



A Service of Holy Communion

March 13, 2022

Second Sunday of Lent

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.

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"Moonlit Milky
Way" by Trevor
Dobson*

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!"

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

"JERUSALEM, TURN THEE UNTO THE LORD, THY GOD" FROM "GALLIA" BY C.F. GOUNOD
SOLOISTS: LAURA MUNSON, LAURA SCHLEICHER, SUZANNE FATTA

CENTERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Lord Christ, you enter the desert to face the hardest truth;
we live in self-deception.

Lord have mercy.

You offer the bread that gives true life;
we consume what leaves us craving more.

Christ have mercy.

You refuse to worship empty power;
we let greed rule our world.

Lord have mercy.

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

OPENING HYMN

"Community of Christ"

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.

FIRST READING

GENESIS 15:1-12, 17-18

The word of God came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram! I am your shield; I will make your reward very great.” Abram said, “But my Sovereign, my God, what good are these blessings to me, so long as Sarai and I will die in disgrace? My only heir is a foreigner who lives in my household, Eliezer of Damascus. Since you have given me no offspring,” Abram continued, “an attendant in my house will be my heir.” Then the word of God came to Abram and said, “This person will not be your heir. Your heir will be of your own flesh and blood.” Then God took Abram outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can! As many as that, you will have for descendants.” Abram believed God, and God accounted it to Abram as righteousness.

God then said to Abram, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession.” Abram asked, “Sovereign God, how am I to know that I will possess it?” God answered Abram, “Bring me a heifer, a goat, and a ram, each three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” Abram brought all of these, cut them in half, and placed each half opposite the other—except the birds, which he did not cut up. Birds of prey swooped down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away. As the sun was about to set, a trance fell over Abram, and a deep, terrifying darkness enveloped him.

When the sun had set and it was dark, a smoking brazier and a flaming torch appeared, which passed between the halves of the sacrifices. On that day God made this covenant with Abram: “To your descendants I give this land, from the River of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates.”

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

Thanks be to God.

ECHO

“Sow in tears, reap in joy”

**Those who sow, who sow in tears
will reap in joy, will reap in joy.**

**Those who sow, who sow in tears
will reap, will reap in joy.**

MIDDLE READING

One day you finally knew
what you had to do, and began,
though the voices around you
kept shouting
their bad advice—
though the whole house
began to tremble
and you felt the old tug
at your ankles.
“Mend my life!”
each voice cried.
But you didn’t stop.
You knew what you had to do,
though the wind pried
with its stiff fingers
at the very foundations,
though their melancholy
was terrible.

“THE JOURNEY” BY MARY OLIVER

It was already late
enough, and a wild night,
and the road full of fallen
branches and stones.
But little by little,
as you left their voices behind,
the stars began to burn
through the sheets of clouds,
and there was a new voice
which you slowly
recognized as your own,
that kept you company
as you strode deeper and deeper
into the world,
determined to do
the only thing you could do—
determined to save
the only life you could save.

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are taken from
The Inclusive Bible:
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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.*

*Mary Oliver (1935-
2019) wrote verse
that focused on the
quiet occurrences
of nature. In
addition to such
major awards
as the Pulitzer
and National
Book Award,
Oliver received
fellowships from
the Guggenheim
Foundation and
the National
Endowment for the
Arts. Much of Ms.
Oliver's writing
is based on her
beloved Cape Cod
where she lived for
40 years with her
life partner, the
photographer Molly
Malone Cook.*

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GOSPEL READING

LUKE 13:31-35

Just then, some Pharisees came to Jesus and said, "You need to get out of town, and fast. Herod is trying to kill you." Jesus replied, "Go tell that fox, 'Today and tomorrow, I'll be casting out devils and healing people, and on the third day I'll reach my goal.' Even with all that, I'll need to continue on my journey today, tomorrow and the day after that, since no prophet can be allowed to die anywhere except in Jerusalem.

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem! You kill the prophets and stone those who are sent to you! How often have I wanted to gather your children together as a mother bird collects her babies under her wings—yet you refuse me! So take note: your house will be left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God!' "

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SERMON

THE REV. TERRY BULL

MUSICAL REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God, who is the source of all creation, seen and unseen.

We trust that God's divine life is conceived by God and was born in the human form of Jesus, through his mother Mary.

In his life, death and resurrection, Jesus embodied God's self-giving love for the world and God's will to regenerate life, and to reclaim us from the oblivion of death.

We trust that the Spirit of God is present in this world, in our hearts, and within the community of faith, guiding us into all truth and inspiring us to love as we have been loved, to create as we have been created.

Amen.

COMMUNITY PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

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.

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, written by Matt Lincoln, is an adaptation of the Nicene Creed. Like the the creed on which it is based, 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.

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O Lover of Souls, you call us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Give us vision and wisdom, and the strength and trust to respond to your call.

Where we can help, give us the determination and generosity to do so. When our neighbor needs only the courage to face difficulty, give us the patience and wisdom to listen and encourage in love.

