



## Wednesday@Noon

*WEDNESDAY@Noon is an offering of online communion. We offer words and gestures to thank God for the life, death and resurrection of Christ through the sharing of bread and wine, asking God to nourish us with Christ's body and blood. Because we are separated from each other physically and are unable to give each other the bread and wine, we are unable to follow the forms exactly as tradition has handed them down to us. Thus we will do what we can, asking God for the grace to discern Christ's real presence.*

Blessed be God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Gracious God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

Open our lips, O God,  
**And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**  
Be joyful, and serve God with gladness,  
**and come before God's presence with a song.**  
Let us enter this sacred moment with thanksgiving,  
**and come into God's presence with praise.**  
God is good; God's mercy is everlasting;  
**and God's faithfulness endures from age to age.**

O God of compassion, whose heart goes out to the hungry and destitute; who takes our lack and transforms it into much: give us the bread that satisfies, the food without price, that our lives may be freed to share your overflowing love; through Jesus Christ, the breaker of bread. **Amen.**

## Three Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 1:10-18

Hear the word of God, you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the command of God, you people of Gomorrah:

“These interminable sacrifices of yours: what are they to me?” says God.

“I am fed up with burnt offerings of rams and the fat of calves!

The blood of bulls, lambs, and goats nauseates me.

When you came to present yourselves before me,

who asked you to trample over my courts?

Don’t bring any more of your useless offerings to me—  
their incense fills me with loathing.

New moons, Sabbaths, assemblies—

I cannot endure another festival of injustice!

Your new moons and your pilgrimages

I despise with all my soul. They are wearisome to me;

I am tired of bearing them.

When you open up your hands in prayer,

I turn my eyes away from you.

You may heap prayer upon prayer, but I won’t hear them—  
your hands are covered with blood!

Wash! Clean yourselves!

Get your injustice out of my sight!

Cease to do evil and learn to do good!

Search for justice and help the oppressed!

Protect those who are orphaned and plead the case of those who are widowed!

“Come now! Let’s look at the choices before you,” says God.  
“Though your sins are like scarlet, they can be white as snow.  
Though they are red as crimson, they can be like fleece.

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

Middle Reading: “Invitation” by Mary Oliver

Oh do you have time  
to linger  
for just a little while  
out of your busy  
and very important day  
for the goldfinches  
that have gathered  
in a field of thistles  
for a musical battle,  
to see who can sing  
the highest note,  
or the lowest,  
or the most expressive of mirth,  
or the most tender?  
Their strong, blunt beaks  
drink the air  
as they strive  
melodiously  
not for your sake  
and not for mine  
and not for the sake of winning  
but for sheer delight and gratitude—  
believe us, they say,  
it is a serious thing  
just to be alive  
on this fresh morning  
in the broken world.

*(Continued, over)*

I beg of you,  
do not walk by  
without pausing  
to attend to this  
rather ridiculous performance.  
It could mean something.  
It could mean everything.  
It could be what Rilke meant, when he wrote:  
You must change your life.

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Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Entering Jericho, Jesus passed through the city. There was a wealthy person there named Zacchaeus, the chief tax collector. Zacchaeus was trying to see who Jesus was, but he couldn't do so because of the crowd, since he was short. In order to see Jesus, Zacchaeus ran on ahead, then climbed a sycamore tree that was along the route. When Jesus came to the spot, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, hurry up and come on down. I'm going to stay at your house today." Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and welcomed Jesus with delight. When everyone saw this, they began to grumble, "Jesus has gone to a sinner's house as a guest." Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to Jesus, "Here and now I give half my belongings to poor people. If I've defrauded anyone in the least, I'll pay them back fourfold." Jesus said to the tax collector, "Today salvation has come to this house, for this is what it means to be a descendant of Sarah and Abraham. The Promised One has come to search out and save what was lost."

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# The Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; including members of all religions; the people and leadership of The Episcopal Church; and the community of Trinity. Let us pray for all who seek the beauty of holiness.

*Please feel free to voice the names of those in your prayers*

I ask your prayers for those who are sick, who struggle in poverty or under oppression, and for those who care for them. Let us pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Please feel free to voice the names of those in your prayers*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Let us pray for equity, mutual regard, and peace.

*Please feel free to voice the names of those in your prayers*

I ask your prayers for all who seek to practice their spirituality, that they may find God and follow the path of Life. Let us pray for us all.

*Please feel free to voice the names of those in your prayers*

I ask your prayers for those who have died, and for those who grieve the absent. Let us pray for the grieving and the dead.

*Please feel free to voice the names of those in your prayers*

I ask your prayers of gratitude and joy.

*Please feel free to voice the names of those in your prayers*

And now, let us give thanks to God for the abundance of our lives.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## The Peace

The peace of God be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## Offertory

*All members of the online gathering now make any final preparations of their bread and wine, and show their plate and cup to the group.*

## Blessing and Sharing Bread and Wine

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up 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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might;**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*At the following words, everyone lifts their plate and cup 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.**

\*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.

Although Trinity often uses different interpretations of the Lord’s Prayer when we worship, on Wednesdays we use the traditional version to express our trust that we are one with God and all people around the world and throughout history.

*All are invited to break their bread.*

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?**

*During a moment of quiet, all receive their bread and wine.*

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.**

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things, and the blessing of God, the Holy and undivided Trinity, be with you always. **Amen.**

*This blessing is based on Philippians 4:8*

## Holy Conversation

*The collect at the top of page 2 and the prayer over the bread and wine are adapted from the writing of Steven Shakespeare in his book, Prayers for an Inclusive Church.*

*The cover image is a photo of the floor near the high altar at Trinity, a mosaic created by John LaFarge's studio.*