



A Service of Holy Communion

June 5, 2022

Pentecost Sunday

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"Breezy Day On The
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Matt Lincoln

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

If you are at Trinity in person, please maintain appropriate distance and wear your mask, considering the fact that some of us may not be fully vaccinated or may have other vulnerabilities. We will celebrate Holy Communion as we have for the past year, with all participants holding their own bread and wine during the prayers and receiving communion in their seats. In this way, all participants on-site and online will share the same practice. If you are not on-site, rest assured that your presence online is felt and valued. **As you watch the Live Stream, feel free to add comments, likes, etc. to the comment section at any time! If you are on-site, feel free to use your mobile device to join the Facebook Live Stream to connect with other worshipers in the comment section. Just make sure your volume is all the way down!**

WiFi internet access is publicly available. Please feel free to log onto the "Trinity Open" network with the password "Welcome!"

The nursery is now open and available. If your baby or toddler would be happier being able to crawl around and play in the care of our fully vaccinated nursery attendant, you can find the nursery by going through the door near the baptismal font in the front right corner of the church. Please note that there is no nursery attendant during the summer months.

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 back cover.

PRELUDE

"BOBBY M" BY BOBBY MILITELLO AND KRISTA SEDDON

CENTERING PRAYER

Before, behind, beneath,
Creation, conception, birth, redemption.
This prayer, this moment: Creator's spirit.
Holy Spirit, infinitude eternally pouring forth,
Energy of love sustaining the universe.
Come Creator Spirit
Conceiving Spirit, Initiating Spirit
Life-giving, birth-giving Spirit
Life-breath of love.
Holy Spirit,
Your blessed unction from above
Is fire of love.

Amen.

This Centering
Prayer is by
Brendan O'Malley.

OPENING HYMN

"HAIL THEE, FESTIVAL DAY"

Refrain

Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal - lowed for

ev - er, day when the Ho - ly Ghost shone in the

First time only 2

world with God's grace. grace.

1 Lo, in the like - ness of fire, the Spir - it of
3 Hark! for in myr - i - ad tongues Christ's own, his —

God — ap - pear - ing, this one the
cho - sen a - pos - tles, preach to the

Repeat Refrain

Lord fore - told sud - den - ly, swift - ly, de - scends:
ends of the earth Christ and his won - der - ful works:

2 In comes the Spir - it of of God with seven - fold —
4 Praise to the Spi - rit of Life, all praise to the

my - sti - cal of - fering, pou - ring on all hu - man
fount of our be - ing, light that dost light - en —

Repeat Refrain

souls in - fin - ite rich - es of God:
all, life that in all dost a - bide:

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FIRST READING

ACTS 2:1-21

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.

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they all met in one room. Suddenly they heard what sounded like a violent, rushing wind from heaven; the noise filled the entire house in which they were sitting. Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each one. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as she enabled them. Now there were devout people living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled. But they were bewildered to hear their native languages being spoken. They were amazed and astonished:

“Surely all of these people speaking are Galilean! How does it happen that each of us hears these words in our native tongue? We are Parthians, Medes and Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Ponta and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, as well as visitors from Rome—all Jews, or converts to Judaism—Cretans and Arabs, too; we hear them preaching, each in our own language, about the marvels of God!”

All were amazed and disturbed. They asked each other, “What does this mean?”

But others said mockingly, “They have drunk too much new wine.”

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd: “Women and men of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem! Listen to what I have to say! These people are not drunk as you think—it’s only nine o’clock in the morning! No, it’s what Joel the prophet spoke of: ‘In the days to come—it is our God who speaks—I will pour out my Spirit on all humankind. Your daughters and sons will prophesy, your young people will see visions, and your elders will dream dreams. Even on the most insignificant of my people, both women and men, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. And I will display wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below: blood, fire and billowing smoke. The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon will become blood before the coming of the great and sublime day of our God. And all who call upon the name of our God will be saved.’ ”

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

Thanks be to God.

ECHO

“Holy Spirit, come to us”

The musical score is written for two systems. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a melody in G major, 4/4 time, with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The second system also has a treble and bass staff, continuing the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics for the second system are repeated.

Ho - ly Spi - rit , come to us, kin - dle in us the flame of your love.

Ho - ly Spi - rit, come to us, Ho - ly Spi - rit, come to us.

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MIDDLE READING

“MEASUREMENT” BY JULIE CADWALLADER STAUB

I slept from 10 p.m. last night until 8:27 this morning.
Ten hours and twenty-seven minutes.
Yesterday I drove 328 miles to visit my sister in Princeton, N.J.
the home of Albert Einstein
who captured energy, mass and the speed of light
in an elegant equation that every student learns.
Look at us:
we quantify everything we can
in this complex and astonishing world,
from nanoseconds to eons
from millimeters to miles
from basis points to billions.
But no one can measure the velocity of hope,
the way hope hatches
fully fledged—in fact, already flying—
between one word and the next
between one breath and the next.
Neither can we calculate the stain of fear,
the way it infects a childhood
and spreads to a lifetime.
And we can only try to imagine the circumference of compassion
the way it shows us the shape of love
embracing, expanding,
factoring in forgiveness
it invents its own quantum leap,
its own speed of light.