When we need to combine our strengths, show us that we are one in you.

When we feel torn apart and alienated from each other, again: show us that we are one in you.

We pray for those who struggle in poverty or under oppression, and for those who care for them. We pray for those in any need or trouble.

We pray for peace, for goodwill among nations, and for the well-being of all people. We pray for equity, mutual regard, and peace.

We pray for those who are sick or sick at heart. We pray for all who suffer from illness or injury, from mental illness or heartbreak, sadness or loneliness.

We pray for those who have died and those who are bereaved. We pray for consolation and hope.

We pray for human community, for oneness transcending difference and hostility, for peace and justice. We pray for all who have labored and suffered for a fairer world where the dignity and freedom of all are protected.

We pray for all who study the natural world and seek to preserve our resources and environment. We pray for the wisdom to see that preserving our way of life will require change and adaptation.

We pray for the generosity of spirit to forgive those who betray us. We pray for the courage to face our own faults, and to seek forgiveness when we fail to love our neighbors as ourselves, trusting that we are all beloved in your sight, O God. **Amen.**

MUSICAL RESPONSE

“AMEINI, ANSWER ME” BY NOAH ARONSON

Congregation:

Aneini Aneini Aneini Answer me.

Aneini Aneini Aneini Answer me.

Aneini Aneini Aneini.

Cantor:

Minha meini — I called out to You from a narrow place.

Your answer came to me from a wide open space.

My heart cried out for You where-ever you are.

Your hand reached out to me

Minha meitzar.

Congregation:

Aneini Aneini Aneini Answer me.

Aneini Aneini Aneini Answer me.

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

“DE PROFUNDIS” (PSALM 130) BY W.A. MOZART

*De profundis clamavi ad te Domine. Domine, exaudi vocem meam;
Fiant aures tuae intendentes, In vocem deprecationis meae.
Si iniquitates observaveris, Domine, quis sustinebit
Quia apud te propitiatio est, Et propter legem tuam sustinuit te Domine.*

*Sustinuit anima mea in verbo ejus, Speravit anima mea in Domino.
A custodia matutina usque ad noctem speret Israel in Domino.
Quia apud Dominum misericordia et copiosa apud eum redemptio.
Et ipse redimet Israel ex omnibus iniquitatibus ejus.*

*Gloria patri et filio et spiritui sacto,
Sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper et in saecula saeculorum, Amen.*

English:

*From the depths have I cried out unto Thee, O Lord.
Hear my voice O Lord God; Let Thine ears incline unto my crying
Unto the calling of my supplications.
If Thou Lord, should now remember every iniquity,
Who, O Lord, would stand before Thee?*

*For with Thee there is forgiveness from every sin, and by Thy holy law Thou may be feared.
I wait for the Lord, and my spirit, it hath waited on Him
From the morning watches, even unto the night let Israel now hope in Him.
For there is compassion with the Lord forevermore,
And with Him plenteous redemption for all mankind.
And He shall ransom all Israel, shall ransom and redeem her from her misdoings.*

*Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be throughout the ages forever. Amen.*

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift your hearts.

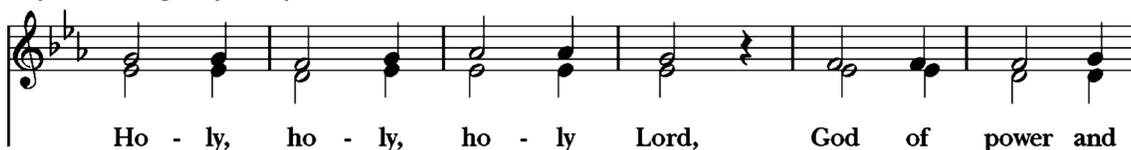
We lift them to the Lord.

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:



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

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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 the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Sanctus from
 Deutsche Messe
 by Franz Peter
 Schubert.*

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:

**God, who cares for us,
The wonder of whose presence fills us with awe.
Let kindness, justice and love shine in our world.
Let your secrets be known here as they are in heaven.
Give us the food and the hope we need for today.
Forgive us our wrongdoing
as we forgive the wrongs done to us.
Protect us from pride and from despair
and from the fear and hate which can swallow us up.
In you is truth, meaning, glory and power,
while worlds come and go.
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

May the crucified Christ shatter our brittle fear, draw us together in his love and make us servants living for the world; and the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who animates and guides us be with you now and always. **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.

This version of the Lord's Prayer was written by Monica Furlong (1930-2003), a British author, journalist, and activist.

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.

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HYMN

“LORD MAKE US SERVANTS OF YOUR PEACE”

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Take Christ's wisdom, compassion and self-offering as your map as you walk the good road.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“SICILIANO” BY J.S. BACH

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

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Guest officiant: The Rev. Terry Bull
Greeters: Chris Cuccia, Phoebe McKay, Patti Nisbet
Readers: Chris Cuccia, Gretchen Lodick, John Fantini
Guest musician: Claire Fisher, violin
Counters: Joanne Sundell, 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 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.

Click here to [find the readings](#).

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