



A Service of Holy Communion

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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 rest assured that this congregation supports anyone who wears a mask to reduce risk of infection. We continue to celebrate Holy Communion as we have been doing during the pandemic, 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. **If you are watching 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.

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.**

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

OPENING HYMN

“WE’VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH”

Refrain



We've come this far ___ by faith, ___ Lean - ing on ___ the Lord; ___



Trust - ing in his ho - ly word, ___



He's ne - ver failed ___ me yet. ___



O ___ can't turn a - round ___ we've come this far ___ by faith. ___



1. Don't ___ be dis - cour aged ___ when trou - ble's ___ in your life. ___



He'll bear ___ your bur ___ - dens and



move ___ all mis - er - y and strife. That's why we've

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.

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

FIRST READING

COLOSSIANS 3:1-11

Since you've been resurrected with Christ, set your heart on what pertains to higher realms, where Christ is seated at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things of earth. After all, you died, and now your life is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ—who is your life—is revealed, you too will be revealed with Christ in glory.

So put to death everything in you that belongs to your old nature: promiscuity, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires, and especially greed, which is the same thing as idolatry. These are the sins which provoke God's wrath. Your own conduct was once like this, when these things were your very life. But now you must rid yourselves of them all: anger, rage, malice, slander and abusive language. Stop lying to one another.

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What you have done is put aside your old self with its past deeds and put on a new self, one that grows in knowledge as it is formed anew in the image of its Creator. And in that image, there is no Greek or Hebrew; no Jew or Gentile; no barbarian or Scythian; no slave or citizen. There is only Christ, who is all in all.

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.

This echo comes to us from the Iona Community. Tune: © 1995, The Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agent Text: © 1995, The Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

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.

Amanda Gorman (born 1998) is an American poet and activist. Her work focuses on issues of oppression, feminism, race, and marginalization, as well as the African diaspora. Gorman was the first person to be named National Youth Poet Laureate. In 2021, she delivered her poem The Hill We Climb at the inauguration of U.S. President Joe Biden. The middle reading comes from her 2021 book, Call Us What We Carry.

MIDDLE READING

“PAN” BY AMANDA GORMAN

Pandemic, meaning all people.
 Pandemonium, meaning all demon. Pandora, meaning all-gifted.
 Pan, meaning god of nature. All people have meaning, are all-demon, all-gifted. It is in our divine nature. We now appreciate that Pandora's box was a jar left ajar, a pithos (to tell the mistranslation, then, is to risk being remembered by its fiction), meaning a storage container for grain, oil, wheat & even the dead. We all need places to lay down our grief. Where else to put it. That vessel held all plague, all pain & all hope. Don't panic. Instead, turn to a companion. What are we if not the curiosity to open the coffins we carry, who are we if not all the things we let loose.

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GOSPEL READING

LUKE 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to give me my share of our inheritance.”

Jesus replied, “Friend, who has set me up as your judge or arbiter?” Then he told the crowd, “Avoid greed in all its forms. Your life isn’t made more secure by what you own—even when you have more than you need.”

Jesus then told them a parable in these words: “There was a rich farmer who had a good harvest.

“‘What will I do?’ the farmer mused. ‘I have no place to store my harvest. I know! I’ll pull down my grain bins and build larger ones. All my grain and goods will go there. Then I’ll say to myself: You have blessings in reserve for many years to come. Relax! Eat, drink and be merry!’

“But God said to the farmer, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be required of you. To whom will all your accumulated wealth go?’

“This is the way it works with people who accumulate riches for themselves, but are not rich in God.”

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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.**

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 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.

**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.**

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.

God of love, we pray for your church: For all who seek you in the community of the faithful. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world. God of love,
Hear our prayers for the church.

God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world: For peace and unity across barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, that they would serve the common good. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against hatred, and unite the human family in bonds of love. God of freedom,
Hear our prayers for the world.

God of justice, we pray for the earth, your creation which you entrusted to our care. Move us to protect the earth and all its resources, that we may leave the legacy of beauty and abundance that you have given us. God of justice,
Hear our prayers for the earth.

God of peace, we pray for this community: For our local leaders and our neighborhoods and workplaces. Kindle in every heart a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. Help us to be instruments of peace, beginning here at home. God of peace,
Hear our prayers for this community.

God of mercy, we pray for all in any need or trouble: For those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and the whole human family. For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering, the lonely and despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down by prejudice or injustice. Awaken in us compassion and humility, as we seek and serve Christ in all persons. God of mercy,
Hear our prayers for all who are in need.

God of grace, we pray for those who have died: For the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who called us to racial reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; and for all the communion of saints. Inspire us to proclaim your Good News, by word and example, and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light. God of grace,
Hear our prayers for those who have died. Amen.

