



**A Service of Holy Communion**

April 24, 2022

Second Sunday of Easter

# 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!"**

The nursery is now open and available. If your baby or toddler would be happier being able to crawl around and play in the care of our fully vaccinated nursery attendant, you can find the nursery by going through the door near the baptismal font in the front right corner of the church.

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

"I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVETH" BY G.F. HANDEL  
SOPRANO SOLOIST: LAURA MUNSON

*I know that my Redeemer liveth,  
And that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.  
And though worms destroy this body,  
Yet in my flesh shall I see God.  
For now is Christ risen from the dead,  
The first fruits of them that sleep.*

## CENTERING PRAYER

We wake to the forgiveness of a new day.  
We wake to the freedom to begin again.  
We wake to the mercy of the sun's redeeming light.  
Always new,  
always gift,  
always blessing.  
We wake to the forgiveness of this new day.  
**Amen.**

*Cover image:  
"Light of the World"  
(1851-1853) by  
William Holman  
Hunt (1827-1910)  
Our Gibson window  
on the south wall  
is based on this  
painting.*

*This centering prayer  
is by John Philip  
Newell from Praying  
With The Earth.*

## OPENING HYMN

“AWAKE, ARISE, LIFT UP YOUR VOICE”

1 A - wake, a - rise, lift up your voice, let  
 2 Oh, with what glad - ness and sur - prise the  
 3 those hands of lib - eral love in - deed in  
 4 His en - e - mies had sealed the stone as  
 5 O Dead a - rise! O Friend - less stand by

1 Eas - ter mu - sic swell; re - jice in Christ, a -  
 2 saints their Sa - vior greet; nor will they trust their  
 3 in - fi - nite de - gree, those feet still free to  
 4 Pi - late gave them leave, lest dead and friend - less  
 5 ser - a - phim a - dored! O Sol - i - tude a -

1 gain re - jice and on his prais - es dwell.  
 2 ears and eyes but by his hands and feet,  
 3 move and bleed for mil - lions and for me.  
 4 and a - lone he should their skill de - ceive.  
 5 gain com - mand your host from heaven re - stored!

Words: Christopher Smart (1772-1771), alt. Music: *Richmond*, melody Thomas Haweis (1734-1820); adapt. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

## FIRST READING

REVELATION 1:4-8

**F**rom John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you, from the One who is, who was, and who is to come, from the seven spirits before the throne and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the Firstborn from the dead, sovereign of the rulers of the earth. To Christ—who loves us, and who has freed us from our sins by the shedding of blood, and who has made us to be a kingdom of priests to serve our God and Creator—to Jesus Christ be glory and power forever and ever! Amen.

Look! Christ is coming on the clouds  
 for every eye to see,  
 even those who pierced Jesus,

*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.*

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and all the peoples of the earth  
will mourn over Christ.  
So be it! Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says our God, “who is, who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**ECHO**

“My Sweet Lord”

My sweet Lord, ooh, my Lord, ooh, my Lord.  
I real-ly want to see you. Real-ly want to be with you. Real-ly want to see you Lord but it takes  
so long my Lord. My sweet Lord, ooh, my Lord, ooh, my Lord.

*"My Sweet Lord" was written by George Harrison and released in November 1970.*

**MIDDLE READING**

“PRIMARY WONDER” BY DENISE LEVERTOV

*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.*

Days pass when I forget the mystery.  
Problems insoluble and problems offering  
their own ignored solutions  
jostle for my attention, they crowd its antechamber  
along with a host of diversions, my courtiers, wearing  
their colored clothes; cap and bells.  
And then  
once more the quiet mystery  
is present to me, the throng's clamor  
recedes: the mystery  
that there is anything, anything at all,  
let alone cosmos, joy, memory, everything,  
rather than void: and that, O Lord,  
Creator, Hallowed One, You still,  
hour by hour sustain it.

*Denise Levertov (1923 – 1997) was English born and emigrated to the US in 1947. Here she published more than 20 volumes of poetry. In the 1960s, Levertov was active in the anti-war movement in the United States. Additionally, she worked as a poetry editor for The Nation in the '60s and for Mother Jones in the '70s.*

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**Thanks be to God.**

**ECHO**

“My Sweet Lord”

*see above*

## GOSPEL READING

JOHN 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were locked in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Temple authorities. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Having said this, the savior showed them the marks of crucifixion. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw Jesus, who said to them again, "Peace be with you. As Abba God sent me, so I'm sending you." After saying this, Jesus breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you retain anyone's sins, they are retained."

It happened that one of the Twelve, Thomas—nicknamed Didymus, or "Twin"—was absent when Jesus came. The other disciples kept telling him, "We've seen Jesus!" Thomas' answer was, "I'll never believe it without putting my finger in the nail marks and my hand into the spear wound."

On the eighth day, the disciples were once more in the room, and this time Thomas was with them. Despite the locked doors, Jesus came and stood before them, saying, "Peace be with you." Then, to Thomas, Jesus said, "Take your finger and examine my hands. Put your hand into my side. Don't persist in your unbelief, but believe!" Thomas said in response, "My Savior and my God!" Jesus then said, "You've become a believer because you saw me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus performed many other signs as well—signs not recorded here—in the presence of the disciples. But these have been recorded to help you believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Only Begotten, so that by believing you may have life in Jesus' name.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## ECHO

"Hallelujah Changes"



Hal-le - lu jah, Hal-le lu jah, Hal - le lu jah, Hal - le - lu jah!

