



A Service of Holy Communion

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If you would like to receive more information about Trinity Church, please sign our guest book, located near the entrance. Everyone is welcome to enjoy refreshments and conversation after worship. Trinity Church is an Episcopal Church in the Diocesan Partnership of Western New York and Northwest Pennsylvania, and is a part of the Anglican Communion, which is based in England, but found worldwide.

*Cover image: "There will be weather."
Matt Lincoln, 2019*

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

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

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. If you are at Trinity in person, know that this congregation supports anyone who wears a mask to reduce risk of infection. Please feel free to receive communion and participate in the service as fully as you want. **If you are watching the Facebook Live Stream, you may add comments, likes, etc. to the comment section at any time! If you are on-site, you can use your mobile device to join the Facebook Live Stream to connect with other worshippers in the comment section. Just make sure your volume is all the way down! WiFi internet access is publicly available. Use the "Trinity Open" network with the password "Welcome!"**

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. This communal worship service is many things, including an offering of your prayers. You may light a candle on one of the candle walls at any time during worship as a tangible way to make that prayer offering, or if you are online, request a candle lighting in the comments, and someone on-site will light a candle on your behalf. If you are not on-site, rest assured that your presence online is felt and valued.

Children, with all their sounds and movements, are a welcome part of the gathering for worship. It is perfectly appropriate to keep your kids with you in the pew. If your baby or toddler would be happier being able to crawl around and play in the care of our fully vaccinated nursery attendant, the nursery is also available. You can find the nursery by going through the door near the baptismal font in the front right corner of the church. **Additionally, there is now a Kids' Corner in the back-right corner of the pews. It is an enclosed and safe space for small children (attended by their parents) to play quietly on the floor while staying in church. Please note that there is a changing table located in the nursery. Additionally, there is a room in the back left corner of the church that has a rocking chair where you can attend to your child.**

Name tags are not required, but they sure help! You'll find sticky tags and markers on a table in the red carpet area near the entrance.

PRELUDE

"PASTORALE" BY DAVID SCHACK

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.

OPENING HYMN

“Come, ye thankful people, come”

*In spirit or in body,
the congregation
stands to sing
hymns.*

1 Come, Ye thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;
2 All the bless-ings of the field, all the stores the gar-dens yield,
3 These to you, our God, we owe, source from whom all bless-ings flow;

all is safe-ly gath-ered in as the win-ter storms be-gin;
all the fruits in full sup-ply, rip-ened 'neath the sum-mer sky,
and for these our songs we raise, grate-ful vows and sol-lemn praise.

God our Mak-er does pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied;
All that spring with boun-teous hand scat-ters o'er the smil-ing land,
Come, then, thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;

come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.
all that lib-eral au-tumn pours from its rich o'er-flow-ing stores,
come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.

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.

This hymn represents the joining of two Thanksgiving hymns by nineteenth-century poet Henry Alford and eighteenth-century poet Anna Laetitia Aiken Barbauld. The creator of this combined form, which appeared early in the twentieth century, is not known.

Tune: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR 7.7.7.7.D.
George J. Elvey, 1858
Descant: H. A. Chambers, 1931

FIRST READING

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

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

Rejoice in the Savior always! I say it again: Rejoice! Let everyone see your forbearing spirit. Our Savior is near. Dismiss all anxiety from your minds; instead, present your needs to God through prayer and petition, giving thanks for all circumstances. Then God's own peace, which is beyond all understanding, will stand guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, my sisters and brothers, your thoughts should be wholly directed to all that is true, all that deserves respect, all that is honest, pure, decent, admirable, virtuous or worthy of praise. Live according to what you have learned and accepted, what you have heard me say and seen me do. Then will the God of peace be with you.

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

Thanks be to God.

ECHO

"Jesus, remember me"

Je-sus, remember me when you come in to your kingdom.

Je-sus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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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.

MIDDLE READING

"THINGS TO KNOW WHEN WAKING" BY ROSEMERRY WAHTOLA TROMMER

There will be weather.
 There will be some measure of light.
 The earth will not pause, will not stop
 in its spinning. The morning
 will stretch into night.
 And whatever I feel,
 I won't feel it forever.
 And whatever I love
 will someday be lost—
 no matter how well I love it,
 no matter my hopes,
 no matter how tightly I grasp.
 But the love itself, love
 can continue to grow
 in ways that defy
 what I think I know—

if only I tend it, meet it.
 And the mountains around me
 are falling down.
 Somewhere else,
 mountains are being made.
 Our Milky Way Galaxy,
 sure in its course, will collide
 with Andromeda Galaxy someday.
 That someday will not be today.
 Today there will be thousands of chances
 to choose to be generous.
 I am what I give.
 I have a love light to carry.
 Gravity wins.
 Today is the day to live.

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

Thanks be to God.

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

ECHO

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“Jesus, remember me”

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 23:33-43

When they had reached the place called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there, together with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, “Abba forgive them. They don’t know what they are doing.” Then they divided his garments, rolling dice for them.

The people stood there watching. The rulers, however, jeered him and said, “He saved others, let him save himself—if he really is the Messiah of God, the Chosen One!” The soldiers also mocked him. They served Jesus sour wine and said, “If you are really the King of the Jews, save yourself.” There was an inscription above Jesus that read, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who hung there beside him insulted Jesus, too, saying, “Are you really the Messiah? Then save yourself—and us!”