*This version of
community prayers
was created as part
of the ongoing work
of liturgical revision
in the Episcopal
Church.*

MUSICAL RESPONSE

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, an - swer me. O

Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O

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

“IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST”

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in Christ no South or North;
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com - mu - nion find;
 3 In Christ is nei - ther Jew nor Greek, and nei - ther slave nor free;
 4 Join hands, di - ci - ples of the faith, what e'er your race may be!

But one com - mu - ni - ty of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 God's ser - vice is the gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 Who serves our God as God's own child is sure - ly kin to me.
 And build through - out the whole wide earth one true com - mun - i - ty.

This chant comes from the monastery in Taizé, France.

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Singer and composer Harry T. Burleigh studied at the National Conservatory of Music from 1892 to 1896. He is recognized as the first African-American composer to employ spirituals in concert arrangements. This tune is named after the rector of St. George's Episcopal Church in New York City, where Burleigh served as baritone soloist for more than 50 years.

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.

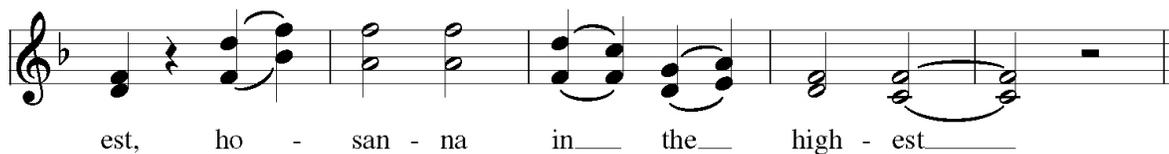
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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 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 -

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

*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:

**God, who cares for us,
The wonder of whose presence fills us with awe.
Let kindness, justice and love shine in our world.
Let your secrets be known here as they are in heaven.
Give us the food and the hope we need for today.
Forgive us our wrongdoing
as we forgive the wrongs done to us.
Protect us from pride and from despair
and from the fear and hate which can swallow us up.
In you is truth, meaning, glory and power,
while worlds come and go.
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 was written by Monica Furlong (1930-2003), a British author, journalist, and activist.

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).

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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

“SING OF THE LORD’S GOODNESS”



1. Sing of the Lord's good-ness, Au-thor of all wis-dom, come to the Lord, bless God's name.
2. Pow-er you have wield-ed, hon-or is your gar-ment, ris-en from the snares of death.
3. Cour-age in our dark-ness, com-fort in our sor-row, Spir-it of our God most high;—
4. Praise God with your sing-ing, praise God with the Trum-pet, praise God with the Lute and Harp;



Mer-cy you have shown us, your love is for-ev-er, faith-ful to the end of days.—
Your word you have spok-en, one bread you have bro-ken, new life you now give to all.—
sol-ace for the wear-y, par-don for the sin-ner, splen-dor of the liv-ing God.—
praise God with the cym-bals, praise God with your danc-ing, praise God till the end of days.—



Come, then, all you na-tions, sing of your Lord's good-ness, mel-o-dies of praise and thanks to God



Ring out the Lord's glo-ry, praise God with your mu-sic, wor-ship the Lord bless God's name.—

DISMISSAL

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Sunday Brunch - next week following the 10:30 service, we'll meet at Taqueria Ranchos Dos, 445 Delaware Ave, walking distance from Trinity.

Friend-raising & Fundraising Team Meeting

Our next Zoom meeting will be on **Tuesday, August 2, @7pm**. We'll plan events this coming Fall to raise funds AND bring our Trinity community together. If you're ready to get more involved at church and make new friends, please consider joining us. For the Zoom meeting link, or if you simply have questions, please contact Erickson Contreras at ehc@buffalo.edu.

Another Way to Help Journey's End

Do you have a bicycle collecting dust in your garage or basement? We can give it new life! Wheels for Workers 716 is a new non-profit, supporting Buffalo's large number of re-settling families. They collect unused bikes and bike parts, provide necessary repairs and servicing to make them functional, and coordinate their distribution to needy families primarily through a partnership with Journey's End. If you would like to donate a bicycle, call or email John Alduino at (937) 239-5181, john.alduino@gmail.com, and he will arrange pick up. Thank You!

Trinity @7 this Summer has a bi-monthly schedule for the summer. We meet in person and on Zoom on the first and third Sunday of the month from now through September. Next meeting is August 7.

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 welcoming people to the courtyard and helping direct them, 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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* The choir takes a break during the summer.
They will return after Labor Day.

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Greeters: Mark DelleBovi, David Devereux
Readers: Mark DelleBovi, Emily Carlin, Julie Gibert
Guest musicians: George Caldwell, piano; Harry Fackelman, saxophone
Counters: Kayla Kisenwether, 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 Featuring poetry and jazz, in person in the Chapel and on Zoom on 1st and 3rd Sundays from now through Sept. We meet next on August 7.

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](#).