

## **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: "Sinuous Tenacity" by Matt Lincoln, 2020*

*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**

**"MAIDEN VOYAGE" BY HERBIE HANCOCK**

### **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

“Heaven shall not wait”



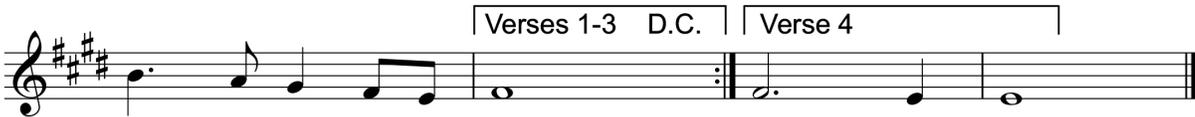
1. Heaven shall not wait for the poor to lose their pa-tience, the scorned to  
 2. Heaven shall not wait for the rich to share their for-tunes, the proud to  
 3. Heaven shall not wait for the dawn of great i - de - as, thoughts of com-  
 4. Heaven shall not wait for tri - um - phant Hal-le - lu - jahs, when earth has



smile, the des-pised to find a friend: Je-sus is Lord; he has  
 fall, the e - lite to tend the least: Je-sus is Lord; he has  
 pas - sion di-vorced from cries of pain: Je-sus is Lord; he has  
 passed and we reach an - oth - er shore; Je-sus is Lord; in our



cham-pioned the un - want - ed; in him in - just - ice con-  
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 pre - sent im - per - fec - tion; his power and love are for



fronts its time - ly end. ev - er more.  
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 make his pur - pose plain.  
 now; and then for

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

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FIRST READING

ISAIAH 65:17-25

“I am about to create new heavens and a new earth! The things of the past will not be remembered or come to mind! Be glad and rejoice forever and ever in what I create, because I now create Jerusalem to be a joy and its people to be a delight! I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress. No longer will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or old people who do not live out their days. They die as mere youths who reach but a hundred years, and those who fall short of a hundred will be thought accursed. At last they will live in the houses they build, and eat the fruit of the vineyard they plant. They will not build for another to inhabit; they will not plant for another to eat. For the days of my people will be like the days of a tree, and my chosen ones will enjoy the fruit of their labors. They will not labor in vain or bear children doomed to die; for they and their descendants are a people blessed by God. Even before they call upon me, I will answer; and while they speak, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb will feed side by side; the lion will eat straw like an ox. Serpents will be content to crawl on the ground; they will not injure or destroy in all my holy mountain,” says the Lord.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

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

*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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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.

Award-winning poet, essayist, and translator Jane Hirshfield (b. 1953) is the author of several collections of verse. Inspired by both Eastern and Western traditions, Hirshfield's work encompasses a huge range of influences.

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.

## 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. \_\_\_\_\_

## MIDDLE READING

“OPTIMISM” BY JANE HIRSHFIELD

More and more I have come to admire resilience. Not the simple resistance of a pillow, whose foam returns over and over to the same shape, but the sinuous tenacity of a tree: finding the light newly blocked on one side, it turns in another. A blind intelligence, true. But out of such persistence arose turtles, rivers, mitochondria, figs—all this resinous, unretractable earth.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## ECHO

(see above)

“Take, O take me as I am”

## GOSPEL READING

LUKE 21:5-19

Some disciples were speaking of how the Temple was adorned with precious stones and votive offerings. Jesus said, “You see all these things? The day will come when one stone won't be left on top of another—everything will be torn down.”

They asked, “When will this happen, Rabbi? And what will be the sign that it's about to happen?”

Jesus said, “Take care not to be misled. Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the One’ and ‘The time is at hand.’ Don't follow them. And don't be perturbed when you hear of wars and insurrections. These things must happen first, but the end doesn't follow immediately.”

Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and empire against empire. There will be great earthquakes, plagues and famines in various places—and in the sky there will be frightening omens and great signs. But before any of this, they'll arrest you and persecute you, bringing you before synagogues and sending you to prison, bringing you to trial before rulers and governors. And it will all be because of my name—this will be your opportunity to give your testimony. So make up your minds not to worry about your defense beforehand, for I'll give you the words, and a wisdom that none of your adversaries can take exception to or contradict. You'll be betrayed even by your parents, brothers, sisters, relatives and friends, and some of you will be put to death. Everyone will hate you because of me, yet not a hair of your head will be harmed. By patient endurance, you'll save your lives.