But the other answered the first with a rebuke: “Don’t you even fear God? We are only paying the price for what we have done, but this one has done nothing wrong!”

Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your glory.”

Jesus replied, “The truth is, today you will be with me in paradise!”

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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.**

It is customary (but not required) to stand for the Gospel reading because it symbolizes the mystical presence of Christ.

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.

In spirit or in body, please stand.

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.

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**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

Today's invitation to pray for each other, the church, and the world is based on a litany of gratitude by Nadia Bolz-Weber.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer prayers of gratitude. Because nothing that we can be grateful for can be perfect, prayers of gratitude are also prayers of praise for what is, and at the same time, prayers of hope and longing for what might be, for healing, for justice, for renewal and rebirth.

Give Us This Day Our Daily Gratitude

That I have been given one more day, **I give thanks.**

That the birds still sing each morning, impossibly early outside my window, **I give thanks.**

For the sun rising once again in the East, **I give thanks.**

That for this day I have bread, **I give thanks.**

For drinkable water, for breathable air, and Dairy Queen dipped cones **I give thanks.**

For one more day of mobility **I give thanks.**

For novelists who create worlds and characters and stories for our minds and not for our TVs, **I give thanks.**

For the puppy I got at the beginning of quarantine who is currently destroying my life, **I give thanks.**

For cell phone reception, and I-guess-its-better-than-nothing ZOOM calls and reliable Internet service, **I give thanks.**

That I am loved, **I give thanks.**

That I am forgiven, **I give thanks.**

That I am alive, **I give thanks.**

That you, O God are known by many names, **I give thanks.**

That you, O God are present when I feel only your absence **I give thanks.**

That you are God and I am not, **I give the most thanks. Forgive me when I forget that one.**

—Now, with our imaginations stimulated and our hearts opened, we pause to add our own expressions of daily gratitude.

—To these prayers, we add our prayers of concern and worry, where we struggle to find reasons to be grateful.

And for every other gift I am too self-obsessed to see, but that totally comes from you:

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Amen.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

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 "THE PROMISED LAND" TEXT BY SAMUEL STENNETT, MUSIC BY STEPHEN CARACCILO

*On Jordan's stormy bank I stand and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions
lie.*

*I am bound for the promised land,
I'm bound for the promised land;
Oh, who will come and go with me?
I am bound for the promised land.*

*Oh, the transporting rapturous scene that rises to my
sight!
Sweet fields arrayed in living green and rivers of
delight!*

*There generous fruits that never fail on trees immortal
grow;
There rocks and hills and brooks and vales with milk
and honey flow.*

*When shall I reach that happy place and be forever
blest?
When shall I see my Father's face and in his bosom
rest?*

*Soon will the Lord my soul prepare for joys beyond
the skies,
Where never-ceasing pleasures roll and praises never
die.*

SHARING THE OPEN TABLE

All are welcome to receive Communion at Trinity Church. No Exceptions!

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:

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:



*In spirit or in body,
please stand.*

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My
San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi

heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.
cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.

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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.**

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.

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

For those of you online, you may partake in communion using your own bread and wine or any substitutes that are meaningful to you.

For those in the building, you have several options: 1) stay in your place and receive communion from a communion kit that you picked up in the entrance to the church, or 2) bring a communion kit with you to the gathering near the altar and receive it in the company of others, or 3) come up to the altar and receive a piece of pita or a gluten-free rice cracker, or 4) come up, receive a piece of pita and ask the celebrant to dip it in the chalice so you can receive the wine as well.

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.

**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).

HYMN

“SOON AND VERY SOON”

*In spirit or in body,
the congregation
stands to sing
hymns.*

1. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King, —
 2. No more cry - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —
 3. No more dy - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —
 4. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King; —

1. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King, —
 2. No more cry - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —
 3. No more dy - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —
 4. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King, —

1. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King,
 2. No more cry - in' there — we are goin' to see the King,
 3. No more dy - in' there — we are goin' to see the King,
 4. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King,

— Hal-le - lu - jah, Hal-le - lu - jah, — we're goin' to see the King!

1. 2. 3. 4.
 — Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu -



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Music: Andrae Crouch
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love the world as God first loved us. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“SILVER’S SERENADE” BY HORACE SILVER

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



See We are Doing A New Thing

These past two years, we have seen tremendous changes--in where and how we work and play, and in our relationships. And although change is difficult, it isn't always bad.

The Pandemic has shown us how much we need community. And Trinity is in the process of building a campus-based community that can share ideas and bring people together in our beautiful space in the vibrant city of Buffalo. In fact, we are envisioning speakers' series, concerts, and social opportunities involving our tenants, the congregants, and the wider community.

We're opening our doors again, and have now begun to make our sanctuary a destination for architectural and stained-glass enthusiasts.

Together, we have an opportunity to make this transformation reflect our values and our faith in God's plan to make us an instrument of peace. So at this time, please consider your investment in this opportunity to make a lasting, positive mark on Trinity's mission—a mission that is and will be a value to us and those that come after us.

Sincerely,

Joanne Sundell

Joanne Sundell, Annual Campaign Committee



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Greeter: Erickson Contreras
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Guest musician: Harry Fackelman, Saxophone
Baker: Kelly Cardamone
Counter: Erickson Contreras

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](#).