



A Service of Holy Communion

February 5, 2023

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

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.

This centering prayer is The Bright Field from Collected Poems 1945-1990, by R.S. Thomas. London: Phoenix Press, 2002.

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. Please note, the nursery includes a changing table. Additionally, there is 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. There is also a room in the back left corner of the church that has a rocking chair and a changing table 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

"SICILIENNE" BY GABRIEL FAURE

CENTERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

I have seen the sun break through to illuminate a small field for a while, and gone my way and forgotten it. But that was the pearl of great price, the one field that had treasure in it. I realize now that I must give all that I have to possess it. Life is not hurrying

on to a receding future, nor hankering after an imagined past. It is the turning aside like Moses to the miracle of the lit bush, to a brightness that seemed as transitory as your youth once, but is the eternity that awaits you.
Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"Here in this place"

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



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ish-ed a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

FIRST READING

“**S**hout for all you are worth,
raise your voice like a trumpet!
Proclaim to the people their faults,
tell the house of Leah and Rachel and Jacob their sins!

They seek me daily,
they long to know my ways,
like a nation that wants to act with integrity
and not ignore the Law of its God.
They ask me for laws that are just,
they long for God to draw near.
Yet they say, ‘Why should we fast
if you never see it?
Why do penance
if you never notice?’

Because when you fast, it’s business as usual,
and you oppress all your workers!

Because when you fast, you quarrel and fight
and strike the poor with your fist!

Fasting like yours today
will never make your voice heard on high!

Is that the sort of fast that pleases me—
a day when people humiliate themselves,
hanging their heads like a reed,
lying down on sackcloth and ashes?

Is that what you call fasting,
a day acceptable to God?

On the contrary!

This is the sort of fast that pleases me:

Remove the chains of injustice!

Undo the ropes of the yoke!

Let those who are oppressed go free,

and break every yoke you encounter!

Share your bread with those who are hungry,

and shelter homeless poor people!

Clothe those who are naked,

and don’t hide from the needs of your own flesh and blood!

Do this, and your light will shine like the dawn—

and your healing will break forth like lightning!

Your integrity will go before you,

and the glory of God will be your rearguard.

Cry, and God will answer;

call, and God will say, ‘I am here’—

provided you remove from your midst

all oppression, finger pointing, and malicious talk!

If you give yourself to the hungry

and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

*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.*

then your light will rise in the darkness,
 and your shadows will become like noon.
 God will always guide you,
 giving relief in desert places.
 God will give strength to your bones
 and you will be like a watered garden,
 like a spring of water
 whose waters never run dry.
 You will rebuild the ancient ruins,
 and build upon age-old foundations.
 You will be called Repairer of Broken Walls,
 and Restorer of Ruined Neighborhoods."

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

Thanks be to God.

ECHO

"Take, O take"



MIDDLE READING

"JOB DESCRIPTION" BY ROSEMERRY WAHTOLA TROMMER

My work is to be the student of the buds
 that have been on the birch all winter—
 tight and red, they know when to clench,
 when to wait, when to swell,
 when to burst, when to green.

My work is to open like the scent of juniper
 when stroked by afternoon sun,
 like the gong when rapidly rapped
 into a shining explosion of resonance.

And when I am wall, my work
 is to add hinges and become door.

And when I am lock, my work
 is to find the lost key.

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 John Bell
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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.

Rosemerry WahtolaTrommer is a published Colorado poet. Since 1999, she's performed with Telluride's seven-woman acappella group, Heartbeat, and since 2006, she's written a poem a day. Trommer's favorite one-word mantra: Adjust. Visit her at www.wordwoman.com

