for those who have died and those who are bereaved. We pray for consolation and hope.

This affirmation comes from the United Church of Canada. 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.

We pray for human community, for oneness transcending difference and hostility, for peace and justice. We pray for all who have labored and suffered for a fairer world where the dignity and freedom of all are protected.

We pray for all who study the natural world and seek to preserve our resources and environment. We pray for the wisdom to see that preserving our way of life will require change and adaptation.

We pray for the generosity of spirit to forgive those who betray us. We pray for the courage to face our own faults, and to seek forgiveness when we fail to love our neighbors as ourselves, trusting that we are all beloved in your sight, O God. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

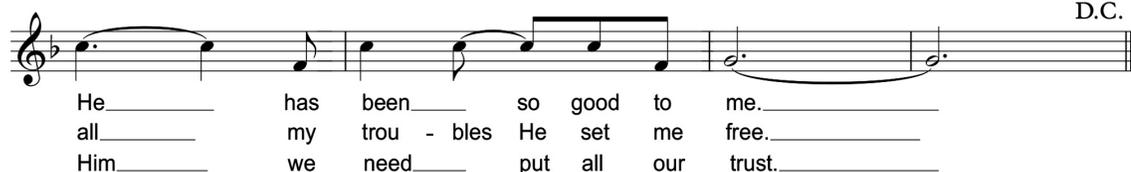
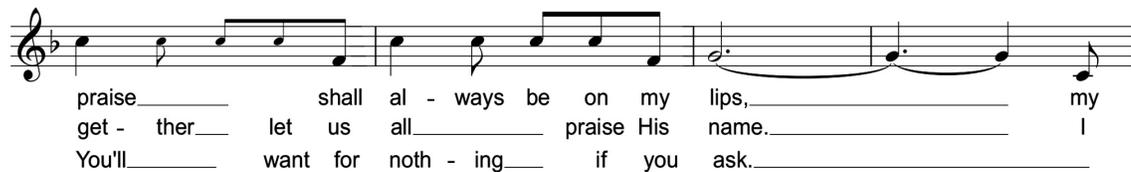
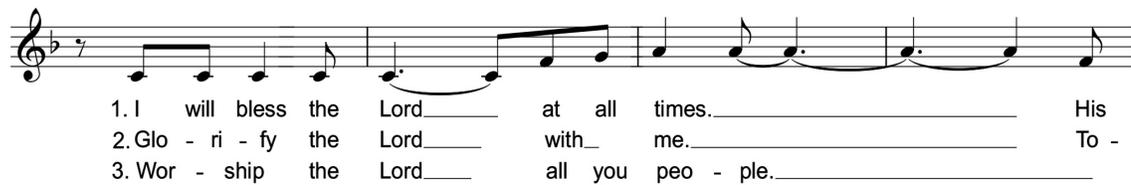
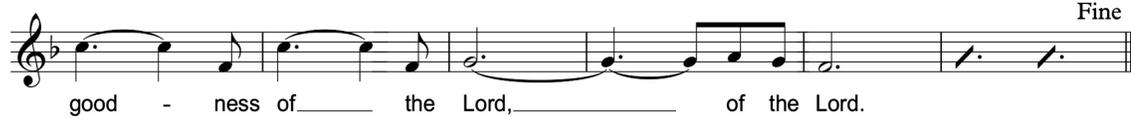
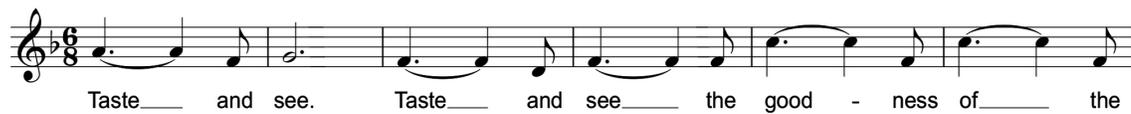
And also with you.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN

“TASTE AND SEE”



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:



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

HOLY COMMUNION

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, ho - ly, ho - ly

ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high -

est, ho - san - na in the high - est

Sanctus from Lift Every Voice and Sing

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.**

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

During a moment of quiet, all receive their bread and wine while remaining where they are. In a few minutes, someone will come by with a tray to collect your cup.

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.

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).

*Bob Thiele
George David Weiss
What a Wonderful World/Lyricists*

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

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.**

HYMN

“WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD”

**I see trees of green,
red roses too.
I see them bloom,
for me and you.
And I think to myself,
what a wonderful world.**

**Are also on the faces,
Of people going by.
I see friends shaking hands.
Saying, "How do you do?"
They're really saying,
"I love you."**

**I see skies of blue,
And clouds of white.
The bright blessed day,
The dark sacred night.
And I think to myself,
What a wonderful world.**

**I hear babies cry,
I watch them grow,
They'll learn much more,
Than I'll ever know.
And I think to myself,
What a wonderful world.
Yes, I think to myself,
What a wonderful world.
Oh yeah.**

**The colors of the rainbow,
So pretty in the sky.**

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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Helping our Afghan neighbors

You have until **June 19** to donate household items for Journey's End to distribute to Afghan evacuee families who have come to Buffalo. The families are setting up completely new lives, so they need just about everything. A short sample: sheets and blankets, pots and pans, cleaning materials, tea kettle, cutting board, etc. Please read the full list, which is available online and at the welcome table. Or scan the QR code. You can leave your donations in the Banta Kitchen. Thank you for your generosity!



Trinity @7 this Summer

Trinity @7 has a bi-monthly schedule for the summer. We meet in person and on Zoom on the first and third Sunday of the month. Our dear friend George Caldwell plays piano for us while Krista takes a summer hiatus. He has a completely different and great style so come check out his music. We think you'll like it! We next meet on **June 19**.

Summer Solstice

Join us in a celebration of the Longest Day on **Tuesday, June 21, 7pm** in the Chapel. We'll welcome the summer with poems, music, and prayers.

Worship Helpers Needed

If you are planning to attend the 10:30am Sunday service in person and would like to be involved with reading from the altar or greeting people at the door and helping direct them with what to expect, please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c4fafa629a3f58-trinity2> If you are interested in being more involved but aren't interested in either of these roles, you can also help by bringing a device to connect to Facebook viewers and responding to comments during the service.



Trinity Spaces for Rent

Our church has work spaces--large and small--available for rent at Trinity Center. We hope to rent to groups and individuals that share our vision of community betterment. If you know someone that would be a good fit, please share this QR code which links to a webpage description.



Visiting the Church

The church is open by appointment for private prayer or meditation. Contact our parish administrator, Colleen O'Neill, at coneill@trinitybuffalo.org to schedule an appointment.



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Greeters: Chris Cuccia, Elena Delgado
Readers: Chris Cuccia, Kelly Cardamone, Elena Delgado
Guest musicians: George Caldwell, piano; Matt Harris, saxophone
Counters: Kayla Kisenwether, Jeffrey Tooke

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 on 1st and 3rd Sundays from June through Sept.

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](#).