



## **A Service of Holy Communion**

October 2, 2022

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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 and a member parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Western New York of the Episcopal Church in the United States, and is a part of the Anglican Communion, which is based in England, but found worldwide.*

*Cover image: "Arrayed in Splendor" by Matt Lincoln*

*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**

"AIR FROM THE D MAJOR SUITE" BY J.S. BACH

### **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

“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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FIRST READING

GALATIANS 6:14-18

**M**ay I never boast of anything but the cross of our Savior Jesus Christ! Through it the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. It means nothing whether one bothers with the externals of religion or not. All that matters is that one is created anew. Peace and mercy on all who follow this rule of life and on the Israel of God. Henceforth, let no one trouble me, for my body bears the marks of Jesus. Sisters and brothers, may the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

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

*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.

Wendell Berry (b. 1934), author of poetry and fiction and nonfiction, was born and raised in rural Kentucky. His writing reveals a steadily growing concern with the abuse of the land and with the need to restore the balance of nature.

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

## ECHO

“Peace before us”

Peace be - fore us, peace be - hind us, peace  
un - der our feet. Peace with - in us, peace  
o - ver us, let all a - round us be peace.

## MIDDLE READING

“A SABBATH MOOD” BY WENDELL BERRY

Whatever is foreseen in joy  
Must be lived out from day to day.  
Vision held open in the dark  
By our ten thousand days of work.  
Harvest will fill the barn; for that  
The hand must ache, the face must sweat.  
And yet no leaf or grain is filled  
By work of ours; the field is tilled  
And left to grace. That we may reap,  
Great work is done while we're asleep.  
When we work well, a Sabbath mood  
Rests on our day, and finds it good.

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

## ECHO

“Love before us”

Love before us, love behind us,  
love under our feet.  
Love within us, love over us,  
let all around us be love.

## GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 6:26-34

Jesus said, “Look at the birds in the sky. They don't sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet our God in heaven feeds them. Aren't you more important than they? Which of you by worrying can add a moment to your lifespan? And why be anxious about clothing? Learn a lesson from the way the wildflowers grow. They don't work; they don't spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in full splendor was arrayed like one of these. If God can clothe in such splendor the grasses of the field, which bloom today and are thrown on the fire tomorrow, won't God do so much more for you—you who have so little faith?”

“Stop worrying, then, over questions such as, ‘What are we to eat,’ or ‘what are we to drink,’ or ‘what are we to wear?’ Those without faith are always running after these things. God knows everything you need. Seek first God’s reign, and God’s justice, and all these things will be given to you besides. Enough of worrying about tomorrow! Let tomorrow take care of itself. Today has troubles enough of its own.”

*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.*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

ECHO

“Light before us”

Light before us, light behind us,  
light under our feet.  
Light within us, light over us,  
let all around us be light.

SERMON

THE REV. MATT LINCOLN

MUSICAL REFLECTION

*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.**

*In spirit or in body,  
please stand.*

**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.**

*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.*

**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.**

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## 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.

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 for those who care for the sick, for those who are helping us all get vaccinated, for those who have taken great personal risks to maintain the wellbeing and safety of others throughout the pandemic. We pray also for all others who are sick or 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 the people of Ukraine and other places ravaged by war.

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.**

**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 "FAITH, WHILE TREES ARE STILL IN BLOSSOM" BY FRED KAAAN AND KATHY POWELL

*Faith, while trees are still in blossom plans the picking of the fruit.  
Faith can feel the thrill of harvest, when the buds begin to sprout.*

*Long before the dawn is breaking faith anticipates the sun.  
Faith is eager for the daylight, for the work that must be done.*

*Long before the rains were coming Noah went and built an ark.  
Abraham, the lonely migrant, saw the Light beyond the dark.*

*Faith, uplifted, tamed the water of the undivided sea  
And the people of the Hebrews found the path that made them free.*

*Faith believes that God is faithful, He will be who He will be  
Faith accepts His call, responding "I am willing; Lord, send me."*

## 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

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*In spirit or in body, please stand.*

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

*Sanctus from Deutsche Messe by Franz Peter Schubert.*

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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

*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:

**Loving God\*, within and around us, we revere you.**

**We seek to live life as you would want us to do;  
with love and respect for all people and all things in the universe.**

**May we find each day sufficient for our needs,  
and find forgiveness when we do wrong,  
just as we forgive those who do wrong to us.**

**In times of trouble, may we centre our lives in you.  
For your being is love,  
which comes with strength and with beauty,  
throughout eternity. 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 at home, you continue to participate as you have been.*

*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 as we have been doing, 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.**

*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 written by Margaret Rolfe, member, Centre for Progressive Religious Thought, Canberra, Australia.*

*\*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**

“ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING”

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



All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us  
Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -  
Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to  
Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing  
loft, O sing prais - es. Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing  
hear, sing God's prais - es! al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -  
ness, O sing prais - es. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God Cre -



sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,  
morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,  
tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,  
a - tor, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

*Refrain*



O sing prais - es, O sing prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

"THE PINK PANTHER THEME" BY HENRY MANCINI

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Facet & Form

Explore, create, and reconsider at Facet & Form this Fall. Join in glass-creating activities, meet artisans testing the boundaries of stained glass, and learn more about how historic glass is preserved and created. Experiences in the arts await you around every corner of Trinity's historic campus. The art and craft of architectural stained glass and mosaic are illuminated as you've never had the opportunity to see it before. This fundraiser will support glass education, scholarships, and the preservation and sharing of the visionary and artistic stained glass treasures of Trinity Church. Click <https://stainedglass.org/foundation/facet-and-form> or use the QR code for tickets.



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GLASS TRADITION REIMAGINED

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2022  
5:30PM - 9:00PM

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
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The Stained Glass  
Association of America  
Foundation

**Volunteer opportunities** are available for Trinity Community! On Friday, November 4, Trinity is partnering with the Stained Glass Association of America for Facet & Form: Glass Tradition Reimagined. This event will showcase and support the Trinity campus and historical windows, complete with on-site glass melting demonstrations, food, drinks, and more! We need your support - from window docents sharing the jewels of Trinity, to registration and raffles, there are volunteer opportunities for everyone! For more event details, visit [stainedglass.org](https://stainedglass.org). For volunteer sign-up, scan the QR or visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c4fafa629a3f58-facet>.



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## TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

**Greeters:** Erickson Contreras, David Devereux  
**Readers:** Julie Gibert, Jeffrey Tooke, David Devereux  
**Baker:** Shirley Hudders (also Communion cup collection)  
**Guest musician:** Matt Harris, Saxophone  
**Counters:** Erickson Contreras, Kayla Kisenwether

## 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. We meet tonight and return to a weekly schedule.

### 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](#).