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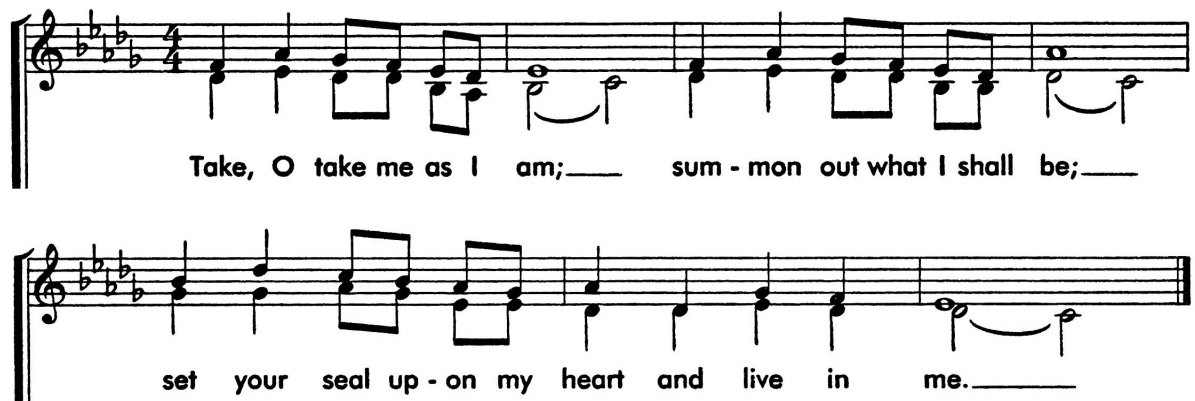
My work is to be baby bird,
to open my beak and take in
whatever the world has to feed me
and then
learn to fly.

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GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW: 5:13-20

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth. But what if salt were to lose its flavor? How could you restore it? It would be fit for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

"You are the light of the world. You don't build a city on a hill, then try to hide it, do you? You don't light a lamp, then put it under a bushel basket, do you? No, you set it on a stand where it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, your light must shine before others so that they may see your good acts and give praise to your loving God in heaven.

"Don't think I've come to abolish the Law and the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them, but to fulfill them. The truth is, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter of the Law, not even the smallest part of a letter, will be done away with until it is all fulfilled. That's why whoever breaks the least significant of these commands and teaches others to do the same will be called the least in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever fulfills and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

"I tell you, unless your sense of justice surpasses that of the religious scholars and the Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven."

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

Thanks be to God.

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see above

"Take, O take"

SERMON

THE REV MATT LINCOLN

MUSICAL REFLECTION

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.

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 the Holy 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 God's work for the 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 prayers of Walter Brueggemann and several others. Words will alternate with music, giving you a chance to listen to the still, small voice only you can hear, and to respond in the comment section if you wish.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Loving God, you have set us in families and clans, in cities and neighborhoods. Our common life began in a garden, but our destiny lies in the city. You have placed us in and around Buffalo. This is our home. Your creativity is on display here through the work of human hearts and hands.

We pray for Buffalo today—for the East Side and the West Side, North Buffalo and South Buffalo. We pray for people from the First Ward and the Fruit Belt. We pray for our poorest neighbors and for powerful people in banks and businesses downtown.

Musical Response

We pray for neighboring communities from across our partnership: from Olcott to Olean, from Angola to Albion, from Erie to Edinboro, from Emporium to New Castle and a thousand other cities connected to our own.

*In spirit or in body,
please stand.*

This creed comes from the Church of South India, with whom we are in 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. Participate at your own level of comfort.

These prayers are an effort to pray with one voice even though we have a diversity of needs and hopes.

Musical Response

In all our neighborhoods this day there will be crime and callous moneymaking; there will be powerful people unable or unwilling to see the vulnerable who are their neighbors. There will also be beautiful acts of compassion and creativity in all these places—forgiveness and generosity; neighbors working together for a more just community.

Help us see this place as something other than a battleground between us and them, where our imaginations are limited by win/lose propositions and endless rivalry. Show us a deeper reality, God: Show us your Beloved Community.

Musical Response

We pray for the protection of all people around the world from the coronavirus and other illnesses. We pray for people who are hungry or homeless, and for all who are in danger of violent attack. We pray also for all who are lonely, all who are overwhelmed by difficult circumstances, or trapped in harmful relationships. We pray for all who grieve, and all who live in fear. We pray for all who are dependent on the compassionate care of others, and for those who work tirelessly to care for the ones who are in need. We pray for our beautiful planet, and for the wisdom and will to stop climate change.