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

Thanks be to God.

ECHO

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GOSPEL READING

JOHN 14:8-17

“**R**abbi,” Philip said, “show us Abba God, and that will be enough for us.” Jesus replied, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and still you don’t know me? Whoever has seen me has seen Abba God. How can you say, ‘Show us your Abba’? Don’t you believe that I am in Abba God and God is in me?”

“The words I speak are not spoken of myself; it is Abba God, living in me, who is accomplishing the works of God. Believe me that I am in God and God is in me, or else believe because of the works I do. The truth of the matter is, anyone who has faith in me will do the works I do—and greater works besides. Why? Because I go to Abba God, and whatever you ask in my name I will do, so that God may be glorified in me. Anything you ask in my name I will do. If you love me and obey the command I give you, I will ask the One who sent me to give you another Paraclete, another Helper to be with you always—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept since the world neither sees her nor recognizes her; but you can recognize the Spirit because she remains with you and will be within you.”

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.

Julie Cadwallader Staub graduated from Earlham College with a degree in Religious Studies. She was awarded her MSW from Rutgers University, and has made her career in nonprofit organizations and public sector positions, seeking to improve the wellbeing of women and children, and others disadvantaged by our society. She was awarded a Vermont Council on the Arts grant for poetry in 2001 and the Ruth Stone Prize for poetry in 2015 by the Hunger Mountain Review.

The four Gospels hold the core of Christian spiritual wisdom, reflecting the earliest stories and images of Jesus. Like all Scripture, they are not definitive prescriptions but narrative stories requiring endless interpretation.

The sermon invites your curiosity and thoughtfulness about the theme of worship, and is intended to evoke your thoughts rather than direct them. A recording of the sermon is posted to the parish website each week, usually by Tuesday.

This affirmation comes from the United Church of Canada. Like the Nicene Creed that it reflects, it is an expression of faith intended as a symbol of solidarity with other Christians throughout history but not as a pledge of allegiance required for membership.

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

Thanks be to God.

ECHO

"Hallelujah Changes"



SERMON

THE REV. MATT LINCOLN

MUSICAL REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone, we live in God's Creation.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.
Amen.**

COMMUNITY PRAYER

In today's prayers, 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.

Holy God, today, we celebrate the gift of your Spirit, which we experience in the merciful refreshment of a cool breeze and in the scorching wind of difficult truths.

We use our breath to give voice to our worries and fears, to our grief and sadness, to our anger and frustration, to our hopes and joys.

Holy God, we cry out on behalf of those who have been silenced. From those whose breath has left their bodies to those who fear what would happen if they expressed themselves, to those who have been told that their voices are not legitimate, we presume to cry out in solidarity for all who have been silenced by injustice or cruelty, or the heartbreak of untimely death from any cause.

Lord, hear our prayer

And let our cry come to you.

Hear our cry, O God. And when we feel our breath is spent, fill our lungs again with the wind of the Holy Spirit. Inspire us to seek more than our own comfort. Give us the courage to live with justice and kindness, making room in our common life for every person to live their life as a gift to the world.

Lord, hear our prayer

And let our cry come to you.

Fill our lungs again with the wind of the Holy Spirit so that your prayer in us may turn to action.

Lord, hear our prayer

And let our cry come to you.

Fill our lungs also with the fresh breeze that brings joy and gratitude for the blessings of community, togetherness, the beauties of nature, music, and art. Give us grateful hearts for the ways we and our neighbors care for one another, and give us patience and commitment to continue to work together for each others's health and safety.

Lord, hear our prayer

And let our cry come to you.

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us: unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth: that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through 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

Your financial support is not only a practical necessity. It can also be a very meaningful symbolic gesture, expressing your gratitude for the blessings in your life and your hope for health in the world. You can place cash or a check in the big blue urn at the head of the aisle or [donate online here](#), or initiate an online donation by texting TRINITYBUFFALO to 73256. You can also get there by scanning this QR code:



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

Sanctus from Deutsche Messe by Franz Peter Schubert.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Exsultate! Jubilate!
Exsultate Deo, omnis terra!
Jubilate Deo, omnis terra!
Gloria!
(Praise! Rejoice!
Praise God all the earth!
Rejoice in God all the earth!")

For the gift of breath in our lungs,
For waking our spirit when morning comes;
For your light which illumines our night,
For shaking the darkness away with your Son;
Give us voice that the skies may sound,
And give us voice to shake the ground;
Alleluias fill the air, for joy has chased away despair.

"EXSULTATE! JUBILATE!" BY KYLE PEDERSON

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift your hearts.

