



## **A Service of Holy Communion**

May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

## **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!**

*Cover photo  
by Jani Bryson*

**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.

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**

"THE SWAN" BY CAMILLE SAINT-SAENS

### **CENTERING PRAYER**

We wake to the forgiveness of a new day.  
We wake to the freedom to begin again.  
We wake to the mercy of the sun's redeeming light.  
Always new,  
always gift,  
always blessing.  
We wake to the forgiveness of this new day.  
**Amen.**

*This centering prayer  
is by John Philip  
Newell from Praying  
With The Earth.*

## OPENING HYMN

1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:28; Eph. 2:14-22

“IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST”

John Oxenham, 1908; alt.  
St. 3, Laurence Hull Stookey, 1987

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in Christ no South or North;  
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com - mu - nion find;  
3 In Christ is nei - ther Jew nor Greek, and nei - ther slave nor free;  
4 Join hands, di - ci - ples of the faith, what e'er your race may be!

But one com - mu - ni - ty of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
God's ser - vice is the gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
Who serves our God as God's own child is sure - ly kin to me.  
And build through - out the whole wide earth one true com - mun - i - ty.

Singer and composer Harry T. Burleigh studied at the National Conservatory of Music from 1892 to 1896. He is recognized as the first African-American composer to employ spirituals in concert arrangements. This tune is named after the rector of St. George's Episcopal Church in New York City, where Burleigh served as baritone soloist for more than fifty years.

Tune: McKEE C.M.  
African-American melody  
Arr. Harry T. Burleigh, 1939  
Alternate setting: ST. PETER

## FIRST READING

ACTS 11:1-18

The apostles and the community in Judea heard that Gentiles, too, had accepted the word of God. As a result, when Peter went up to Jerusalem, some of the Jewish believers took issue with him. “So you have been visiting the Gentiles and eating with them, have you?” they said. Peter then explained the whole affair to them step by step from the beginning: “One day when I was in the town of Joppa, I fell into a trance while at prayer and had a vision of something like a big sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners. This sheet came quite close to me. I watched it intently and saw in it all sorts of animals and wild beasts—everything possible that could walk, crawl or fly. Then I heard a voice that said to me, ‘Now, Peter, make your sacrifice and eat.’ I replied, ‘I can’t, my God. Nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth!’ And a second time the voice spoke from heaven, ‘Don’t call profane what God has made clean.’ This happened three times, then the sheet and what was in it was drawn up to heaven again. Just at that moment, three couriers stopped outside the house where we were staying; they had been sent from Caesarea to fetch me, and the Spirit told me to have no hesitation about returning with them. These six believers came with me as well, and we entered Cornelius’s house. He told us he had seen an angel standing in the house who had said, ‘Send messengers to Joppa and bring back Simon, known as Peter; he has a message for you that will save you and your entire household.’

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.

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

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“I had hardly begun to speak when the Holy Spirit came down on them in the same way she came on us in the beginning, and I remembered what Christ had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ I realized then that God was giving them the same gift that had been given to us when we came to believe in our Savior Jesus Christ. And who am I to stand in God’s way?”

This account satisfied them, and they gave glory to God, saying, “God has granted the repentance that leads to life—even to Gentiles!”

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**ECHO**

“My Sweet Lord”

*“My Sweet Lord” was written by George Harrison and released in November 1970.*

My sweet Lord, ooh, my Lord, ooh, my Lord.  
 I real-ly want to see you. Real-ly want to be with you. Real-ly want to see you Lord but it takes  
 so long my Lord. My sweet Lord, ooh, my Lord, ooh, my Lord.

*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.*

**MIDDLE READING**

“THE REAL WORK” BY WENDELL BERRY

It may be that when we no longer know what to do we have come to our real work,  
 and that when we no longer know which way to go we have come to our real journey.

The mind that is not baffled is not employed.

The impeded stream is the one that sings.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**ECHO**

“My Sweet Lord”

*see above*

**GOSPEL READING**

JOHN 13:31-35

Once Judas left, Jesus said, “Now is the Chosen One glorified and God is glorified as well. If God has been glorified, God will in turn glorify the Chosen One and will do so very soon. My little children, I won’t be with you much longer. You’ll look for me, but what I said to the Temple authorities, I say to you: where I am going, you cannot come. I give you a new commandment: Love one another. And you’re to love one another the way I have loved you. This is how all will know that you’re my disciples: that you truly love one another.”