Prosper our city, and help us to trust that you are God, we pray in the name of the one who wept over the Holy City, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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

“LIGHT OF THE WORLD” BY KAREN MARROLI

Light of the world, you loose the bonds of night.
Once we walked in darkness; now bursts forth your light.
Christ, in your glory, come to light the way;
Teach us to follow.

Light of our paths, you walk with us in strife.
Where conflict darkens, bring the light of life.
Christ, in your mercy, come to show us love.
Teach us how to follow.

We must be your hands, lent to heal and bless.
We must be your light, rending wide the darkness.
Christ, in your image, we will greet the world;
This is how we follow.

Light of our days, we feel your dawning call.
Send us forth to serve and bring your light to all.
Christ, you have claimed us; you have made us one.
We will always follow.

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:



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 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:

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

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

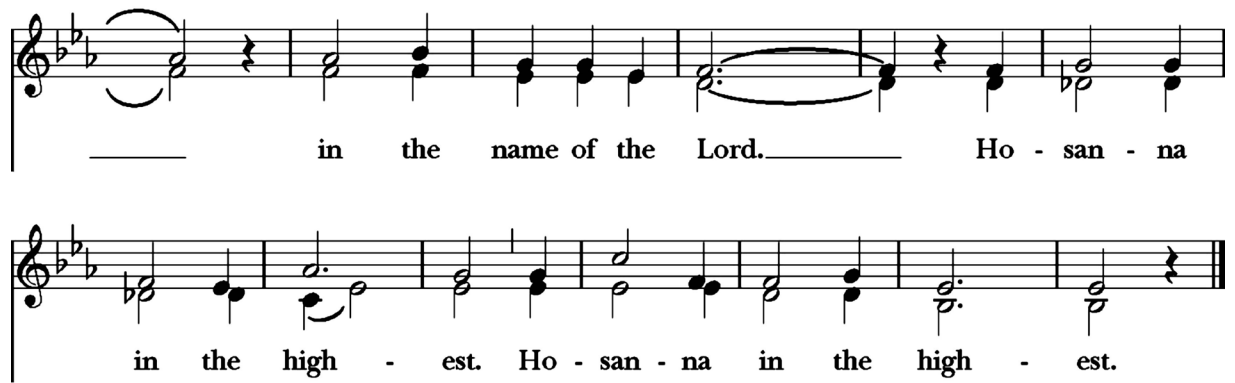
in the high - est. Bless'd is the one who comes

*In spirit or in body,
please stand.*

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

*From
Deutsche Messe
by F. P. Schubert*

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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 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.*

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.**

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.

*This blessing
is based on the
words of Henri
Frederic Amiel
(1821-1881).*

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.**

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

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.

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HYMN

"PRAISE WITH JOY THE WORLD'S CREATOR"

1 Praise with joy the world's Cre - a - tor, God of jus - tice,
 2 Praise to Christ who feeds the hun - gry, frees the cap - tive,
 3 Praise the Spir - it sent a - mong us, lib - er - a - ting
 4 Praise the Mak - er, Christ, and Spir - it, one God in Com -

love, and peace, Source and end of hu - man knowl - edge,
 finds the lost, Heals the sick, up - sets re - li - gion,
 truth from pride, Forg - ing bonds where race or gen - der,
 mu - ni - ty, Call - ing Christ - ians to em - bod - y

grace be - stow - ing with - out cease. Cel - e - brate the
 fear - less both of fate and cost. Cel - e - brate Christ's
 age or na - tion dare di - vide. Cel - e - brate the
 one - ness and di - ver - si - ty. Thus the world shall

Ma - ker's glo - ry, power to res - cue and re - lease.
 con - stant pres - ence— Friend and Strang - er, Guest and Host.
 Spir - it's trea - sure— fool - ish - ness none dare de - ride.
 yet be - lieve when shown Christ's vi - brant un - i - ty.