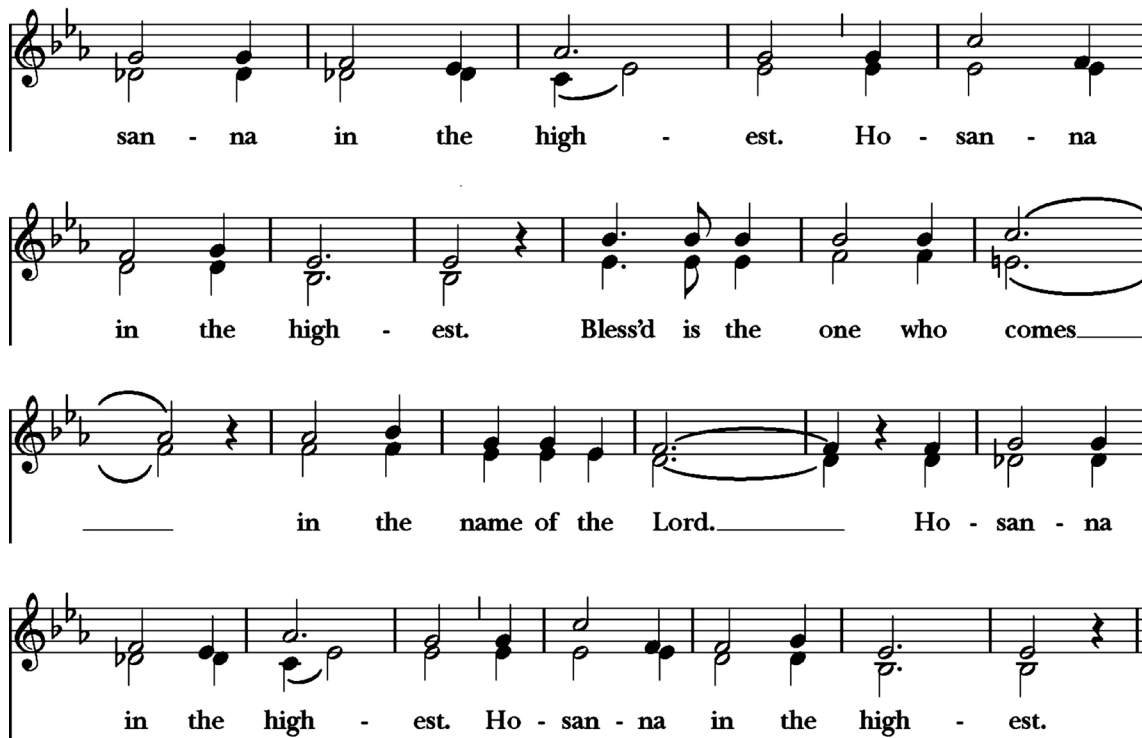
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Eternal God, in the abundance of your love you have caused all things to be; from dust and spirit you have woven our humanity; in all our wanderings you never cease to call us to fullness of life. **You gave us Jesus, son of Mary, the bread of life broken for the world;** he fed us and feasted with us, he healed us and suffered for us; **his dying and rising have set us free from the poverty of sin and the famine of death.** Therefore, with all whom you have made, cherished and called, with all who hunger for your kingdom and will not rest until all your children are fed, with the broken saints and redeemed sinners of all the ages, we take up the song of your praise:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -



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.*

At the following words, everyone lifts their communion elements into view.

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts that they may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom.

Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: **"This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."**

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: **"This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."**

Therefore we proclaim him as creation's host, transforming poverty into plenty in the reckless generosity of love.

Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more and people without number will come from east and west, north and south to share the kingdom meal. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Author of blessings, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Now, as Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Father,* who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

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.

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**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

Were not our hearts burning within us as we walked along the road?

RECEIVING COMMUNION

During a moment of quiet, all receive their bread and wine while remaining where they are. In a few minutes, someone will come by with a tray to collect your cup.

PRAYER FOR THE ROAD

Let us pray:

**Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and remembering the body of Christ,
which has been broken for the life of the world.
Now give us grace to trust that we are
a people forgiven, healed, renewed.
Give us the courage to proclaim your love to the world,
and to continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

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

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

HYMN

“EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT”

Harmony

Ev' - ry time I — feel the spir - it, — mov - ing

in my heart, — I will pray. — Ev' - ry time I — feel the

Fine

spir - it, mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

unison

1. Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke, out of his
2. Jor - dan ri - ver chil - ly and cold, chills the

1. mouth came fire and smoke. All a - round me looked so
2. bod - y but not the soul. There ain't but one train runs this

D.C.

1. fine, asked my Lord if all was mine.
2. track, runs to heav - en and runs right back.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit! Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“DORIAN TOCCATA” 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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TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Greeters: Jane Kearns, Mark DelleBovi
Readers: Susan Doherty, Carol Case Siracuse, Mark DelleBovi
Guest musician: Bobby Militello, saxophone
Counter: Jane Kearns

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 on 1st and 3rd Sundays from June through Sept.

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](#).