



## **A Service of Holy Communion**

February 27, 2022

Last Sunday After Epiphany

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

If you are at Trinity in person, please maintain appropriate distance and wear your mask, considering the fact that some of us may not be fully vaccinated or may have other vulnerabilities. We will celebrate Holy Communion as we have for the past 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!"**

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.

### **PRELUDE**

**"BLACKBERRY WINTER" BY ALEC WILDER AND LOONIS MCGLOHON**

### **CENTERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

**God in the darkness, God beyond our knowing,  
patient creator, seed in secret growing,  
rock of the living water ever flowing  
come and renew us.**

**God in the darkness, God in all our grieving,  
friend of our tears, companion never leaving,  
drawing us past the limits of believing:  
come and renew us.**

**God in the darkness, God of holy dreaming,  
giver of hope, and pledge of our redeeming,  
Spirit of truth, our memory and meaning;  
come and renew us. Amen.**

*Cover image:  
Wire sculpture by  
Brooklyn-based  
artist Seung Mo Park*

*Centering Prayer  
by Elizabeth Joyce  
Smith. Smith, an  
Anglican priest in  
Australia, is best  
known as a feminist  
hymnologist who  
uses inclusive  
language and non-  
hierarchical images  
in her writing.*

OPENING HYMN

“O radiant Christ, incarnate Word”

*Commissioned by the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, Ruth Duck's text provides a fitting center for Epiphany celebrations, with its sense of wonder at the incarnation and petition that through Christ's revelation our lives may be changed.*

Tune: DICKINSON COLLEGE L.M.  
*Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr., 1962*  
 Alternate tune: WAREHAM

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FIRST READING

EXODUS 34:29-35

**A**s Moses came down from Mount Sinai carrying the two tablets of the Covenant, he was not aware that the skin on his face was radiant from speaking with God. When Aaron and the other Israelites saw Moses, they were afraid to approach him because of the radiance of the skin of his face. Only when Moses called to them did Aaron and the leaders of the community come near, and then Moses spoke to them. Later, all the Israelites gathered around, and Moses gave them the instructions he had received from God on Mount Sinai. When he finished speaking to them, Moses put a veil over his face. Whenever Moses

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

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*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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entered the presence of God, he would remove the veil until he came out again, and when he would come out and tell the Israelites what had been commanded, they would see that the skin on his face was radiant. Then he would put the veil over his face again until he went in to speak with God.

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

**ECHO**

“Tui amoris”

Ho - ly Spi - rit , come to us, kin - dle in us the flame of your love.

Ho - ly Spi - rit, come to us, Ho - ly Spi - rit, come to us.

**MIDDLE READING**

Doctor, you say there are no haloes around the streetlights in Paris and what I see is an aberration caused by old age, an affliction. I tell you it has taken me all my life to arrive at the vision of gas lamps as angels, to soften and blur and finally banish the edges you regret I don't see, to learn that the line I called the horizon does not exist and sky and water, so long apart, are the same state of being. Fifty-four years before I could see Rouen cathedral is built of parallel shafts of sun, and now you want to restore my youthful errors: fixed notions of top and bottom, the illusion of three-dimensional space, wisteria separate from the bridge it covers. What can I say to convince you the Houses of Parliament dissolve night after night to become the fluid dream of the Thames? I will not return to a universe

“MONET REFUSES THE OPERATION” BY LISEL MUELLER

of objects that don't know each other, as if islands were not the lost children of one great continent. The world is flux, and light becomes what it touches, becomes water, lilies on water, above and below water, becomes lilac and mauve and yellow and white and cerulean lamps, small fists passing sunlight so quickly to one another that it would take long, streaming hair inside my brush to catch it. To paint the speed of light! Our weighted shapes, these verticals, burn to mix with air and change our bones, skin, clothes to gases. Doctor, if only you could see how heaven pulls earth into its arms and how infinitely the heart expands to claim this world, blue vapor without end.

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**Thanks be to God.**

*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.*

Lisel Mueller (1924 - 2020) was a German-American poet. She won the U.S. National Book Award in 1981 and the Pulitzer Prize in 1997.

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## GOSPEL READING

LUKE 9:28-62

**A**bout eight days after saying this, Jesus took Peter, John and James and went up onto a mountain to pray. While Jesus was praying, his face changed in appearance and the clothes he wore became dazzlingly white. Suddenly two people were there talking with Jesus—Moses and Elijah. They appeared in glory and spoke of the prophecy that Jesus was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. Peter and the others had already fallen into a deep sleep, but awakening, they saw Jesus’ glory—and the two people who were standing next to him. When the two were leaving, Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, how good it is for us to be here! Let’s set up three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah!” Peter didn’t really know what he was saying.

While Peter was speaking, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and the disciples grew fearful as the others entered it. Then from the cloud came a voice which said, “This is my Own, my Chosen One. Listen to him!” When the voice finished speaking, they saw no one but Jesus standing there. The disciples kept quiet, telling nothing of what they had seen at that time to anyone.

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## SERMON

THE REV. MATT LINCOLN

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We trust in God, who is the source of all creation, seen and unseen.**

**We trust that God’s divine life is conceived by God and was born in the human form of Jesus, through his mother Mary.**

**In his life, death and resurrection, Jesus embodied God’s self-giving love for the world and God’s will to regenerate life, and to reclaim us from the oblivion of death.**

**We trust that the Spirit of God is present in this world, in our hearts, and within the community of faith, guiding us into all truth and inspiring us to love as we have been loved, to create as we have been created.**

**Amen.**

*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.*

*This affirmation, written by Matt Lincoln, is an adaptation of the Nicene Creed. Like the the creed on which it is based, 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. Participate at your own level of comfort.*

## 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 well-being 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.

