



A Service of Holy Communion

May 8, 2022

Fourth 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!**

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

"HE SHALL FEED HIS FLOCK" FROM MESSIAH BY G.F.HANDEL

ALTO SOLOIST: SUZANNE FATTA, SOPRANO SOLOIST: LAURA MUNSON

*He shall feed His flock like a shepherd,
And He shall gather the lambs with His arm,
And carry them in His bosom,
And gently lead those that are with young.
Come unto Him, all ye that labor.*

*Come unto Him ye that are heavy laden
And He shall give you rest.
Take His yoke upon you and learn of Him,
For He is meek and lowly of heart,
And ye shall find rest unto your souls.*

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.

*Cover image:
Trinity's "The Lord
is my Shepherd"
window by John
LaFarge, 1890.*

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

OPENING HYMN

"MORNING HAS BROKEN"

Unison or harmony

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. _____
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass. _____
 born of the one light E - den saw play! _____

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! _____
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. _____
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day! _____

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FIRST READING

REVELATION 7:9-17

After that, I saw before me an immense crowd without number, from every nation, tribe, people and language. They stood in front of the throne and the Lamb, dressed in long white robes and holding palm branches. And they cried out in a loud voice, "Salvation is of our God, who sits on the throne, and of the Lamb!"

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

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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.

All the angels who were encircling the throne, as well as the elders and the four living creatures, prostrated themselves before the throne. They worshiped God with these words: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and strength be to our God forever and ever! Amen!" Then one of the elders asked me, "These people in white robes—who are they, and where do they come from?" I answered, "You are the one who knows." Then the elder said to me, "These are the ones who survived the great period of testing; they have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb and made them white. That's why they stand before God's throne and the One they serve day and night in the Temple; the One who sits on the throne will shelter them forever. Never again will they be hungry or thirsty; the sun and its scorching heat will never beat down on them, for the Lamb, who is at the center of the throne, will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe every last tear from their eyes."

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

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

"My shepherd is the living God"



1 My shep-herd is the liv - ing God, I there-fore noth-ing need;
 2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres-ence is my stay;
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fair, near pleas - ant streams you set - tle me to feed.
 A word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
 O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.



You bring my wan-dering spir - it back when I for-sake your ways,
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;
 There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers come and go—



And lead me for your mer - cy's sake in paths of truth and grace.
 My cup with bless-ings o - ver-flows, your oil a - noints my head.
 No more a strang-er or a guest, but like a child at home.

Isaac Watts, London's leading Congregational minister, wrote more than 600 hymns. His paraphrase of Psalm 23 has been altered here by combining a few phrases from Thomas Sternhold, a sixteenth-century English hymnwriter who also wrote metrical psalm texts.

Tune: CONSOLATION C.M.D.
 Southern Harmony, 1835
 Harm. Erik Routley, 1976
 Alternate tune: CRIMOND (Each stanza above becomes two stanzas.)

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 10:22-30

The time came for Hanukkah, the Feast of the Dedication, in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the Temple area, in Solomon's Porch, when the Temple authorities surrounded him and said, "How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you really are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus replied,

"I did tell you, but you don't believe. The work I do in my Abba's name gives witness in my favor, but you don't believe because you're not my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never be lost. No one will ever snatch them from my hand. Abba God, who gave them to me, is greater than anyone, and no one can steal them from Abba God. For Abba and I are One."

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ECHO

"My Sweet Lord"

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.

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.

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.

"My Sweet Lord" was written by George Harrison and released in November 1970.

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.

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.**

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.**

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:



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

God's a gonna trouble the water.
Wade in the water children.

God's a gonna trouble the water.
All God's children gonna wade in the water.

“WADE IN THE WATER” ARRANGED BY MOSES HOGAN
SOLOIST: LAURA SCHLEICHER

See that host all dressed in white.
The leader looks like an Israelite.

See that band all dressed in red.
Well, it looked like the band that Moses led.

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:

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

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.

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.

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:

**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

“SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US”

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy
2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;
learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!
with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast sought us, thine we are.
Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Words: *Hymns for the Young*, ca. 1830, alt. Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody, from *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792

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

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“DOLPHIN DANCE” HERBIE HANCOCK

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL GUEST TODAY

Kathy Spillman from Journey’s End Refugee Services joins us today to talk about the local efforts to resettle evacuees from Afghanistan.

[Journey’s End Refugee Services, Inc.](#) is a Christian community-based organization with the mission of welcoming refugees to provide them with the resources and support they need to become successful, active and contributing members of the Western New York Community.

If you recall, last summer, the Taliban took over Afghanistan, and the United States Armed Forces withdrew from the country after 20 years. That concurrence of events compelled the US to evacuate tens of thousands of Afghans to the States.

Buffalo has become home to approximately 500 Afghan evacuees. They left their homeland with only what they could carry so resettlement means setting up house completely anew.

Kathy will explain the progress of resettlement to date, and let us know why and how we should help. Thank you for making her feel welcome.

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 11 @7pm**, we will explore obedience as explained by James’ brother Jude to understand how James focuses on obedience as a response to God’s invitation to live a life that exhibits God’s presence within the community.

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.

TRINITY MEN’S GROUP MEETING

Come join other men of Trinity on **Sunday, May 15 @9:00am** at the Towne Restaurant. During this time we will learn of an opportunity to further develop relationships among ourselves and other Trinity men. All are welcome.

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.

We need someone to chair the parade group and arrive at the Buffalo State College parking lot at 8:00am to learn our line up spot in the parade. Everyone else, 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.



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.

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 to schedule an appointment.

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TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Greeters: Christian Eshelman, Shirley Hudders, Chris Cuccia
Readers: Christian Eshelman, Judy Atkinson Miller
Guest musician: Harry Fackelman, saxophone
Counters: Megan McElfresh, 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.

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](#).