The Iona Community works and worships in a tenth-century abbey on the remote island of Iona, Scotland. Their output of hymns and songs includes this one written for the anniversary gathering of the World Student Christian Federation in Edinburgh in 1985.

Tune: LAUDA ANIMA (PRAISE MY SOUL)

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John Goss, 1869

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace to follow the way of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“WIZARDS IN WINTER” BY O’NEILL/KINKEL

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vestry 2023 Elections and Annual Meeting TODAY

You have until **noon today** to vote for our new Vestry members. (See page 15 for candidates info.) Everyone who considers themselves to be a member of Trinity is welcome to vote. This year we are electing one warden and four vestry members. Be sure to attend the annual meeting **TODAY @11:30am** to learn what's been going on at Trinity.

Go to: <https://www.kindridgiving.com/App/Form/633f55bc-7f81-4ff1-9265-8c11c9986108> to vote or scan the QR code.



You may notice that there are the same number of candidates as there are vestry openings. It is still important that you take the time to vote. Your vote indicates that you do support these people representing you on the vestry.

Sunday Brunch to be held next week

Next week following the 10:30 service, join Trinity friends 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!

Discussion Group: Church – A Community Called for the Future

On **Wednesdays @7pm**, Tim Lane and Jeffrey Tooke are facilitating discussions on this program from *The Work of the People*. Each week we watch a short video and discuss issues about how congregations and the church can be a life-giving and life-sustaining body responding to the Spirit amongst us.

Join Tim and Jeff this **Wednesday, February 8 @7pm** using the zoom link below:

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

Meeting ID: 816-6863-4672 Passcode: trintalk

If you have questions about the group, please send an email to Jeffrey Tooke at jeffreytooke@outlook.com.

Mutual Aid and Emergency Preparedness - REMINDER

If you signed up with the Clean Air Coalition of WNY to attend life-saving medical skills training, please be here **@noon on Thursday, February 9**. Childcare and lunch will be provided. Questions? Contact Bridge Rauch at bridge@cacwny.org.

Coldest Night of the Year Walk for Compass House, February 25

This year's walk takes place **February 25 from 4pm to 7pm** at Delaware Park.

Event details: <https://cnoy.com/location/buffalo>

To join our Trinity team or donate [click here](#).

Questions? Email Missy Stolfi at missy.stolfi@gmail.com.



Love Letters Performance by the Fantinis, Friday, February 10

Elaine & John Fantini are performing A. R. Gurney's play, *Love Letters*, at Trinity. The play is a funny and emotional portrait about the powerful connection of love. Two friends, rebellious Melissa Gardner and straight arrow Andrew Makepeace Ladd III, have exchanged notes, cards, and letters with each other for over 50 years. Beginning in second grade and well into adulthood, they have spent a lifetime discussing their hopes and ambitions, dreams and disappointments, and victories and defeats. Long after the letters are done, the real question remains: Have they made the right choices, or is the love of their life only a letter away? **Friday, February 10 @7pm** in the chapel. (doors will open at 6:30.) Tickets are \$25, available by clicking [here](#) or use the QR code. All proceeds benefit Trinity.

Remember Nina's Kitchen?

Maybe you've forgotten or are new to Trinity, but we have a well-designed and useful kitchen right upstairs off the Marfield Room. Let's pull out the cutting boards and work bowls, and fire up the soup pot! It's time to roll with Sunday lunch/ brunch and whatever ideas we imagine for gathering at the table(s.) If you are curious and want to join a "kitchen crew," please contact Judy Atkinson Miller at jatk1812@gmail.com.

Shoe Fundraiser

We continue to collect gently used footwear until we have a pickup date from funds2orgs.com. So please take another look and bring in those shoes! They can be placed in the labeled collection bin in the Red-Carpet area on Sunday mornings. Please contact Erickson at ehc@buffalo.edu with questions. Thanks to all who've donated shoes!

Trinity Spaces for Rent

Our church has work spaces available for rent at both 371 and 393 Delaware Ave. We hope to rent to groups or individuals that share our vision of community betterment. We also have coveted downtown parking space available on Franklin Street. We are hoping to rent the entire 75 spaces, which are available Monday-Friday until 5pm, to one group. If you know someone that would be a good fit, please share this QR code which links to a webpage description at <https://www.trinitybuffalo.org/trinity-center-rentals>.