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**Thanks be to God.**

**ECHO**

(see previous page)

“Take, O take me as I am”

**SERMON**

THE REV WILL WEBB

**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.**

**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 the the writing of Marian Wright Edelman.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*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.*

Blessed are the poor in spirit – **who do not measure themselves by money or worldly power but who ask God for what they need and are not mired in pride** – walk by our side as we seek the kingdom of God.

**Amen.**

Blessed are those who mourn – **who are concerned about the needs of children and the poor and others in need who cannot speak for themselves** – move us to be your comforters.

**Amen.**

Blessed are the meek – **who do not seek only their own good but their neighbors' too** – move us to be seekers who share in the gift of God's earth.

**Amen.**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness – **who do not work for the praise of others or earthly gain or fame and share gladly their talents, energy, and money** – together may we be fulfilled.

**Amen.**

Blessed are the merciful – **who know they are sinners and are dependent on God's and others' forgiveness every minute of every day** — guide us as we seek your mercy.

**Amen.**

Blessed are the pure in heart – **who are not hypocrites but who struggle to live what they preach** – walk with us as we struggle to see the face of God.

**Amen.**

Blessed are the peacemakers – **who do not prepare for war while talking about peace, who do no kill others in order to stop killing, who do not love only those who love them but reach out to make their enemies friends** – may we more clearly see ourselves and ALL others as children of God.

**Amen.**

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake – **who do not run or waver in the face of criticism, threats, or death** — may we have the courage to speak truth to power.

**Amen.**

Blessed are those who speak kindly and not meanly of others – **who do not tear down others but build them up for the kingdom's work and the well being of ALL** – may we be strengthened by God's Love.

**Amen.**

Blessed are the just – **who do not adhere to the letter of the law and regulations for some but ignore them for others** – let us walk together in our struggle so that we may hear God's voice say “well done, good and faithful servant.”

**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

*Done with hatred and done with war;  
Come lift the lonely, come lift up the poor.*

*Soon we will be done with the troubles of the world  
When heaven comes to earth.  
No more weeping and wailing when heaven comes to earth.*

*Done!  
With the racism and sexism and all the isms  
And prisons that bind us, that blind us  
From the hurt of another.*

*I want to be done!  
With addiction, with any affliction that takes a hold  
And won't let go and speaks in lies and fiction.*

*I want to be done!  
With things that divide us instead of unite us,*

### “SOON WE WILL BE DONE” BY KYLE PEDERSON

*Like the walls that we build, the hate instilled  
We fill with judgment inside us.*

*I want to be done!  
Done with the violence, and silence when facing injustice,  
But I wonder if you'd trust us if love was our compass.*

*Soon!  
When we come together, when  
We!  
Stand up for each other, we  
Will!  
Offer these hands and feet and  
Be!  
Love and compassion and grace; come heaven to earth,  
Oh, Thy will be  
Done!*

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## 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:

*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.

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

"COMMUNITY OF CHRIST"

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

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1 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, who make the Cross your own,  
2 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, look past the church's door  
3 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, through whom the word must sound—  
4 When men-ace melts a - way, so shall God's will be done,

live out your creed and risk your life for God a - lone:  
and see the ref - u - gee, the hun - gry, and the poor.  
cry out for jus - tice and for peace the whole world 'round:  
the cli - mate of the world be peace and Christ its Sun;

The God who wears your face, to whom all worlds be - long,  
Take hands with the op - pressed, the job - less in your street,  
Dis - arm the powers that war and all that can de - stroy,  
Our cur - ren - cy be love and kind - li - ness our law,

whose chil - dren are of ev - ery race and ev - ery song.  
take towel and wa - ter, that you wash your neigh - bor's feet.  
turn bombs to bread, and tears of an - guish in - to joy.  
our food and faith be shared as one for ev - er - more.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love the world as God first loved us. 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.*



## 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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**Officiant:** *The Rev. Will Webb*  
**Greeter:** *Jane Kearns*  
**Readers:** *Jane Kearns, Susan Doherty, Dan Galley*  
**Guest musician:** *Matt Harris, Saxophone*  
**Baker:** *Susan Doherty*  
**Counter:** *Ed Fries*

### 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](#).

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