## SERMON

THE REV. MATT LINCOLN

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

*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 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.*

## 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

Let us pray.

Beloved, from the origin of our species, you fitted us with a grand vision for abundant life and community that most often exceeds our grasp: We bring before you today our desire for peace, our confession of neglect, and our promise to uphold the dignity of every human being. And we affirm our trust: **neither things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, can separate us from the love of God.**

Gracious God, your intimate presence and the depth of your love have the power to heal us: We bring before you today our grief and sorrow, our illness and wounds, our addictions and compulsions, and a host of needs we dread to mention. And we affirm our trust: **neither death, nor life, nor rulers, nor powers, nor anything else in all creation, will separate us from your love, O God.**

Beloved, we know that you have a dream for us, and that when we are living into it, the abundance of your grace is palpable: Grant us open hearts and open minds to know that what was old is being made new, what was locked away is being released, and what was cast down is being raised up. And we affirm our trust: **neither things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, can separate us from the love of 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 ANTHEM

O let my praise roll upward  
O let my feet stand firm,  
For I can't keep from shouting  
God's praises through all the earth.

O yes, I was so down, so weighted down by sorrow,  
My heart was hard and heavy, I couldn't see the light;  
I walked right through the flame,  
The sea waves crashed around me,  
My heart was hard and heavy, I couldn't see the light.

Then I got down on my knees  
And I bowed my head in prayer

### "NOW I CAN SEE THE LIGHT" BY HENRY MOLLICONE

And I asked God for mercy for I couldn't see the light;  
And God showered me with love,  
And God showered me with mercy,  
And God listened to my pleading,  
And brought me to the light!

Praise God for I can breathe again!  
Praise God for I can see again!  
Praise God for I can hear again!  
Now I can see the light!

Let us sing Hosanna in excelsis!  
Now I can see the light! Amen, sing amen!

### 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 Lord, God of power and  
might, \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, \_\_\_\_\_ hea - ven and earth are

*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:*



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

*Sanctus from Deutsche Messe by Franz Peter Schubert.*

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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.

*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.**

*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.*

*\*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.*

**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.**

*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.*

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

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HYMN

“WE WALK BY FAITH”

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no  
 2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor  
 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and  
 4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as  
 fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise  
 may our faith a - bound, to call on you when  
 realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.  
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
 you are near, and seek where you are found:  
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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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, rejoicing in the power of the resurrection! Alleluia, alleluia!

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

**POSTLUDE**

“I’VE GOT THE WORLD ON A STRING” BY HAROLD ARLEN AND TED KOHLER

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ADDITIONAL EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Arlene Grasso In memory of Alice Aroneseno & Catherine Grasso  
Ginx Graves In memory of Gerrie Graves  
Laura Mangan In memory of Evelyn Guney Miller, Derek & Mary Ann Cutting Mangan,  
Richard & Elaine Cutting  
Carol Siracuse In memory of Elizabeth C. Case

**FIRST SUNDAY BRUNCH** Join Trinity friends on **Sunday, May 1** following the 10:30 service 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!

**SPECIAL GUEST ON MAY 8** Kathy Spillman from Journey's End Refugee Services will join us at the 10:30 service on May 8 to talk about the local efforts to resettle evacuees from Afghanistan.

Journey's End Refugee Services, Inc. is a Christian community-based organization with the mission of welcoming refugees to provide them with the resources and support they need to become successful, active and contributing members of the Western New York Community.

If you recall, last summer, the Taliban took over Afghanistan, and the United States Armed Forces withdrew from the country after 20 years. That concurrence of events compelled the US to evacuate tens of thousands of Afghans to the States.

Buffalo has become home to approximately 500 Afghan evacuees. They left their homeland with only what they could carry so resettlement means setting up house completely anew.

Kathy will explain the progress of resettlement to date, and let us know why and how we should help. Thank you for making her feel welcome.

**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.

**Eyewitness Bible: The Book of James** On **Wednesday evenings @7pm** starting May 4, Tim Lane and Jeffrey Tooke are facilitating *The Book of James* from the *Eyewitness Bible* series. We will explore the Book of James and look at the major themes found there by watching and discussing video monologues of eyewitness characters from the book.

On **Wednesday, May 4 @7pm**, we will explore faith and faithfulness as explained by James to understand that this theme is so crucial to James' thought process and through our study, gain a better understanding of the Book of James and the audience to whom it was written.

Join Tim and Jeff on Wednesdays @7pm using the Zoom link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81668634672?pwd=eTVjZXFoNzVYdHZvSHZONGlNUUowZz09>

Meeting ID: 816-6863-4672 Passcode: trintalk

If you have any questions, email Jeffrey Tooke at [jeffreytooke@outlook.com](mailto:jeffreytooke@outlook.com).

**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.

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:* Joanne Sundell, David Devereux  
*Readers:* Jeffrey Tooke, Tom Owen, Julie Gibert  
*Guest musician:* Matt Harris, saxophone  
*Counters:* Kayla Kisenwether, Joanne Sundell

### 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](#).