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 REFLECTION

### 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

“BABA YETU”

SWAHILI ADAPTATION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER BY CHRIS KIAGIRI

MUSIC BY CHRISTOPHER TIN

TENOR SOLOIST: JOHN CLAYTON

## HOLY COMMUNION

The Spirit of God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift your hearts to heaven

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

It is right to give thanks and praise to you, Holy God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You brought the world into being and declared it good; you made humankind in your image, and entrusted to us the stewardship of all creation. Therefore with the faithful who rest in Christ, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:



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



might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed 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.

*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:*



*Sanctus sung to the American traditional melody "Land of Rest" arr. Geoff Weaver*

*This Eucharistic Prayer is from the Maori people of New Zealand.*

*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.*

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

Despite our failings you showed us mercy. Through Torah and the voices of the prophets and poets, you called us to faithfulness and justice. You insisted that we remember the poor and marginalized, the orphan and the stranger. With infinite generosity you forgave us as we followed self-centered goals and ignored your invitation to love more broadly. Never abandoning us to the consequences of selfishness, you came among us and showed us the path of life.

**Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your presence; love and fidelity the embrace of your grace.**

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and the discarded, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He pronounced the blessedness of peacemakers, all those who are willing to seek first your Kingdom and your righteousness. Jesus yearned to draw all of the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. We returned violence for his friendship, crucifixion for his self-offering. Yet even this you turned to blessing, and transformed his unjust death into the means of salvation.

**Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your presence; love and fidelity the embrace of your grace.**

On the night before he died for us, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said, **"Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."** As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."**

Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son. Send your Spirit upon us also, and grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Gracious God, now and for 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.*

### 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.**

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

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

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## HYMN

"ALLELUIA, GRACIOUS JESUS"



Al - le - lu - ia! Gra - cious Je - sus! Yours the  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ e - ter - nal, noth - ing



scep - ter, yours the throne! Al - le - lu - ia! Yours the  
 left in sor - row now. Al - le - lu - ia! You are  
 can dis - rupt your reign; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of



tri - umph, yours the vic - to - ry a - lone!  
 near us; faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.  
 Mar - y, heaven and earth are your do - main.



Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on  
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived you  
 Hu - man life you ful - ly en - tered,



thun - der like a might - y flood; Je - sus, out of  
 when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our hearts for -  
 tend - ing those we count the least, serv - ing both as



ev - ery na - tion you've re - deemed us by your blood.  
 get your prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more."  
 Priest and Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

*William C. Dix, manager of a marine insurance company, was also a gifted writer who made a significant contribution to hymnody. This hymn was written to fill a need for communion hymns in Church of England hymnals.*

Tune: HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7.D.  
 Rowland H. Prichard, 1844  
 Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are a gift from God's abundance to the world. You are not alone. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

“PRELUDE, FUGUE AND CHACONNE IN C” BY D. BUXTEHUDE

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 plan on helping during services by bringing a device to connect to Facebook viewers and respond to comments during the service.

**FREE BOOKS, PLEASE TAKE SOME HOME** Please browse the bookshelf in the red carpet area and take home any books of interest. A new batch of books has replaced the old, so be sure to check out the bookshelves again.

**FIRST SUNDAY LUNCH** Join Trinity friends next week following 10:30 worship, for brunch at Mexican restaurant Taqueria Ranchos Dos. Located at 445 Delaware Ave (between Edward and Virginia streets), the restaurant is north 1½ blocks walking distance from the church. Street parking on Delaware. No reservations required! Just come. Or even better, invite someone to join you. We'll gather in the back dining room to enjoy traditional Mexican dishes in a colorful, welcoming space in the good company of one another. Hasta la vista!

**WINDOW RESTORATION** Trinity has been awarded a \$500,000 grant to fund a Phase I restoration and accompanying protection measures for our beautiful historic stained-glass windows. A requirement of the grant is that Trinity participate financially in the Phase I restoration. Bruce Nisbet is inviting any interested person to join an initial brainstorming session to devise creative ways to find sources outside the church (foundations, etc.) to fund this requirement. This meeting will be virtual and is **@7PM on Monday, March 7**. Please let him know of your interest to participate in this very important effort at [Nisbetb@shswny.org](mailto:Nisbetb@shswny.org), and he will send you a link for the Zoom meeting. Thank you.

**BOBBY MILITELLO CONCERT** Trinity's dear friend Bobby Militello is scheduled to play at PAUSA Art House on **Friday, March 18 @7PM**. Bobby wants to celebrate his birthday with music for his friends by holding a BIRTHDAY BASH! at this marvelous music club. Why don't we go? Ticket reservations are now available for purchase. Here's a fun and loving way to honor Bobby by showing up on March 18 to wish him a Happy Birthday. For details about this event and to secure reservations (only), please go to the club's link <https://www.showclix.com/event/bobby-militello-quartet-jan-28|BYFYdL>.

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



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## TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

**Greeters:** Chris Cuccia, David Devereux  
**Readers:** Julie Gibert, Chris Miller, David Devereux  
**Guest musician:** Harry Fackelman, saxophone  
**Counter:** Judy Fitzgerald

### 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** Sunday night @7pm featuring poetry and jazz, in person as well as on Zoom.

**Wednesday @Noon** Offering prayer and holy conversation. This service is now both in person and on Zoom.

**Thursday @7pm** Offering the wisdom and fellowship of 12-Step recovery. Both in person and on Zoom.

Click here to [find the readings](#).

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