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

**Thanks be to God.**

*Wendell Berry (b. 1934) is the author of over 40 books of poetry, fiction, and essays. His poetry celebrates the holiness of life and everyday miracles often taken for granted. He lives on a farm in Port Royal, Kentucky near his birthplace, where he has maintained a farm for over 40 years. Mistrustful of technology, he holds deep reverence for the land and is a staunch defender of agrarian values.*

ECHO

“Hallelujah Changes”



Hal-le - lu jah, Hal-le lu jah, Hal - le - lu jah, Hal - le - lu jah!

*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.*

SERMON

THE REV. TERRY BULL

*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.*

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.**

*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.*

**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

Let us pray.

Beloved, from the origin of our species, you fitted us with a grand vision for abundant life and community that most often exceeds our grasp: We bring before you today our desire for peace, our confession of neglect, and our promise to uphold the dignity of every human being. And we affirm our trust: **neither things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, can separate us from the love of God.**

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Gracious God, your intimate presence and the depth of your love have the power to heal us: We bring before you today our grief and sorrow, our illness and wounds, our addictions and compulsions, and a host of needs we dread to mention. And we affirm our trust: **neither death, nor life, nor rulers, nor powers, nor anything else in all creation, will separate us from your love, O God.**

Beloved, we know that you have a dream for us, and that when we are living into it, the abundance of your grace is palpable: Grant us open hearts and open minds to know that what was old is being made new, what was locked away is being released, and what was cast down is being raised up. And we affirm our trust: **neither things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, can separate us from the love of God. 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

“FOR EVERYONE BORN” TEXT BY SHIRLEY ERENA MURRAY, MUSIC BY BRIAN MANN

*For everyone born, a place at the table,  
For everyone born, clean water and bread,  
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
For everyone born, a star overhead.*

*And God will delight when we are creators  
Of justice and joy, compassion and peace;  
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice  
and joy.*

*For woman and man, a place at the table,  
Revising the roles, deciding the share,  
With wisdom and grace,  
Dividing the power, a system that's fair.*

*For young and for old, a place at the table,  
A voice to be heard, a part in the song.  
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
For young and for old, the right to belong.*

*For everyone born, a place at the table,  
To live without fear, and simply to be,  
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
For everyone born, the right to be free!*

## 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

*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.*

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 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.

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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 by Parker J. Palmer, an American author, educator, and activist who focuses on issues in education, community, leadership, spirituality and social change. He has published ten books and numerous essays and poems, and is founder and Senior Partner Emeritus of the Center for Courage and Renewal.*

*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.*

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:

**Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,  
Holy and blessed is your true name.  
We pray for your reign of peace to come,  
We pray that your good will be done,  
Let heaven and earth become one.  
Give us this day the bread we need,  
Give it to those who have none.  
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,  
From each one to each one.  
Lead us to holy innocence  
Beyond the evil of our days —  
Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.  
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:  
Forever your name is All in One. 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

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.**

## HYMN

“WHEN CHRIST WAS LIFTED FROM THE EARTH”

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his  
2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and  
3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -  
4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may

arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,  
al - ways, near or far, he calls and claims us  
vide us to our shame, he sees not la - bels  
I in Christ be free to wel - come and ac -

ev - ery birth, to draw an an - swering love.  
as his friends and loves us as we are.  
but a face, a per - son, and a name.  
cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

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## DISMISSAL

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

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

## POSTLUDE

“CONCERTO IN C” BY J.S. BACH (BWV 595)

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **New Phone Extensions**

Please note that the church now has only two phone extensions: The Rev. Matt Lincoln is 2 and Colleen O'Neill is 1.

### **Eyewitness Bible: The Book of James**

On **Wednesday evenings @7pm** Tim Lane and Jeffrey Tooke are facilitating *The Book of James* from the *Eyewitness Bible* series. We will explore the Book of James and look at the major themes found there by watching and discussing video monologues of eyewitness characters from the book. On **Wednesday, May 18 @7pm**, we will explore how to remain patient and hopeful in the face of suffering and hardship as expressed in the Letter of James and explained by Peter.

Join Tim and Jeff on Wednesdays @7pm using the Zoom link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81668634672?pwd=eTVJZXFoNzVYdHZvSHZONGlNUUowZz09>

Meeting ID: 816-6863-4672 Passcode: trintalk

If you have any questions, email Jeffrey Tooke at [jeffreytooke@outlook.com](mailto:jeffreytooke@outlook.com).