Friends of Night People

We are looking for volunteers to help out at Friends of Night People, which provides food, clothing, medical care, counseling and other necessities to people in our community experiencing homelessness and poverty. We would love to have you join us on the **second Monday** of each month from 4:45-7. For more information, please speak to Emily Carlin or email: emily.g.carlin@gmail.com

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 plan on helping during services by bringing a device to connect to Facebook viewers and respond to comments during the service.

Visiting Trinity

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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John Alduino, Jr. Warden Candidate

I have been attending Trinity since 2017. Prior to moving to Western New York, I lived in several places in Ohio and was very active in Episcopal church life serving as Senior Warden in Xenia, Ohio and on Vestries in Springfield, Worthington, and Youngstown. I am currently semi-retired and work part-time as the Community Outreach Coordinator for the WNY BloodCare Foundation. I have over 30 years of executive non-profit public health experience. I live in the Town of Tonawanda with my wife Amy and 14-year-old Jamie. I currently serve as President of the Ken-Ton Kiwanis, on the boards of Friends of Youth and the Center of Glass and Light, and volunteer with Wheels for Workers 716.



Emily Carlin, Vestry Candidate

I'm a Buffalo native, and I have been a member of Trinity since moving back to Western New York in 2017. I majored in logic at Smith College and have master's degrees in philosophy and information science from Indiana University and the University of Missouri. I'm the medical librarian for Sisters of Charity, Mount St. Mary's, and Niagara Falls Memorial Hospital. I live in Amherst with my husband Fan and our daughter Zoe.



Chris Cuccia, Vestry Candidate

Greetings! My name is Chris, and I currently live in the Elmwood Village. I was raised Roman Catholic and hadn't been to church in several years. Starting to visit churches in the neighborhood, I went to explore several faiths in the area before finding my way into the Church of the Ascension. My first day there, everyone was welcoming. I enjoyed the sermon and said to myself that I found my new home on Sunday. As my luck would have it, during coffee hour on my first day, it was announced that Ascension would close in the coming months. After Ascension's closing, I was briefly at the Church of the Good Shepherd, where I officially joined the Episcopal Church. They had no permanent priest at the time, so I went exploring for another parish in the area. This is when I went to Trinity one Sunday morning and have been here since. We have a great group at Trinity. I look forward to seeing everyone on Sunday, lighting candles for our folks online, and our monthly lunch after service.



Sue Doherty, Vestry Candidate

I have been a member of Trinity Church for over 40 years. I taught Sunday School for many years, volunteered with our major fundraisers; the White Elephant Sale and later our yearly auction. I traveled to El Salvador on three mission trips with other members of Trinity. Prior to the pandemic I was part of a group from Trinity that volunteered at Hamlin Park school. Currently I sing in our choir. As a docent with Explore Buffalo, I have started giving tours of our church—I think it is important to share our beautiful spaces with others! What initially attracted me to Trinity is also what keeps me here as a member: a welcome and inclusive community. No matter where you are in your spiritual journey there is a place for you here. As a vestry member I would like to work to welcome others in the community to experience our hospitality and beautiful campus.



Jeff Tooke, Vestry Candidate

I came to Trinity a few years ago while searching for a church after leaving a Catholic parish where I was part of the music ministry for nearly twenty years. Trinity has been a blessing and beacon of the inclusion of the Episcopal Church, and I am grateful that I have found a home at Trinity. Before the pandemic, I served as a reader and chalice bearer. Now I am the Cyber Sacristan ("the live streamer behind the curtain") for the Trinity morning service, a co-facilitator of the Trinity discussion group, and treasurer for the Center of Glass and Light.





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TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Greeters: Phoebe McKay, Judy Fitzgerald
Readers: Missy Stolfi, Rachel Pinti, John Alduino
Guest musician: Claire Fisher, violin
Baker: Patti Nisbet
Counters: TBD

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](#).