### **Helping our Afghan neighbors**

**Beginning today**, Trinity (that's you) will collect household items for Journey's End to distribute to Afghan evacuee families who have come to Buffalo. Since the families are setting up completely new lives, the need just about everything so the list is long. We've added the list here as an attachment.

A short sample: sheets and blankets, pots and pans, cleaning materials, tea kettle, cutting board, etc. Please read the full list.

You can bring your items on the next few Sundays and leave in the Red Carpet area. We'll have a sign in the appropriate corner. Thank you for your generosity!

### **Spring Cleaning! Rain or Shine**

It's that time of year. Trinity could use a crew to help get our courtyard and grounds looking spiffy. Please come help on **Saturday, May 21, between 10 am and 1 pm**. Bring your weeder, garbage bags and a water bottle to stay hydrated. We'll provide other tools. Come for one hour or all three.

There are a few smallish jobs on the inside in case it rains, or if yard work is not your thing. We'll provide any tools you might need such as paint brush, screwdriver, hammer, etc.

Please email Teresa Maciocha to let her know you're coming to help: [tmaciocha@aol.com](mailto:tmaciocha@aol.com) Thanks!

### **Pride Parade**

**Sunday, June 5**, Trinity will be marching in the Buffalo Pride Parade. It's been too long since we last marched down the streets of Buffalo for the Pride Week Parade. Well, the wait is over... we're thrilled to announce that the Parade is back, and this year's theme, "Homecoming," reflects our excitement to come together again as friends and allies. Join Trinity as we participate in the spirit of love and inclusivity.

Chris Cuccia will be holding our place in line at the Buffalo State College parking lot. When you sign up to march, you will be given his phone number in case you have trouble finding him on the morning of the parade. Come represent Trinity and march! The parade steps off promptly at 11am and will travel down Elmwood Ave ending at Allen Street. Please [sign up here](#) or use the QR Code.



## **Trinity @7 this Summer**

**Beginning in June**, Trinity @7 will have a bi-monthly schedule. We will meet in person and on Zoom on the first and third Sunday of the month.

Our dear friend George Caldwell will play piano for us while Krista takes a summer hiatus. He has a completely different and great style so come check out his music. We think you'll like it!

## **Volunteers Needed for Allentown**

Join us in welcoming the return of Allentown Art Festival visitors to Trinity's beautiful historic and sacred space. We will greet and share conversation with visitors on June 11 and June 12. For more information contact Patti Nisbet at [tudorspace@aol.com](mailto:tudorspace@aol.com).

Sign up with SignUpGenius (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C4FAFA629A3F58-allentown1>) in 1-hour shifts. If you are able to volunteer for a 2 hour shift, that will also be very welcome!

Volunteers needed on either day: **Saturday, June 11 10am to 5pm**

**Sunday, June 12 noon to 5pm**

## **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 help by bringing a device to connect to Facebook viewers and responding to comments during the service.

## **Free Books, Please Take Some Home**

Please browse the bookshelf in the red carpet area and take home any books of interest. A new batch of books has replaced the old, so be sure to check out the bookshelves again.

## **Visiting the Church**

The church is open by appointment for private prayer or meditation. Contact our parish administrator, Colleen O'Neill, at [coneill@trinitybuffalo.org](mailto:coneill@trinitybuffalo.org) to schedule an appointment.





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## TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

*Guest Officiant:* The Rev. Terry Bull  
*Greeters:* Jane Kearns, Chris Cuccia  
*Readers:* Tom Owen, Missy Stolfi, Shirley Hudders  
*Guest musician:* Nancy Baun, cello  
*Counters:* Jane Kearns, John Alduino

## All services are in person AND online:

**Sunday @10:30am** In-person worship while live streaming on Facebook and YouTube. The Sunday online Live Stream service remains accessible as a video recording on Trinity's [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages after the service is over.

**Sunday @7:00pm** Featuring poetry and jazz, in person in the Chapel and on Zoom.

**Wednesday @Noon** Prayer and holy conversation, in person and on Zoom.

**Thursday @7pm** The wisdom and fellowship of 12-Step recovery, in person and on Zoom.

Email your request for a [link to the Zoom worship services here](#).

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